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Are you prepared to face the possibility that this year may be a time of fulfillment of the prophecies as depicted in The Revelation of St. John?

EDITORIAL...

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NO NEW YEAR, REALLY?

It will be celebrated as usual—this New Year.

It will be happy and sad.

It will be good and bad.

It was ushered in with parties, effervescent with laughter and carefree activities, while on hospital beds lie those who only dreaded that dawn for fear of another day of pain and discomfort.

The New Year will be a fresh beginning for some, a continuation of the same type of living for others, and a bitter end for many.

Nevertheless, it will be a New Year—a time when old calendars are discarded and new ones are hung in their places and admired for their pictures, their red-letter days searched out in anticipation of other holidays to be celebrated and enjoyed.

The New Year came suddenly for some. They awoke to find themselves in precarious situations, situations preventable had their thoughts not been dulled by alcohol, stoning drugs, and other orally-taken "medicines" to quieten their nerves.

The New Year came slowly for others who had anticipated it for sometime in hopes that things would take "new shape," that life would take on added meaning, that the troubled world would be nearer its desired peace, that the King of heaven's return would be more imminent.

Bells rang. Choirs sang. Watch night services found some reverently and some not too reverently kneeling at the altar of some church, praying, or pretending to do so.

Tears were shed. Shouts were shouted. Smiles were smiled. Hands were clasped and held. Horns were blown. The exclamation, "Happy New Year," was repeated over and over again, enthusiastically with meaning, and indifferently as a matter of course, just because it seemed the proper greeting in view of the holiday.

Some individuals made new acquaintances and gained new friends during the "ushering in" and will retain these favorable relationships throughout the year. At the same time, others lost the friends they had and made enemies of persons they had never known; and this, too, will be of lasting consequence.

Too much wining and dining was on the agenda, and the next morning listlessness, no appetite, a headache, bleary eyes, swollen lids, a dry mouth, nausea, and an almost oblivious attitude to the surroundings were experienced. The sound of the telephone or a slammed door shattered the nerves of those who celebrated it "too well."

Admittedly, every time December 31 passes and January 1 arrives, there is a New Year; but the New Year is not really new when one considers all that has transpired and all that will ensue. The New Year may be much like the old one, so much in fact that for many of us it will be met with anxiety rather than serenity.

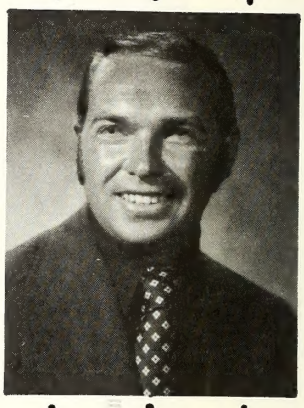
The New Year is upon us.

What will we make of it?

Well?

Perhaps it shall be a time of fulfillment of the prophecies as depicted in The Revelation of St. John.

Are you prepared to face this possibility?



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REVIVAL CRUSADE PREPARATION AND FOLLOW-UP

by the Rev. Charles Crisp

"WILT thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6). A revival is a requickening of those who are already alive. The prayer is to "revive us," God's people, that "thy people may rejoice in thee." Renewed activity is always the evidence of this requickening and of life and growth. The psalmist reminds us, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, . . ." (Psalm 110:3).

The word "revive" in the New Testament carries the meaning "to live again," "to stir or kindle up a fire." This is the same word as used by the Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy, "Stir up the gift, kindle it into a flame. It may be smoldering now—but it has not gone out! Give it vent, and let it spring into flame" (2 Timothy 1:6, writer's own paraphrase).

Our churches today need a revival. Hearts are cold; there is so little compassion and concern for the lost. The sins of omission as well as commission have caused God's people to lose the joy of salvation. There is a need to repent and to return unto the Lord, to fan into flame the smoldering embers. Yes, every one of our churches needs a revival. I am convinced that God is ready to give that revival when the churches are ready to receive it.

Revive us again;
Fill each heart with thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with
fire from above.

This should be our daily prayer.

HOW CAN A CHURCH HAVE A REVIVAL?

How can our churches experience such revival? Finney used to say, "Revivals have to be worked up as well as prayed down." Spurgeon has said, "Every great revival has its beginnings in prayer and continues in much prayer." To have a revival in this day requires preparation, both organizational and spiritual preparation.

Preparation is a necessity for revival in this twentieth century just as it was in the first century. Read again the history of the Early Church as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Note the preparation that was made and the success that was attained. Also, note that which was done to conserve the results of the revival. Consider these evangelism essentials as set forth in Acts: prayer (v. 1:14); power (vv. 2:1-4); participation (v. 2:4); publicity (v. 2:6); people (v. 2:6); preaching (vv. 2:14-36); penitence (v. 2:37); pleading (v. 2:40); pardon (v. 2:41); preservation (v. 2:42); and perennial duration (v: 42).

Any program of evangelism that will be effective and will meet the needs of this day must follow this New Testament pattern. It must find ways and means to implement these essentials of evangelism.

I. WHERE TO BEGIN

The first step in planning the calendar for the year should be to determine the number of revival meetings and the dates for these meetings. Every church should have at least two revivals each year. One of these could be a cooperative effort with other Free Will Baptist churches in the same area; then there should be the local church revival. Some churches may find it profitable to have a revival led by youth. The vacation Bible school offers another good opportunity for reaching girls and boys for Christ. The dates for these meetings should be written into the calendar first.

As soon as the dates for the revival have been agreed upon, enlist your evangelistic help. Utmost caution should be exercised in securing evangelistic help. The pastor should know personally or by reputation that the one considered is worthy in every sense of the word. He should be sound in doctrine, cooperative in attitude, sane in methods used, morally beyond reproach, and capable of doing the job. To secure his help, contact should be made as soon as possible.

II. PLANS FOR A ONE-WEEK REVIVAL

Neither the Scriptures nor history reveals a revival apart from fervent prayer. Therefore, we need to plan ways and means whereby we can enlist people in prayer for revival and the salvation of the lost. All that is done in revival effort must be undergirded with prayer and the Holy Spirit.

A. Hold personal prayer daily with a prayer list of specific needs.

B. Beginning four weeks prior to revival, have special prayer for revival in every department and class in the Sunday school. Make much of prayer in the worship services.

C. Plan class prayer meetings in the homes for the different classes of the Sunday school one week before the revival begins: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights in the homes. On Wednesday night have prayer meeting in the church. Ask the women's Auxiliary to plan the Wednesday evening prayer service. Ask the people to bring their unsaved friends to the prayer services.

D. On Saturday before the revival begins, have a chain of prayer at the church from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Have Sunday school classes to be responsible for each hour. Ask that specific prayer requests be added to a prayer list.

III. PERSONAL WORK BEFORE THE REVIVAL

A. Deacons should visit every member and ask each to make a definite commitment to attend every service if possible.

B. Prepare a prospect list and see that every teacher in the Sunday school has one.

C. Be sure that every teacher knows the spiritual condition of each one in the class.

D. Select and train personal counselors to work with those who come forward.

E. Order literature to give to new converts. (See suggested material in the

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Scripture Reading—John 5:39

THE TRUE MESSIAH

A Hebrew Christian engaged a Jewish friend in conversation. "I want to read to you a portion of the Bible," he said, "and when I have finished, I want you to tell me what part of the Bible I have read." Then he began to read Isiaah 53. When he had finished, he asked, "From what part of the Bible did I read?"

Without hesitation, the Jewish friend replied, "From the New Testament."

"And to whom does the passage refer?"

"To Jesus of Nazareth," was the reply.

Then the Hebrew Christian said, "Your first answer was incorrect. Your last answer was correct. The Scripture I read was from the Book of Isaiah, and it contains several remarkable prophecies about Jesus Christ, the true Messiah."

PRAYER THOUGHT

We may think what we will and we may read what we wish, but we shall always come to one conclusion: Jesus is the one and only true Messiah.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 33:11

A WEEPING JUDGE

Ray H. Lane Jr. murdered a policeman. When the jury returned its verdict—guilty—no recommendation for mercy accompanied it. The death sentence, therefore, was mandatory.

When Superior Court Judge Wayne Millington pronounced the death sentence and concluded it with the words, "And may God have mercy on your soul," he broke down and wept. He left immediately and locked himself in his chambers. "When I went out there," he said, "I had no thought that this would happen. Then all of a sudden—bang! It was a very unpleasant situation, but we judges have to meet them."

Does God, the Judge of all mankind, take pleasure in passing sentence upon the wicked who spurn His offers of mercy and forgiveness?

PRAYER THOUGHT

If the judge in our meditation—a mere mortal—could react so strongly against the sentence he had to pronounce, can we ever doubt God's anguish at the sins of His children and the punishment He must mete out to them?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:20

THE LAW'S LIMITATION

C. H. Mackintosh has stated, "If I stand before a mirror with disheveled hair and a smudged face, it shows me my disarrayed hair and soiled face, but it does not straighten my hair or clean my face. If I measure a crooked wall with a perfect plumb line, the plumb line reveals the crookedness of the wall, but it does not straighten it. If I take a lantern out on a dark night, it reveals to me the objects over which I could stumble, but it does not remove them. The mirror and the plumb line and the lantern do not create the evils or remove them. They only reveal them. So it is with the law of God. It does not create the evil in the heart of man or remove it. It only reveals it."

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's law is set before us as a road to heaven. It is most important that we follow the road carefully in order to make sure we reach that destination.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 11:6

A TEENAGER'S PLAINTIVE PLEA

A discouraged, disillusioned fifteen-year-old boy addressed the following pathetic plea to his parents:

"Dear Parents: Do you know how much you hurt your children when you argue and fight in front of them? Lately I have been crying myself to sleep to the noise of your fighting. I can't think straight in school because I worry about whether you will really get the divorce you threaten each other with. I am afraid to come to you with problems I want to talk to you about because you are always in such a bad mood. Why can't you love each other like you did when you got married? We didn't ask to be born. Now that we are here, why don't you try to get along so we can have a happy home? If you have something to argue about, why don't you do it sometime when your children don't hear you? I try hard to be a good, obedient, and happy son. Won't you please try to be better parents?"

PRAYER THOUGHT

May the child's plea be heard over his parents' bickering! Could not the parents together find a way to forgive and to reconcile unpleasant situations?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 58:9

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

There's a difference between a cry and a call. When my daughter Alice was a toddler, she stood uncertainly one day at the top of the stairway. I was sitting in the front room downstairs. Suddenly I heard her anguished cry, "Oh Daddy!"

I sprinted two-thirds of the way up the steps and caught Alice just as she began to tumble down the steps. Her anguished cry brought instant help.

When we cry to our heavenly Father, He instantly responds to our cry.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The little babe was heard when she cried for help. The Holy Book says repeatedly that he who calls will be heard.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:15

"ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE US"

After a fierce battle, the Viet Cong soldiers strode among the fallen dead and wounded soldiers of the lost American infantry platoon, firing bullets into those who showed any sign of life.

Lying among the fallen ones was a medic, Melvin W. Schultz, who in the previous three hours had seen all his buddies mowed down by the vicious fire of the enemy. He whispered to a nearby fallen comrade, "Pray! Pray! Only a miracle can save us now. God will help us. He must save us."

God worked a miracle. Sixteen hours later, the two were rescued. The medic said, "The enemy thought we were dead. One of them sat on my shoulders and went through my pockets as I lay motionless with my face in the mud. He took my wallet and snatched my watch from my wrist."

God's promise is sure.

PRAYER THOUGHT

All God asks of us is to call upon Him in time of trouble and distress; we must not forget that He is there at all times, willing to help.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 2:2

RESULTS OF ONE SERMON

Early in his ministry, Dr. Lyman Beecher exchanged pulpits one Sunday with the pastor of a small country church. It was in midwinter. Snow was piled up along the road, and traveling was almost impossible. Dr. Beecher urged his horse to go through the deep snow. Arriving at the church, he discovered that he was the only one present.

When the time for the service arrived, Dr. Beecher entered the pulpit. There he sat prayerfully and silently. Finally one man entered the church. Then Dr. Beecher brought an earnest message, preaching to an audience of one as his Lord often did. At the conclusion of the sermon, he went to the door to greet the lone worshiper. Before he could do so, however, the man had gone.

Twenty years passed. Then one day a pleasant-looking man greeted Dr. Beecher as he got off a train. He stated, "Do you remember me, Dr. Beecher?"

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

A Point of Clarification

At a joint meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina State Convention, the State Mission Board, and the Church Extension Board in Ayden on December 5, it was agreed that all home mission work would be turned over to the Church Extension Board.

Those who were present at the State Convention last September at the Black Jack church will remember that a constitutional amendment was passed creating a Board of Church Extension. Later in the session, personnel for this board were elected. However, a close study of the constitution revealed that no separation of duties was spelled out between the existing Board of Missions and the newly-created Church Extension Board.

To try to help these two boards decide upon some mutually agreeable division of labor, the executive committee of the State Convention asked both boards to meet with them at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5. The meeting was harmonious. Both boards agreed that all foreign mission work would be carried on by the existing State Mission Board and that all that might be termed "home mission work" would be supervised by the Church Extension Board.

We are sure that additional constitutional amendments spelling out in detail the duties of the two boards will be offered at the next session of the Convention next September when it meets in Tarboro. Until then, all churches are urged to continue to send foreign mission money to the Rev. Joe Ingram, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and all home mission money to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd B. Cherry
President of North
Carolina State Convention

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The value of a man is estimated by the dollars or dirt that he owns, or that own him.

THE REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Text: Luke 6:32-36

by Z. I. Perocillo

The Perocillo Family

There is within us some natural inquisitiveness about the purpose of the Christian life; we wonder whether our strivings, sufferings, and sacrifices as Christians have some certain adequate rewards.

In Matthew 19:27, Peter once expressed these cravings for reward when he asked Jesus: ". . . Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" In short, Peter was saying: Why risk our lives for Jesus? To follow Him costs us so much; what shall we receive in return?

Jesus has some definite teachings about reward. The Beatitudes are an affirmation that God does reward us for our faithfulness: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5, etc. Those who give even so much as a cold drink of water have their reward, according to Matthew 10:42. But what is that reward that we get in following Jesus Christ? Is it material wealth or material blessings? In Mark 10:30, Jesus promised hundredfold houses. In Matthew 6:33, He said, ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, . . . and all these things shall be added unto you."

But a thorough exegetical study of these verses will disclose that Jesus never made promise of reward as the primary motivation in seeking the kingdom of God. To be in the kingdom of God is more than a hundred houses, acres of land, gold and silver.

We need the material things, and Jesus even taught us to pray for them: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). But the full measure of our devotion should be to the Giver rather than to the gifts. And it is in the light of this faith that we see His providence everyday. This is the testimony of the psalmist who said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Surely we can hold fast to the Word of Him who said, "seek and ye shall find" (see Matthew 7:7). God is so good that He causes the sun to shine upon the just and the unjust alike.

Surely, we have in the gospel an incentive to work hard and the assurance that God blesses our efforts. To work honestly and faithfully is a Christian imperative, but material wealth does not necessarily mean a blessing from heaven —although the fact of history remains that people or nations who honor and serve God are blessed by God. Those who, for example, went to North America in search of God found milk and honey. But those people who went to South America in search of gold until this day are still seeking. But even then, we should not say that material progress is a reward from God, because it could be the reward of the evil one. When Jesus was tempted, Satan offered all the lands that eyes could see from that high mountain.

Jesus admonishes us to be aware of covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. Jesus himself died poor. There was not even a room for Him in the inn, at his birth. His grave was borrowed.

Reward for discipleship does not include immunity from physical illness. History tells us that Christians are not free from physical diseases. Those in Christ could meet persecutions and even death. What is it, then? Is there meaning in carrying our crosses? Harvie

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Baby Dedication Day Observed At First FWB Church, Wilson

Pictured above are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson with Andy, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis with Brian, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson with Laura.)

Sunday, December 3, 1972 was observed as baby dedication day at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. During the eleven o'clock service, five couples brought their children to the altar for dedication. They were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson with Andrew Wray Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis with Brian Harold Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson with Laura Grayson Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Raper with Lisa Lynn Raper, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stott with Michael Kevin Stott.

The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, challenged the parents to seek God's blessing and guidance for the lives of their children and also to rededicate their own lives to the maintenance of a Christian home, where Christ is honored and the Word of God is held in reverence. Mr. Bowen then led in a prayer of dedication, after which he presented a certificate and a red rose bud to each couple in remembrance of the occasion.

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Two from Sound Side FWB Church Accept Call to Ministry

Two young men, members of the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, have recently answered the call to the ministry. Royce Reynolds and Bobby Ray Taylor appeared before the Licensing and Ordaining Board and during the month of November received licenses to preach in separate ceremonies held in their home church.

On Sunday morning, November 5, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, pastor of Sound Side church, held a very impressive and inspiring service for Bobby. Afterwards Bobby received his certificate of license to preach from Edmond Brickhouse, chairman of the Board of Deacons. As a part of the ceremony, the Sound Side Singing Group, composed of Marie, Kathy, Jeanie, and Linda Brickhouse, and James Cohoon very appropriately sang, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

During this service, Royce announced his acceptance of the call to the ministry and on Sunday morning, November 19, a similar service was held for him. The Sound Side Singing Group, with the addition of Wayne Linton, sang "The Lighthouse" in answer to a special request.

Bobby, age 25, is the son of Mr. Monford Taylor and the late Mrs. Taylor. For some time he has lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, whose Christian example and loving concern have been a tremendous help to him. A very devoted Christian sister, Rita, has also had a great influence on him, as has the entire youth group of Sound Side church.

Royce, age 26, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds and the father of two small children, Charlene and Velvet. He has a dedicated Christian wife, Fleedie, to whom he gives a great deal of the credit for his acceptance of Christ. He also feels that the youth of Sound Side church have been a great help through their singing and testimonies.

Both Royce and Bobby have been members of the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church since childhood, but have been real Christians a much shorter time. A little over a year ago, they rededicated their lives to the Lord and became active members and leaders of the YFA. But it took a week at Cragmont in July with the YFA to make them really serious about the Lord and His work. Both of them felt the call to the ministry at that time, but did not accept immediately. They wanted to be absolutely certain, and Royce, having a family, felt that he had a few extra problems to work out. All this time they were dedicated workers in the church and a real blessing to it, especially to the young people who began to look to them more and more for counsel and leadership. Royce and Fleedie's home became a second home for many of the youth. But Royce and Bobby were still dissatisfied and burdened. It was only when they said "yes" to God's call to the ministry that they became completely free and happy.

They are both enrolled in Mount Olive College for the winter semester and will be moving there in early January to begin formal preparation for the ministry. Sound Side church will miss them deeply, but we feel particularly happy and privileged to be the home church of these two young men and their families. We also feel privileged to have the inspiring leadership of Mr. Wiggs at this time and through the past months. He and his family have been a real blessing.

We feel that we have enjoyed a unique experience to have licensed two young men for the ministry in one month. We very humbly thank God for this privilege and shall continue to support with our prayers and love these two young men as they expand their ministry for the Lord.

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Bequest Made to Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church

The Rev. Andrew Hill, pastor of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, recently accepted a check from Mrs. Bessie McIntyre in behalf of her brother, Mr. Plato Tyndall, who passed away a few months ago. The check was in the amount of $800.

Mr. Tyndall was responsible for the erection of the brick structure seen as one passes Smith's New Home church on Highway 258. During his last years, Mr. Tyndall lived in the Veterans' Home, Washington, D. C., but he remembered his church with a check each month.

The members of the church share the loss of Mr. Tyndall with his family and friends. He was truly a servant of God.

The Two Miraculous Draughts of Fishes

by the Rev. Charlie Overton

Setting: The lake of Gennesaret, probably about 9 a.m. We see Jesus standing by the lake, two empty ships, and tired fishermen washing their nets. Jesus enters into Simon's ship, desiring to be thrusted out a little from the land. And He sits down and teaches the people out of the ship. "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Luke 5:4).

You know that Christ was twice pleased to work a miracle in this manner. He twice came to His apostles when they had been toiling for many hours and had taken nothing. Then He gave them by a miracle abundance of fish. This happened once before His resurrection, and once, after.

Truly I would picture the first miracle as a calling of men into Christ's church, as it is now, here on earth; the second miracle would then represent their being called into the same church as it will be hereafter in heaven.

In our Lord's first miracle there were two ships. This sets forth to us the fact that when His apostles began to preach there were two churches, the church of the Jews and the church of the Gentiles. He came to make both one. But in His second miracle there was only one ship, because hereafter in heaven there will be only one church, one family, one fold with one Shepherd. To me this is wonderful.

In our Lord's first miracle the fish were gathered in from both sides of the ship, the left as well as the right. Bad men as well as good men are brought into His church on earth. But it will not be so hereafter. The church in heaven will be altogether holy. This is represented to us, in the second miracle, by our Lord's command that the apostles cast the net on the right side of the ship only. The right side represents the good, and it is the born again, good, and faithful only that will be gathered into heaven.

In the first miracle, the net broke. The net could not keep all that it caught. And so it is with the church on earth. But in the other miracle the net did not break. None of those that are counted worthy to enter heaven will ever be left out. Heaven's net, made by the fingers of God, will never break: "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:14). No wonder that the hymn writer under the inspiration of God could pen such beautiful words:

"My soul in sad exile was out on life's sea,
So burdened with sin and distress,
Till I heard a sweet voice saying,
'Make me your choice,' and I entered the heaven of rest.

I've anchored my soul in the heaven of rest,
I'll sail the wide seas no more;
The tempest may sweep o'er the wild stormy deep,
In Jesus I'm safe ever more."

These words should thrill the heart of every Christian. It should give him a burning desire in his heart to launch out into the deep and tell the sweet story of the saving grace of God's wonderful love.

In the first miracle we know not how many fishes were taken. This teaches that on earth the number of the **true** servants of God will never be known. But in the second miracle the number is told us. And so the number of those that are redeemed will be known in heaven. All that we see there will be written in the Book of Life. Everyone will be known; everyone will be counted. ". . . I heard the number of them. . . ," St. John says in the Book of Revelation (Chapter 7, Verse 4). Paul says, ". . . but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

The first miracle does not tell us the sort of fishes. I am quite sure some were bad and some were good; but in the second, they were all good: ". . . full of great fishes. . . ," says St. John (Chapter 21, Verse 11). This pictures the church here on earth, does it not? Here on earth the wheat and the tares grow up together in the church. But Jesus says that He will separate them when He comes. Thank God, there will be no tares in heaven. Only the born-again, blood-washed, faithful children of God will walk the streets of heaven's eternal shore.

In the first miracle the ships began to sink. The church, as it will be in heaven, can neither be in trouble nor in danger anymore of the perils in the sea. Christians, don't wreck your human life by saying, "We have toiled all night, and have taken nothing." Give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus and you will not lose your reward. Whatever God commands you to do, you do it willingly and God will reward you for your faithfulness.

Coming Events . . .

January 27—Western Conference Youth Fellowship, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL FWB SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The coming year can be the most successful Sunday school year in the entire history of Free Will Baptists. Here is how:

(1) You will be given the opportunity to take part in our "Perfect Heart for Christ" campaign climaxing on Sunday, February 11, 1973. This particular program has been thoroughly tried and **it really does work.** Detailed information will be mailed out in the very near future.

(2) The same "Perfect Heart for Christ" campaign will be used to stimulate attendance for our State Sunday School Convention. We expect to have the largest attendance in our history.

(3) Our financial support for our State Sunday School Convention is a must if we are to function properly. Send all financial support to Milton Wiggs, 905 Crestview Drive, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Taylor Hill,
Publicity Director

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Bowen's "Adventuring With Jesus" Recommended

Recently a manual on evangelism was mailed to all Free Will Baptist pastors. I helped prepare that manual and in it I listed suggested material to use in training young converts. Since the manual was prepared, I have had the opportunity to examine a little book that is in the process of preparation at the Free Will Baptist Press. The title of this book is **Adventuring with Jesus,** and it is written by the Rev. Clarence Bowen. Brother Bowen has done excellent work. I highly recommend this book for training children in Christian living and church membership. To Brother Bowen I would say: God bless you for this work; it is the finest of its kind.

Charles Crisp

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL PROGRAM BY FELLOWSHIP

In chapel at Mount Olive College on December 12, the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship presented a Christmas program designed (in the words of Kristie Raper, student and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper) "to refresh our hearts with the holiness and importance of the Christmas holiday."

The Fellowship felt directed and led by the Holy Spirit from the very beginning of preparations. A small group of students met at the home of Miss Jean Fillingame, the advisor, to make plans for the program. In Kristie's words, "We were all filled and bubbling over with great ideas from the Lord for this program."

The program began with the singing of "O Holy Night" by Carol Stocks. John Williams narrated the program by reading Scripture from Isaiah (the prophecy of Christ's birth) and from Matthew and Luke (the Christmas story). Alternately, as the narration of the Christmas story was given, appropriate Christmas carols were sung. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men appeared on the scene; each entered with a lighted candle that was then placed on the altar. As the wise men placed their gifts in the hay next to the baby Jesus, the chapel program ended joyously by the singing of "Joy to the World."

Students participating in the program were Carol Stocks, soloist; Janie Jones, organist; John Williams, narrator; Marvin Waters, Joseph; Debra Midyette, Mary; Mickey Newton, William Adams, and Danny Braswell, shepherds; and Larry Pittman, Vernon McCoy, and Michael Harriett, wise men.

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CONSCIENCE

Conscience is God's presence in man. —Swedenborg.

NIGHT COURSES AVAILABLE

The Free Will Baptist Church; Its History, Doctrine, and Government will be taught by President W. Burkette Raper beginning January 8 and extending through April. Classes will meet each Monday, 7—9:50 p. m., in the Henderson Building. The class is open to any interested person and may be taken for or without college credit. If taken without credit, the cost is only $10. Those who wish three semester hours of credit may enroll as regular students.

Hebrew Prophets will be taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard and will meet each Thursday, 7—9:50 p. m., in the Henderson Building beginning January 11. The course is open to any interested person and may be taken for or without college credit. If taken without credit, the cost is only $10. Those who wish three

Mount Olive Singers Featured on Television

The Mount Olive College Singers

The Mount Olive Singers appeared on television twice on Christmas Eve day. Their first appearance was on WITN-TV, Washington, Channel 7, at 12 noon. The second appearance was on WCTI-TV, New Bern, Channel 12, at 4:30 p. m. The length of each program was thirty minutes.

The Mount Olive Singers are composed of eight students from the College Music Department. They are (left to right) Robin Tally; Nyra Hill, Deep Run church; Derle Fields; Gilda Avery, Eddie McDaris, Holly Springs church, Kenly; Freddie Boykin, Calvary church; Carlton Lucas and Gail Ball, First church of Kinston. Seated is Mrs. Viola Hilton, director.

semester hours of credit may enroll as regular students.

Extension Courses

Short off-campus courses on "The Free Will Baptist Church," "Crisis Ministry and Pastoral Care," "Creative Teaching Methods," and various books of the Bible are available and can be offered in areas throughout eastern North Carolina. Individuals or churches interested in these or other courses should contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, Director of Denominational Services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina (phones: office, 658-2502; home, 658-9363).

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RAPER PRESENTS CHECK

Wilbur Shirley (left) and President Raper

Wilber Shirley, owner of Wilber's Barbecue of Goldsboro, North Carolina, is shown receiving a check from President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College to cover the cost of more than 2,000 people whom Wilber's Barbecue served at the 1972 College Dinners. "We use Wilber's Barbecue for as many of our dinners as is feasible," President Raper declared. "Mr. Shirley not only provides quality food and outstanding service but he gives the College a discount on the cost of the meals and he is also a liberal supporter of the College."

Mr. Shirley is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro and his restaurant is located on U. S. Highway 70 East, Goldsboro.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

TRUSTEES HONORED

Trustees Receive Certificates

Members of the Board of Trustees with six or more years of service on the Board were recognized at Founders Day on December 7 by the presentation of certificates of appreciation.

Those who were present and received certificates from President W. Burkette Raper (left) were the following (left to right): David W. Hansley, Board of Trustees 1951-1970, first chairman of the Board; Floyd B. Cherry, Board of Trustees 1963-1971; Hardy Talton, Board of Trustees 1956-1963; Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Board of Trustees since 1967; Ralph A. Morris, Board of Trustees since 1962, chairman of the Board since 1963; Mrs. Mary Winfield, Board of Trustees since 1966; and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kemp, a member of the Board of Trustees who received special recognition as chairman of the Landscape Committee.

A number of other persons who qualified for certificates could not be present at the Founders Day Program; their certificates will be presented later.

THE RETIRED MINISTER

In a poem dedicated to retired ministers, T. A. Stafford reminds us of the service rendered by these men.

This standard bearer of the Lord
  Deserves our constant love and praise,
Who preached with joy the precious Word,
  And faces now declining days.

Christ as the Way, the Truth, the Life,
  He oft declared with fervent voice.
He went through strain, and toil, and strife,
  Led by the Master of his choice.

He taught the children Christian truth,
  And showed them Jesus' winsome ways.
He trained the eager voice of youth
  To sing a loving Savior's praise.

His hand, baptizing us, was laid
  Full gently as he spoke our name;
And, as the marriage pledge was said,
  He sought for Christ our lives to claim.

In every crisis, soon he came,
  And stood, in strength, right by our side
To say, "Good cheer!" in Jesus' name,
  And ask the Lord our feet to guide.

O church of God, rise up in love,
  Go cast thy helping arms around
These servants of the Lord, and move
  That they shall not in want be found.

For thine own honor, them reward
  With means to meet their modest need.
Then will their cup of joy be full,
  And God shall bless the worthy deed.

REVIVAL CRUSADE PREPARATION AND FOLLOW-UP

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manual on evangelism that has been mailed to all Free Will Baptist pastors.)

F. See that every prospect has been visited and invited.

IV. PUBLICITY

A. Four weeks before the revival, begin publicity through the church bulletin, from the pulpit, and in all visitation.

B. Give news stories concerning the evangelist and revival plans to the local newspapers three weeks before revival date. Continue during revival with news stories. You may need to plan a small paid advertisement for each day during the revival.

C. Have children's Sunday school classes make posters for use on church bulletin boards.

D. Mail post cards to every member of the church and to all prospects two weeks prior to revival date.

E. Prepare spot announcements for radio and television.

V. PERFORMANCE DURING THE REVIVAL

A. Plan a prayer service before each service. Ask the youth to have a prayer service as well as the men and the women.

B. Utilize the organization of the Sunday school. Call for the total attendance of the Sunday school on the first night. If you start with a good attendance, it will help keep attendance high all week.

C. Have a special night for every service.

D. Have a telephone committee designated to call absent members each day.

VI. PRESERVATION AFTER THE REVIVAL

A. You must continue to show interest in people after the revival. Interest in people which has been generated during the revival must not be permitted to die. If some of our neighbors remain unsaved, our interest in them must not be lost. If our interest in them wanes after the revival, they may feel it was insincere all along. It will make future efforts on their behalf more difficult. Continued visitation and fellowship with them is essential.

B. Keep up with your converts. A young convert is a baby in Christ and as such he needs tender loving care. Keep close to them so that they can feel a part of the church family. Some churches use the shepherding system, in which the young convert is assigned to a dedicated layman for fellowship and help during his spiritual infancy. In the company of this older Christian, he is assigned a job to do.

C. Conduct a new convert training class. Training classes should be conducted as soon as possible. We have neglected this all-important task with the tragic results that our churches are filled with uninformed and spiritually immature people. (See the manual on evangelism for suggested materials.)

It is hoped that by the time our revival seasons are over we will have ready a book for training young converts and church members. We need this to prepare our young converts for some of the temptations that will come and how to meet them, to give the converts guidance in the stewardship of time, talents, personality, and means, and to prepare them for effective participation in the life of the church.

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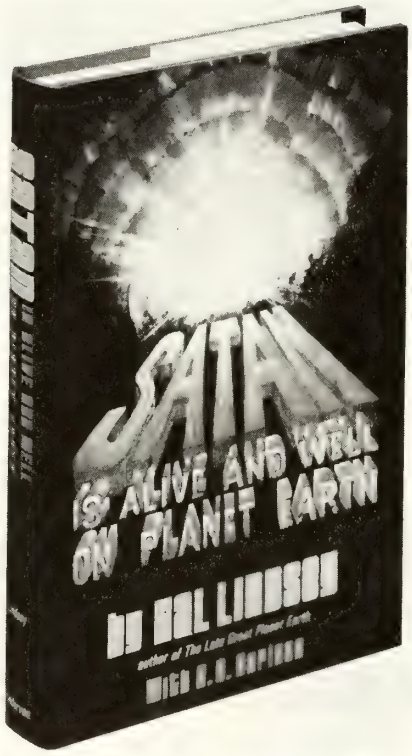
The Judas Tree

In some regions of the world there grows a tree which is appropriately called the Judas tree because of its deceitfulness. At times, the Judas tree abounds in beautiful, crimson blossoms. Their flaming beauty attracts innumerable, unsuspecting insects, including the busy bees ever on the lookout for nectar. As the insects suck the fatal secretion from the blossoms, the ground below is strewn with their lifeless bodies!

SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH

by HAL LINDSEY
with C. C. CARLSON



Take a trip into the strange world of the supernatural with the author of **The Late Great Planet Earth.** Hal Lindsey follows his million-copy bestseller with a book that ventures into the frightening realm of the occult and other-world spiritism.

Surging through our modern, jet generation is a tidal wave of the supernatural. From college campus to suburban living room the quest for other-world experiences has reached unprecedented proportions.

Should we take witchcraft and Satan worship seriously? Is there really any harm in astrology or mysticism? What's behind the changing views of morality and integrity? How can we cope with the strange powers which seem to be ripping apart our society?

In this probing analysis of a vital contemporary issue, Lindsey exposes the dangers in playing with forces from the other side. This perceptive commentator on today's youth goes beyond mere warnings. Revealing the dangers of occult involvement is only part of his in-depth commentary.

This is a book with answers for everyone who seeks to understand the powerful being who plays havoc with our world and crushes individuals who tangle with him.

Come to the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina, for your copy. The book is also available at branch bookstores in Wilson, New Bern, and Smithfield, North Carolina.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What does the word "apostle" mean as used in the Bible?

Answer: The word means "one who is sent forth." Its early use by Christ and His disciples had a special application to the twelve apostles. Later the New Testament writers used the term in a broader sense. "Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10: 2-7).

Paul called himself an apostle. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1); "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:1); "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office" (Romans 11:13); "Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 9:1, 2). Perhaps the latter two verses quoted here are given as a defense against some professed Christians who questioned the apostleship of Paul, possibly some of the class of false teachers referred to by John as "many false prophets" (see 1 John 4:1) and "many antichrists" (see 1 John 2:18).

Jesus told His apostles: "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:5). I believe that it is just as needful that we detect false prophets of the many and varying cults as it is that we recognize the true prophet of God. A true prophet is not only one sent from God, but one sent by Him to tell forth or proclaim His unsearchable riches manifested to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. All New Testament saints have been called to proclaim or to manifest to a lost world through sanctified lives separated unto Christ and apart from the world. Let us, you and me, not be surprised when we meet hardships as we so live and so witness, for tradition says that all the twelve apostles, including Matthias and except John, sealed their testimony in their blood. The words "witness" and "martyr," found in the New Testament, come from the same word; therefore, to become an apostle or witness for Jesus Christ in the true biblical sense means that one has become a candidate for martyrdom.

Jesus so warned His apostles before He was crucified: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me" (John 15:18-21); "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. . . . And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. . . . The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. . . . Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew 10:16, 21, 22, 24-28, 32-36). It would be enlightening to read all of these chapters from which quotations are taken and to use a reference Bible and read parallel passages.

Every Christian is a **called** person. Every **called** person is a **sent** person. The world is the harvest field to which all Christians are called and sent; consequently, until one is directed of the Holy Spirit to a specific part of the world, he should be equally interested in and praying for all. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). See Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16: 14-16; Luke 24:45, 46; John 4:32-38; 1 John 2:2. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Romans 8:29, 30). Compare the Scripture, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambas-

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STORIES

for our youth

MANUELO'S MANY MANSIONS

by Frank D. Fogwell

THE hot sun beat down on the dusty road and sent shimmering heat waves against a cloudless sky. Only a few people were on the street of this little Mexican village, for it was siesta time, that mid-afternoon blissful period when shutters come down, doors close, and business slows to a contented standstill.

Manuelo lay on his hard little cot listening to the snores of his uncle. Manuelo was far from sleep because in his little hands was a magazine that had been thrown from a tourist bus by some sightseer. Of all the pictures in the book, Manuelo really liked one—a picture of a white house set in a cool, green garden surrounded by tall trees.

But, Manuelo kept saying to himself, surely this could not be true. Do some people really live in such places? Or is this like one of those stories the foreign missionaries are always talking about? They always talk about happiness and love, but I can't seem to find any around here.

Only yesterday he had stopped long enough to hear someone speak about the Christ who had died on the cross so that everyone who accepted Him might live forever. That, too, was hard to believe.

Manuelo sighed. Then he looked at the house in the magazine once more. Does someone really live in a house like this one? he asked himself. Perhaps after his siesta he would take this picture to an authority in the village and learn the truth.

Manuelo dozed fitfully, still clinging to the picture and gazing sleepily at it from time to time. Then the noise of the shutters being opened roused him, and he decided definitely to find out about the picture.

The sun was still glaring on the dirty street as Manuelo rubbed his sleepy eyes. He ambled past the small shops gazing at the trinkets and jewelry the tourists seemed to think so valuable. Manuelo turned toward the center of the village and noticed a small gathering near a tree that shaded a grassy area.

Perhaps it is a traveling caravan or a troop of musicians, he said to himself. Drawing closer, he listened intently and heard someone speaking in his own language.

" 'In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. . . . that where I am, there ye may be also' (John 14:2, 3)."

In the center, Manuelo saw foreign missionaries speaking to a group of villagers.

What they are saying, thought Manuelo, might be the answer after all. He opened his magazine and gazed again at the picture.

"Was someone going to make a house for him, just like this one?" he said half aloud.

He shuffled closer toward the truck with the loudspeaker. A young man with curly, red hair was reading from a book, while another stood in front handing out pieces of paper with a picture of a house on each one. Manuelo reached through the crowd and found one of the papers in his hand. It wasn't quite the house he had set his mind on, but perhaps it was a start. With a show of enthusiasm, he pushed through the group of silent people to the very front row.

The man was still speaking, but Manuelo didn't quite understand the meaning of his words. His mind was filled with only one thought: Could this man with the friendly smile help him get the house he wanted?

The missionary's voice stopped while the other one spoke a few quiet words to those who remained beside the truck. Manuelo couldn't wait; so, stepping up boldly, he tugged at the trouser leg of the red-headed man and said, "I have a house here that I want. Can you help me?"

Manuelo carefully opened his magazine, and proudly pointed to the picture of the beautiful white house set in the midst of a landscaped garden.

"There," he said, his voice rising in excitement, "there's the one I want! And you have just said that your father has many houses and that if we go with you, there will be a house for each one of us. Is this true? Is this a real picture of your home? Is there one for me? When can—"

"Whoa, my little friend, just a minute," the missionary said kindly. "Let's start at the beginning and find out your name and where you live. Then perhaps we can talk about houses."

Manuelo concealed his impatience and listened to the story of the Christ who came down from the cross so that he, Manuelo, might live forever in a place called heaven. He had never heard of this wonderful city where cool waters flowed and where the streets were paved with gold.

As the story unfolded, Manuelo's eyes glistened with anticipation when the missionary asked him whether he was ready to accept this Jesus who had come down from the heavenly mansions to save him from his sin. Manuelo looked at the missionary and in a low, husky voice said, "Yes, missionary, this is the story I have been waiting for. Now my heart is filled, and I am ready to accept the Jesus you have been talking about. I want to serve Him even as you do, for now I know that someday there will be a house for me in heaven and that I will have the peace in my heart that I have been looking for."

The missionary put his arm around the shoulders of the little Mexican, and together they said a prayer of thanksgiving and hope for tomorrow.

Manuelo walked away with a new Bible under his arm and a picture of Jesus in his hand. After he had left, the missionary turned around toward the sound truck and, bending over, picked up a crumpled picture of a white house set among green lawns and shady trees.—My Pleasure.

Faculty and Staff Honored at Founders Day

Faculty and Staff Display Certificates

At its 1972 Founders Day held De-ember 7, persons with six or more years f service to Mount Olive College were ecognized by the presentation of cer-ficates of appreciation.

Members of the faculty and staff who ere present to receive certificates in-uded: (first row, left to right) Leurah . Reaves, food services since 1955; Mil-red Kelly Sloan, food services since 962; Pattie Lee Davis, director of food ervices 1957-1968; Lorelle Franck Mar-n, professor of science since 1957; athleen Bullard Warren, voice instruc-r since 1958; Mrs. M. L. Johnson, who eceived the certificate of the late Rev-end Milton L. Johnson, treasurer 1951-961 and business manager 1956-1961; d President W. Burkette Raper, pre-nting the certificates.

Certificates were also presented to econd row, left to right) Bessie Dyson rmstrong, food services since 1965; an Evelyn Fillingame, secretary to the esident since 1965; Mary Caroline Cas-lloe, professor of mathematics since 965; Gary Fenton Barefoot, librarian nce 1965; Charles Hopkins Harrell, busi-ss manager-treasurer since 1963; ichael Riley Pelt, professor of religion nce 1957; and Milton Adron Goodman, perintendent of buildings and grounds nce 1965.

REPORT ON MOUNT OLIVE BENEFIT DINNERS

From October through early December Free Will Baptist churches throughout eastern North Carolina held a series of seventeen dinners for the advancement of Mount Olive College. At these dinners more than 200 churches presented gifts to the College and received a first-hand report on progress and developments at the institution.

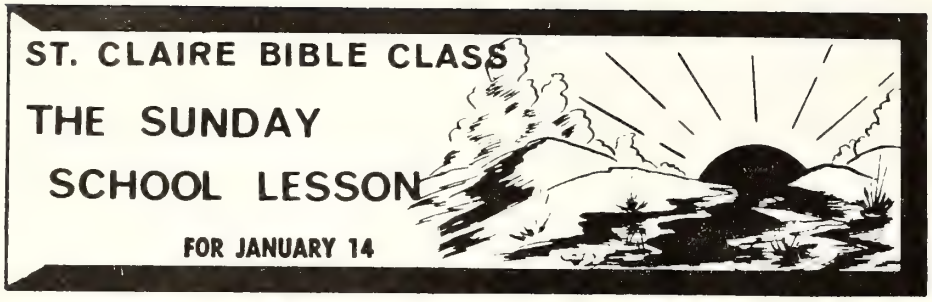
Mount Olive College is sponsored by the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is open to Free Will Baptists everywhere. It is a fully accredited Christian liberal arts college offering two years of study leading toward a degree in a wide range of professions and vocations.

The 1972 dinners set new records in both attendance and contributions. The total number of people attending the dinners this year was 2,806 as compared with 2,618 last year. Gifts showed an increase from $51,241.28 in 1971 to $61,261.39 this year.

In commenting on the dinners President W. Burkette Raper, who attended each dinner, declared, "This year was the tenth consecutive year we have held these dinners and contributions have now exceeded one-half million dollars received on these occasions. The success and development of our College is due in no small part to the hard work and generous support of our many friends. We wish to thank every preson who contributed and all who served on various committees. We would especially like to express our apreciation to our county chairmen."

Below is the report of the seventeen dinners held this fall.

County	County Chairman	Attendance	Gifts
Wayne	Ben Rollins	92	$ 6,000.00
Craven	Ralph A. Morris	50	2,580.67
Jones	Mrs. Thomas Hood and Miss Margaret Carol Banks	36	1,573.30
Pitt	Charles Crisp	153	7,937.00
Edgecombe-Halifax	Rufus Harrell	100	1,306.00
Nash	Lester Duncan	137	1,458.33
Pamlico	Reginald Caroon	123	3,103.00
Johnston-Wake	Edmund Gonzalez	540	6,775.38
Wilson	James B. Hunt Sr.	196	5,526.65
Onslow-New Hanover	Leonard Hobbs	131	880.50
Greene	George Harrison	99	4,061.31
Duplin	Davis Evans	163	4,110.00
Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank	David Cahoon	200	2,121.42
Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland	C. Felton Godwin	228	6,246.00
Carteret	Nathan Garner	279	2,658.83
Beaufort	Oscar Webster	122	2,252.00
Lenoir	W. E. (Bill) Futch	157	2,671.00
GRAND TOTALS		2,806	$61,261.39



Prophet to Displaced People

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2—4; 33:1-9

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 3:17

I. INTRODUCTION

The Prophet Ezekiel ministered to the people of Judah during the exile in Babylon. Look at the comparison between him and two other major prophets: Isaiah prophesied the coming exile (or captivity) of Judah more than a hundred years before it took place. Jeremiah prophesied just before the exile and up to the time it occurred. Ezekiel prophesied during the exile for he himself was one of the captives, being taken to Babylon in the second deportation, about 595 B.C.

Each of the major prophets, including Daniel, ministered in a special way and for particular reasons. Isaiah gave the long ranged view in the hope that God's people might have time to get right with Jehovah. Jeremiah stood at the very door of invasion and warned the people in a last-minute effort to stem the captivity, but failed, for God had already decreed that it should take place. Daniel served as a prophet to the rulers of Babylon, warning them of impending invasion by the Persians and, for our special benefit, foretold of things yet to come at the end of time.

Ezekiel's prophecies were different from them all. He ministered to displaced people, the Jews who were living in a strange land, far from their homes, and who needed his message of comfort and assurance. Being captive himself, unlike Jeremiah and Isaiah, he could feel compassion for the exiles. He literally "sat where they sat," and felt as they felt. He was God's man for the hour—and the years of exilic life in Babylon.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Distinguish between a major prophet and a minor prophet.
2. Ezekiel was a major prophet of the captivity.
3. Compare and contrast Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

B. Visions From God (Ezekiel 1:1-3)
1. Ezekiel had a vision from God.
2. Ezekiel heard the Word of God.
3. Ezekiel felt the hand of God upon him.

C. The Revolt of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 3:14)
1. The Spirit lifted Ezekiel up and took him away.
2. He had bitterness in his heart.
3. The strong hand of the Lord was upon him.

D. Ezekiel Goes to the Captives (Ezekiel 3:15-17)
1. He "sat where they sat" for seven days in meditation and astonishment.
2. The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel again.
3. Ezekiel was made a watchman over the house of Israel.

E. Ezekiel Given Instructions (Ezekiel 4: 1-3)
1. After seven days the Lord spoke to Ezekiel again.
2. Ezekiel was told to take a tile and draw a sketch of Jerusalem on it.
3. As the people watched this object lesson they realized that God was punishing them.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Ezekiel was a contemporary of Jeremiah and Daniel. He began his ministry about five years after reaching Babylon and at the time when Jeremiah was approaching the end of his great ministry.

False prophets abounded in the days of God's true prophets, as they do now. These false prophets were leading the captive Jews in Babylon to believe that Jerusalem would not be destroyed, even though God had said that it would be. Jeremiah wrote a letter to the captives (Jeremiah 29), seeking to warn them of the false message from the false prophets.

Ezekiel began his ministry after Jeremiah's letter arrived. He endorsed all that Jeremiah had said. Ezekiel continued the emphasis of Jeremiah and warned the Jews that before they could even hope to return to Jerusalem, they must return to the Lord.

Ezekiel met with great opposition. God blessed his faithfulness, however, and it was largely through his ministry that the people returned, at least in measure, to the Lord and to their land.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

B. Ezekiel was a member of the priestly class, perhaps from a well-to-do family. Jehovah had a message to be delivered to His rebellious people and He chose Ezekiel to deliver it. Jehovah sent Ezekiel down by the river Chebar to live among them for seven days. Perhaps God wanted him to get on the people's wave length, to listen and learn firsthand what was causing them to be so rebellious and to understand their thinking. Only then could he speak God's message in such a way that it would reach them. Ezekiel's message was of vital importance: "You must turn from your wicked ways or you shall die."

You and I have been given the charge to take the gospel to every person on earth. Our message is no less vital than Ezekiel's. If we are to do this with success we must know the people to whom we would speak. We must understand their values, we must understand the way they think. Having done this we will be able to present the message of eternal life in a way that will most likely appeal to them and thus bring the greatest increase in citizenship in the kingdom of God.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. A portion of the ministry of Ezekiel was to restore a portion of hope to his people. He sought to do this by convincing them that God had not cast them off completely. He helped them to develop a positive attitude toward their present lot by reminding them that at the end of this period of captivity God would restore them to their homeland and form a new and better covenant with them.

As God's watchman over Israel Ezekiel performed his task in an acceptable manner, even when forced to labor under the most trying and most difficult circumstances. Present-day witnesses for Christ can be encouraged by the faithfulness of his ministry and set themselves to their own labors with the assurance that their work will not be in vain.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

MISSIONS

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Branscomb submits that there is no reward more adequate and more satisfactory than "fuller and richer life in the kingdom of God." In John 10:10, Jesus said, ". . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This is the kind of life that transcends the limitation of time. This life does not perish with the mortal flesh. Matthew 25:46 says that in the second coming of Jesus the righteous shall enter into eternal life. What reward! This is a life of fellowship with great figures of the past and also with our loved ones. This reward can only come from God and never from man.

In the ultimate analysis of the Christian faith, we cannot really earn reward from God. No amount of good works and goodness will ever merit for us the blessing of God. We do not deserve it. We can have it only by grace. See Ephesians 2:8, 9. If we follow Christ, therefore, because of the reward, we will miss the point of Christian discipleship.

Christ's promise of reward should not be our goal or object. Martin Luther said, "Be not concerned for reward." According to St. Francis of Assisi, "Christian life is not so much to seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love." As Jesus said, if we are merciful, we obtain mercy. Yet it is unfortunate that there are many Christians who seek nothing but themselves even of God. They are the people who call Jesus "Lord," but who reduce Him to a guard to their material possessions, even a talisman to insure success to their businesses. This is sacrilegious in the guise of piety; it is a desecration of the Christian faith and an insult against the Almighty.

So let us pray that we may continue growing toward maturity in our faith. It is only in forgetting the reward that we can do the best for God. One can only do his best when he forgets himself.

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NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

by Harold Jones

The work is progressing well; the people are responding to the gospel. The difficult problem is the gathering of the people to a central location. We believe that the work is going to grow in small groups gathered in houses in several locations. These people just do not leave their location for anything. We are working in four different locations at the present, putting Bibles in the hands of the people. We are teaching them how to open the Word and worship the Lord without a paid leader. We firmly believe that this is of the Lord. The largest expense in this is the Bible, which costs a little more than $1. I believe that this is going to catch on and spread very rapidly.

Many are pouring money into buildings, subsidies, land, etc. I believe our largest expense apart from support should be in the distribution of the Scriptures and the establishment of "house churches." The Bible says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We usually use this verse when we expect a large crowd and only a few come, but the Lord has shown me the value of the small gathering and the way He can use it. It is not a shame but a blessing for two or three to be gathered together in His name. Why cannot each house be a "church of two or three"? We say, "Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together" (see Hebrews 10:25), and we think of large assemblies. But where two or three are gathered together in His name, Christ is there. It is an assembly.

In this culture I really believe that this is the answer. There are some problems that exist with organization, finances, etc., but I believe that as we get deeper into it the Lord will work these problems out.

Please keep this work on your prayer list. Surely the Lord is about to do a mighty work, and we need to be completely in tune with His will so that we will respond in His perfect time.

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Questions & Answers

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sadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

Whether anyone thinks he is called or not, I, taking as a whole the message of the New Testament, believe that all Christians, from the oldest to the youngest and from the wisest to the most simple, are called to be witnesses and are sent forth to win souls. That is the only way one may be fruitful. Among other ways Jesus said we are to be known by (1) the fervent love we show each other; (2) the kind of fruit we bear; (3) the way we manifest Christ, the Light of the world.

Dr. N. J. Stone in his book, **Answering Your Questions,** on Pages 25 and 26 has the following:

"There is some difference of opinion as to the exact definition of the term 'apostle,' and there are those who confine this distinction to the twelve disciples chosen by our Lord. Others limit it to those who were eye-witnesses of the sufferings and particularly the resurrection of the Lord. But in some of the earliest writings after the New Testament some were called apostles who could not have seen the Lord Jesus in the flesh nor witnessed His resurrection.

"Its most literal meaning, however, is 'one sent forth.' In the Book of Acts it comes more and more to denote not so much a particular and restricted **office** as it does the **function** of a world-wide missionary service. To this the twelve had been especially called, and they were apostles not only because they were the original twelve but because they were sent forth on a universal mission. The term could therefore be applied to others, although in the minds of many it is associated only with the twelve.

"In either view Paul is certainly an apostle. He defends his apostleship in 1 Corinthians 15 and other passages. And if apostleship depended on having seen the Lord Jesus, he could claim this on the basis of the vision on the road to Damascus."

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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"I don't believe I do," he replied.

Said the stranger, "Do you remember preaching twenty years ago in a small country church to an audience of one man?"

"Yes, sir, I do, and if you are the man, I have been wishing to see you ever since."

"I am the man, and the sermon you preached that Sunday morning brought me to God and made a minister of me. Yonder is my church. The converts from that sermon, sir, are all over the country!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you do the best of your ability at all times everywhere? You may be blessed with such a befitting reward as this minister must have had that day twenty years later.

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Resolution of Respect

for

Mrs. Lucy Avery Wainwright

On September 13, 1972, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to her eternal reward our sister in Christ, Lucy Avery Wainwright, age 77.

Mrs. Wainwright had been an active member in all phases of the work at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville for many years.

She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, four sons, 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Wilkerson Funeral Home by her former pastor, James E. Howard, assisted by A. B. Chandler. Burial was in Farmville cemetery.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy; second, that we express our deepest appreciation for her devotion to the church for this long period of time; and third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to **The Free Will Baptist** for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Velma Harris
Marjie Davis
Charlotte Tripp

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In Memory of Vivian Rowe

by Mrs. Owen Arthur Jr.

Vivian Rowe has gone home. She left us for her heavenly home on November 3, 1972. It was a long road, started sixty-six years ago, and wound through childhood, marriage, children, grandchildren and the differing amounts of joy and tribulation that fill our lives with mountains and valleys, sunshine and shadows, laughter and tears. But Vivian traveled her road with a ready smile, a kind word for everyone, willing and working hands and laughter always waiting to break through. She made deep and lasting friends all along the way, but her deepest, longest and most dependable friendship and love was with our Lord. She believed in Him and what He told us and what He promised. She lived a good Christian life and leaned heavily on her great belief in prayer.

Two years ago, doctors gave Vivian two months to live. She prayed, and asked for our help in prayer . . . and we prayed. Vivian knew what prayer could do and proved it. There were good times and bad times, but her faith never wavered—her smile, though sometimes weaker, never disappeared. God gave her two extra years to live and gave us two extra years to have her with us. Her mental strength to endure suffering amazed us; her courage inspired us and her everlasting faith in prayer and God taught and encouraged us.

Her last words were, "Lord, take me home." Yes, her road was long and sometimes laborious, but those of us who traveled parts of it with her saw and shared in a splendid journey. We all believe her final request was answered: "Lord, take me home."

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RESOLUTION

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary adopted the following resolution in memory of one of its former auxiliary members.

MRS. LOMIE CREECH KORNEGAY
November 9, 1972

With feeling of deep regret and personal loss, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church wishes to record a member who went home to be with the Lord.

WHEREAS, she manifested her love for her Lord and attended auxiliary meetings as long as her health permitted.

WHEREAS, she was a woman of deep faith and boundless enthusiasm for every task assumed, practicing what she preached, and standing firm to her convictions and witnessing by her life and influence.

WHEREAS, this auxiliary wants to recognize the magnitude of her service and commend her example to all who serve the same Lord.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Auxiliary, do express to her family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased member, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press, and a copy be entered in the minutes of our auxiliary that all might know the depth of our feelings.

President: Mrs. B. L. Godwin
Secretary: Mrs. W. E. Crocker

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OUR BOYS

Dedicated to the Boys at Richmond Home for Boys

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill

Our boys are very special;
To me they mean a lot.
From the biggest, to the least—
They just don't know what they've got.
It is so nice to have them
Make a noise, and here and there a bang
Oh, what difference does it make?
Just as long as they are happy,
Playing, laughing with the gang.

I thank God for every boy,
Every grin upon his face.
He is all the world to me;
No one else can take his place.
He just needs a lot of love,
To help him grow strong and bold.
Because he is so special,
He is worth his weight in gold.

What would our world be today—
If it weren't for our boys?
It would be a dismal place to stay.
There would be no smiles or joy.
We are very proud to have a part,
To know and love our fine young men
Who are so very special:
They have a place within our hearts.

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THE QUICK AND POWERFUL WORD

An African pastor assigned to the pe ple in his Bible class a verse to be mem rized each week.

A woman confessed, "The pastor ga me a very hard verse to learn. As repeated it, 'Let not the sun go do upon your wrath,' I was pricked in heart. I remembered a sister in church with whom I had quarreled so years before, and to whom I had spoken since that day. It was easy me to learn.

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WHOM ARE YOU INVITING TO DINNER?

EDITORIAL...

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THE GUEST WHO'S COMING TO DINNER...

The meal is all prepared, placed on the table in formal or informal fashion, as the occasion merits. Aromas of favorite dishes prepared in excellent taste and trimmed according to the importance of the gathering fill the air and are welcomed by those who are about to partake. Mouths are watering for the first bite, a little impatience is observed by the hostess, and she says in her expectant tone, "Well, everything is ready. Now we can begin."

No one would dare lift a glass to his lips nor even unfold his napkin until the man of the house bows his head in reverent prayer to offer thanks for the food, remembering those who have less and those who have none. There is a certain quietness as the grace is offered, perhaps by habit rather than desire; and the prayer is recited matter-of-factly rather than prayed sincerely, offered in a monotone rather than with real feeling, often utilizing the same phrases or words so that what has been said is meaningless, merely a form rather than an act of reverent worship.

Then the clatter begins. Glasses are clinking, plates are clattering as they are lifted from their places, served with heaping helpings of potatoes and whatever happens to be on the various platters and trays and in the various bowls and dainty dishes. Food is eaten hastily, almost greedily, talk interrupting chewing and swallowing, drinking of coffee, tea, and water between mouthfuls of the tempting food.

The Lord had been spoken of in the prayer of thanks. He had been thanked for the food, asked to bless the hands that prepared it, asked to bless the fellowship around the table; and all of a sudden it seems as though He is forgotten. Seldom does His name arise during the course of the dinner. On the wall is seen a needlepoint framing of the old saying, "Jesus Is a Welcome Guest in This House," or some such expression; but if this be so, it appears that He has no place of honor.

Often, at such gatherings, be they at home or someplace else, conversations are such that would embarrass our Lord. All of us have heard of "fried preacher" or "broiled deacon," but "forgotten Lord" is worse. In discussing the eating of dinner (breakfast, supper, or whatever), one young lady prompted us to remember that the Lord is forgotten immediately after the saying of the "Amen." Notice, if you will, the clatter and clutter that accompany the meal, the uproarious laughter often ensuing, the possible snorts and scowls sometimes prevalent, and see if she is not correct in her observation.

Guess who's coming to dinner? Many people may be coming. Sometimes they are honored guests; then the best silver is used, the prettiest china, the most exquisite crystal—all the most treasured and elegant dishes are used for some one or several human beings whom we consider worthy of impressing.

Yet, at every table, at every meal should be one divine Guest—a much-forgotten and ignored One to be sure—but One who is forever present, whether we like it or not. That Guest is the Lord of heaven. Rather than a guest, however, He should be a member of the family. . . .

So, amid our noisy conversations, profane discourses, greedy "face feedings," and total indifferences to the serious eating of a meal with thankful hearts stands a guest—a silent, unthought of, unimposing, unnoticed, and often uncared about guest—mentioned only as a matter of course and as an impressive prelude to a sumptuous meal.

The next time you have a guest coming to dinner, make sure that there's a place for the Lord, too. All right?

Someday He will be inviting you to dinner perhaps. Have you ever heard of the marriage supper of the Lamb?

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KEY '73 PANORAMA

Saint Louis, Missouri—"If someone were to ask me what the message of Key '73 is, I would have to say quite simply, 'It's the Bible!' And if someone asked me what part of the Bible, I would have to say, 'the whole thing.' This is how Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on the Lutheran Hour, St. Louis, defined the purpose of Key '73, an interdenominational evangelism thrust aimed at calling the North American continent to Christ during the year 1973. Dr. Hoffmann was one of three speakers addressing the Key '73 panorama banquet in the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, one of the highlights of a meeting of some 400 top leaders in the movement.

Dr. Carl F. Henry, editor-at-large of **Christianity Today** magazine, spoke on "The Meaning of Key '73" and Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, superintendent of the Assemblies of God, told of "The Mandate of Key '73". Dr. Henry, who is credited with conceiving the idea of a cooperative evangelism outreach at a meeting of concerned churchmen near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Arlington, Virginia, five years ago, said the effort "has enlisted the cooperation of more denominations than any movement since the Protestant Reformation."

Key '73 presently involves more than 150 denominations and religious organizations, representing a potential involvement of 200,000 local congregations and over 100 million people. "Key '73 is broad enough," Dr. Henry said, "to send the message of the gospel throughout the United States and Canada."

Dr. Zimmerman told the religious leaders, "Key '73 is on the brink of going into orbit . . . but its success rests not in man, but on God." The church leader said that the mandate of Key '73 comes from Christ's words to His disciples when he told them to "go and make disciples of all people." "This mandate is an obligation for all followers of Christ," Dr. Zimmerman said. "We cannot choose an alternative. The essence of our struggle is not for the promotion of any denomination or group. We seek to set men free as only Christ can make men free."

Dr. Hoffmann told the group that he had already seen signs of the success of Key '73. "I was scheduled to speak at a meeting of Lutherans involved in Key '73 in Chicago," he said. "I was told that there would be about 500 people at the breakfast gathering. Then about two days before the meeting I was informed that there would be 800 people. That morning, when they opened the doors of the place, 1,346 people entered. We had to take away the tables and forget about the breakfast. They stayed from 7:30 to 11:30, wrapped up in Key '73." Dr. Hoffman said that this was an indication of what will happen "if we have a message to give."

"We have that message," he said. "It is the message of repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. And we must bring this message to our fellowmen with genuine feeling of love—love for our fellowmen that they might be won for Jesus Christ."

Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke, executive director of Key '73, served as master of ceremonies for the program. Others participating were Col. John Waldron, Salvation Army, New York City; Dr. Victor Nelson, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dr. Paul Benjamin, Churches of Christ, Lincoln, Illinois; Father Leonard R. Chambers, Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese, Springfield, Missouri; and Dr. Altha Baugh, American Baptist Churches in the USA, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke and Dr. Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernadino, California were interviewed live on Channel 11 on the purposes of Key '73. This 10-minute show was videotaped and will be shown in Chicago and in other cities in the next few weeks.

A gaze at the roster of delegates to the St. Louis panorama was like looking at a "Who's Who in American Christendom." The group heard speakers who indicated that "evangelism is now on the move!" Reports from every portion of the United States and every province in Canada indicated the growing grass roots response to the call for commitment to Christ in 1973. Delegates heard about "concurrent Bible studies in a million Christian homes, continental radio and television events linking hundreds of thousands of participating small groups, massive lay witnessing programs, coast-to-coast mass media evangelism rallies, creative resources for implementing local church programs, and thousands of area-wide evangelistic endeavors."

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, chairman of the Mass Media Committee, reported on the various radio and television events pertaining to the six phases beginning in late 1972 and continuing through the entire year of 1973 that started with the launch television special that was telecast for 30 minutes into nearly every community in the United States and Canada. The Mass Media Committee contacted hundreds of television stations for sustaining time on January 6, 1973, on key television stations throughout the United States and Canada. The coordinating center for the mass media efforts for the United States is under the supervision of Dr. Ben Armstrong, executive secretary of National Religious Broadcasters and chairman of the Sub-Committee on Mass Media. The Mass Media Office for the United States has been recently opened in the James Building, Madison, New Jersey 07940. The telephone number for this office is 201/377-4403.

The Rev. Ronn Kerr, chairman of Phase I, Launch Event, P .O. Box 40467, Nashville, Tennessee 37204, reported that "Faith in Action," the launch television special, was "a news-magazine style documentary about nine relatively recent converts to active Christian involvement. They came from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultural situations in the United States and Canada. While these Christians from various denominational

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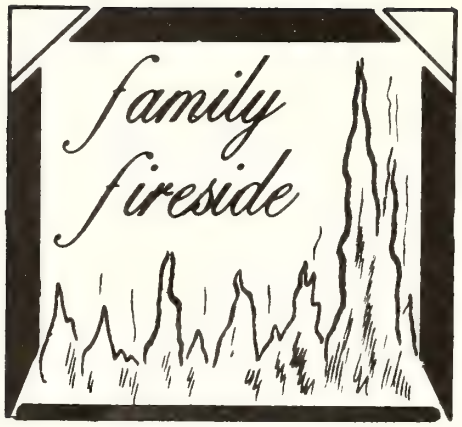

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Scripture Reading—Romans 14:1

"Why, It's Mine!"

"This is a gift from my son to you," said Dr. A. B. Simpson as he handed an orange to a little girl who was ill. Gratefully she received it.

Dr. Simpson then asked, "Whose orange is that?"

The little girl said, "Why, it's mine. You just gave it to me and I said 'Thank you.'"

"That's right," said Dr. Simpson. "When I offered you the orange, you reached forth your hand and took it. You didn't believe that I would snatch it back, did you?"

"No," said the little girl. "I knew that you would give it to me."

Then Dr. Simpson told her that God, in love and mercy, offers eternal life and a home in heaven to all who will receive them by faith. "As you received that orange, won't you now receive Jesus as your Saviour?"

A serious look came on the girl's face. Then, smiling broadly, she said, "I will."

As Dr. Simpson joyfully went his way, he knew that he had been the instrument used by God to bring salvation to that little girl.—*Told by Alice M. Knight.*

Prayer Thought

The act of giving can be a reward in itself if the giving brings a person to God.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Scripture Reading—Philemon 1:20

Confessions of a Communist

"There is only one thing about which I am in dead earnest—the Communist cause. It is my life, my business, my religion, my sweetheart and wife, my meat and bread. I work at it in the daytime and dream of it at night. Its hold on me grows, not lessens, as time goes on. I'll be in it the rest of my life. It is my alter ego. I am inseparably bound to it. I can't carry on a friendship, a love affair, or even a conversation without relating it to this force which both drives and guides my life. I evaluate people according to the Communist cause and their attitude toward it."

Throughout the centuries, there have been uncounted numbers of God's children who have been equally as devoted and dedicated to Christ, not counting their lives dear to themselves, that the cause of Christ might prosper.

Prayer Thought

Sincere, devoted workers are the answer to the world's problem in regard to christianity. We need more dedicated servants for Christ.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 13:11

An Old Man's Lament

When David Livingstone died in Africa, his body was brought back to London. The funeral cortege wended its way through the streets of London. Thousands of spectators stood silently and reverently as the procession passed.

One old man wept uncontrollably. A bystander said, "Sir, you seem completely brokenhearted. Was Dr. Livingstone your relative?"

The old man replied, "No, but he was a friend. He and I finished college together. We were both equally prepared. He gave himself to God to serve Him as a missionary in Africa. I decided to use my abilities to become rich and famous. I amassed wealth and succeeded in my profession. Wouldn't it break your heart if you had lived only for the empty, passing glory of this world, as I have done?"

Prayer Thought

Wealth, success, glory, etc., may seem nice to have, but wouldn't God's blessing upon your heart be far more glorious?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 5:12

Starved with $274,000 in Closet

"She starved with $274,000 in Her Closet!" This headline, with the subhead, "Find $200,000 More in Banks," lured millions of readers of daily newspapers over the nation to read one of the most bizarre stories about a frail widow who starved to death in her dreary, fire-charred Staten Island, New York, flat.

The widow's name was Mrs. Emma Buhl DeHart. Besides the money discovered in her flat and in banks, she owned hundreds of shares of stock. Her total assets came to about half a million dollars. Her wealth had been largely untouched during her lifetime. She ate skimpily. She saved boxes and wrappings to burn in her stove. It was her habit, in later years, to arise about noon and go to a nearby dime store for a sandwich. She died intestate—without a will. A court fight was precipitated by nephews and nieces, claimants of the estate of the deceased.

Prayer Thought

Suffer, yes, but if we must suffer may it be for God's love for us.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:2

Not Between Candles in a Cathedral

The Cross and its message should never be withdrawn from the marketplace where the irrevelant, unanchored, shepherdless multitude mills and mingles.

Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a Cross between two thieves. He was crucified by a crossroads where the throng was so racially and linguistically diverse that it was necessary to write the title over His Cross in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. In this place, vulgar men talked obscenities, thieves cursed and blasphemed, and soldiers gambled. The Saviour died that this sordid, sin-sodden condition might be changed.

Christ's church can fulfill its divinely apportioned mission only by living a crucified life and by ministering to the slaves of sin, greed and lust, whether among the affluent or among the crowd on skid row.

All graduations of mankind need the heart - transforming, character - ennobling message of the Cross. There is no substitute for it.

Prayer Thought

Why do some of us go to such length to receive God's salvation? All we must do is to ask for His forgiveness in sincere truth and accept it when He gives it.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:18

"Try the Home"

Richard Baxter was a mighty man of God. For three years he preached in a wealthy parish in England. His messages were characterized by zeal and power. There were little or no visible results, however. He became discouraged.

One day he pleaded, "O God, You must do something with these people or I'll die!"

God seemed to say to him, "You've put forth your best efforts in the wrong place. You've expected a revival to come through the church. Try the home."

Baxter began systematically and regularly to call in the homes of the people. He often spent entire evenings in their homes. He helped parents to start family worship with their children. Before long, revival fires began to burn in the church.

We are slow to learn that it is more essential to ring doorbells than church bells. Only the going-out church will survive in our day when the overwhelming majority of the people never attend any church.

Prayer Thought

Yes, the going-out church is important but the true house of worship is still the church itself.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 1:21

Wanted: Better Men

John Wesley did a wonderful work among the miners of Cornwall. Whole villages were changed. Scores of evildoers were transformed.

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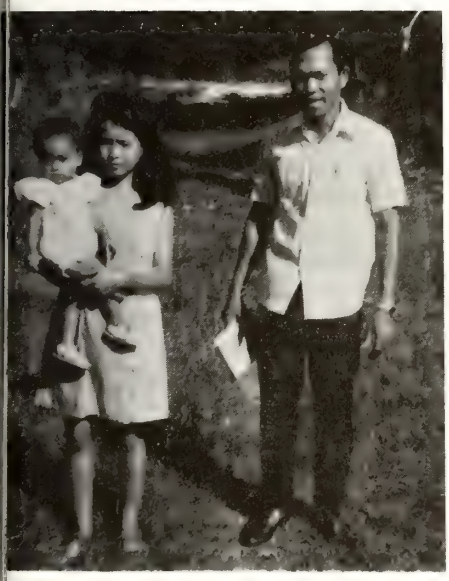
MISSIONS

MEET THE DELA ROSA FAMILY



The Dela Rosa Family

On November 11, 1972, a new worker was employed in the Philippines. His name is Lorenzo Dela Rosa. He was born on September 23, 1945. His parents were tenant farmers and their life was rather poor, but still many opportunities were opened to Bro. Dela Rosa. A Methodist missionary led him to the Lord and later he became a lay preacher of southern Luzon for the Methodist church. After serving as a lay preacher for a few years, he was able to return to high school and was graduated in 1966. In the year 1970 he was married to Marcelina Dayao of Tarlac. They now have a daughter, Alma, who is one year and four months old.

Because of a land problem on Luzon, the whole Dela Rosa clan left Luzon in 1971 and came to Palawan as homesteaders. It was during this time that we came to know Bro. Dela Rosa. He helped us quite a bit in our work from the time we first met him. His sincerity and honesty led us to pray about asking him to join us in the work here.

Bro. Dela Rosa will pastor the new church just established in Puerto Princesa. His first service was held on November 26, 1972, with about 40 people present.

We are thankful to have this dedicated family as a member of our team here. Please remember them in your prayers.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE EXTREMELY SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE

by Z. I. Perocillo

We know that every tribe, nation, and people around the world has its own kind of superstition. But the superstitious practices of this tribe with which we are working now are in the extreme.

The superstition is in the extreme because it is deeply rooted in their minds and is so widely practiced that it becomes indistinguishable between their way of life and their life itself.

For example, Brother Harold Jones and I met a couple whose two small children, ages two and four, were seriously ill. Out of sympathy for those two young ones, we requested that the parents bring them to the doctor for treatment. We even offered ourselves to accompany them. But the mother refused because the children had already been taken to a witch doctor who lives 50 kilometers away by a rough road. The medical doctor in a free government hospital is only half a kilometer away.

Each of these children had an "anti-witch" trinket attached to their clothes. This, they believed, drives away the bad spirits that cause sickness.

When we left, both children were gasping for air. The mother was just unconcerned. But what puzzles me most is the fact that this mother had finished a college degree in a Roman Catholic college. Yet, she seemed to prefer death for her two children rather than to violate the order of the witch doctor.

The case cited above is a typical superstitious practice and represents the mental attitude of most members of this tribe called "Coyuno" (people from the island of Cuyo, Palawan), and even for all the tribal people in the Philippines.

The Tagbanua, which we will soon contact and evangelize, are a nomadic tribe. We are informed that many of them are naked. Thus, we expect that they are more superstitious than this tribe dwelling in the city. Nevertheless, we expect them to respond to the gospel message because the clutches of the Roman Cathdolic Church are very much lesser there than for those residing in the town proper.

My general observation of many of our people coming from the different places and ethnic groups all over the country is the fact that they are still superstitious. And these superstitious practices and attitudes make them poor and dishonest. The earliest church in our country is greatly to be blamed because they made christianity for the people so easy. Imagine that according to their belief they are Christian because the priest has baptized them. And when they sin, they can easily go to the priest and make confession, and the priest forgives their sins. When they die in sin, their loved ones who are still living can pay twenty-four pesos for the souls of their departed kin, thus transferring that soul from purgatory to heaven. As a song writer puts it, "Sinner or saint does not matter."

Communicating the gospel message to these people aforementioned is quite hard. Superstitious beliefs which are sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Church or even incorporated into the institutional church beliefs bridge into different types of vices and sins. Gambling, drinking, adultery, etc., are for many people a means of living and a way of life itself.

But in spite of all of these obstacles I feel confident and optimistic that we will still be able to see thousands of converts to Christ in our lifetime. The people's beliefs in different spirits could be directed to belief in God. And this is happening, as evidenced by last Sunday's church attendance of 40 adults (November 26, 1972).

I just feel that this trend will continue, and more so when we reach the nomadic tribes, the less superstitious groups in the Visayas and Luzon islands. The ray of light of the gospel message is always superior to the widespread darkness of ignorance and superstition. The history of missions is full of evidence for this belief. Superstition, vices, cruelty, and sins of the ancient Roman Empire were unparalleled. But when

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Bowen Honored at Tenth Anniversary, First Church, Wilson

Mr. Roman Lucas (left) presents plaque to the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

During regular worship services on Sunday, December 17, members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, surprised the Rev. C. F. Bowen with a special program commemorating his tenth anniversary as their pastor.

Howard Whitley, general superintendent of the Sunday school, read Mr. Bowen's challenge to the church, first printed in the church bulletin of December 16, 1962.

E. J. "Red" Hawley, superintendent of the adult department, who was in charge of the service, explained a pastor's role in the church and traced Mr. Bowen's church, denominational, and social accomplishments during this decade.

The church has reroofed the sanctuary, reworked the air conditioning, purchased four additional lots, added a steeple, educational building, clubhouse, full-time secretary, full-time educational and music director, sexton, new parsonage, and new organ, and started a church library and a weekly paper, which Mr. Bowen now edits.

James Cooke, from Kinston, who was chairman of the board in 1962, and Kenneth Raper, from Greenville, choir director in 1962, were recognized.

Church membership has increased from 406 to 744, and the budget has climbed from $12,555 to $69,102.

Testimonies were heard from Pam Temple, missionary candidate, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina; John Melancon, licensed minister, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina; Dwight Hawley, licensed minister, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; and Doug Skinner, ordained minister, Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana. Debbie Lancaster, Christian educational director, Columbia Bible College, was not present. These five young people have accepted the call to full-time Christian service under the leadership of Mr. Bowen.

Miss Alane Vester, music director, directed the choir in singing "Beautiful Star." This was also the choral special on December 16, 1962.

Special recognition was given Mr. Bowen's family for their contributions and also for their sacrifices to the church.

On behalf of the church, Mr. Roman Lucas, chairman of the board, presented Mr. Bowen with a plaque listing ten of the major accomplishments, and the church participated in a special anniversary love offering.

Following the service, the Rev. and Mrs. Bowen, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bowen from Greensboro, North Carolina, and out-of-town guests were entertained by the Sunday school staff and their families at a luncheon at a local restaurant.

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Outdoor Production Featured At Gum Swamp Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 17, was a bitter, cold night, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of the people of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, as they assembled at 6 p.m. to watch an outdoor Christmas program entitled "The Living Christmas." The reader for the play was the pastor of the church, the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The staging for the play was very beautiful, touching, and effective. Several different areas central to the Christmas story were shown: the home of Mary prior to her marriage to Joseph, the home of Zacharias and Elisabeth, the field where the shepherds watched their flocks, the throne of King Herod, and the stable with its manger. Live animals were used in the presentation: In the scene with the shepherds, the little lambs looked very cute as they moved about playfully; and, as Joseph took his family to flee from Herod, Mary and the Babe rode a donkey.

Five scenes composed the play. Scene 1 found Zacharias in the temple as he was approached by an angel who told him of the great event soon to occur in the lives of his wife Elisabeth and him. Scene 2 portrayed the Annunciation. The angel appeared to Mary, announced that she was to bear a Son, and that that Son would be called the Son of God. The bewilderment of Mary was very apparent, as she questioned how this great thing was to come to pass.

In Scene 3 occurred the jubilation of Zacharias and Elisabeth over their expected baby, followed by the equal joy expressed by Elisabeth toward Mary that she too was to bear a son. The action of the play then moved forward in time for Scene 4 to the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. The happy event showed wonderfully in the faces of Mary and Joseph.

The fifth and final scene showed the adoration of the Christ Child by the shepherds and the wise men. The scene closed swiftly as Mary and Joseph hurried to flee from the evil attempt of King Herod to destroy the Babe whom he believed might threaten his earthly throne. King Herod sat on his throne throughout the program.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Gabriel . . . . . Steve Little
Zacharias . . . . . Jimmy Peaden
Mary . . . . . Pauline Tucker
Crowd . . . Charles Tucker, Gary Brown, Jane Mayo, Kathy Harris, Lisa Mayo, Cindy Carraway
Elisabeth . . . . . Faye Little
Angels . . Nola Jones, Linda Wallace, Rhonda Wallace, Linda Filligame, Lori Brown
Shepherds . . Ronnie Brown, David Carraway, Paul James, Mike Carraway, Ricky Brown
Joseph . . . . . Ashley Carraway
Herod . . . . . James Williams
Wise Men . . Kent Brown, Ricky Teel, Eddie James

Other participants in the drama were Celia Reddick, who read an interesting and inspiring poem entitled "Happy Birthday, Jesus"; Gina Brown, who portrayed a child praying; and the choir, which sang Christmas carols between the scenes. Choir members included

teve Flynn, Wallace Williams, Bernard Willis, Donna Simpkins, Janette Spain, nd Carolyn Mayo. The music director was Donna Simpkins. The organist was eggy Willis.

At the completion of the outdoor program, the group went inside the church o see a Christmas program presented y the younger children. Marie Carraway was the announcer for this presentation.

The toddlers' class began the program with the song, "Happy Birthday, Jesus," irected by teachers Peggy Williams and adine Forbes. The beginners' class presented "Welcome and Songs," under the irection of teachers Pauline Tucker and anette Spain. The combined primary nd junior classes presented a playlet ntitled "Come Ye Faithful Wise Men." eachers for the primary class, Annie ess Lewis and Donna Simpkins, and for e junior class, Pat James and Ollie mpkins, helped with the production. he narrator was Tammy Peaden. The ast of characters was as follows: Susan Williams, Paul Tucker, Kim Carraway, ita Clark, Darlene Clark, Lisa Carraway, ynn Pollard, Mark James, Kevin Wallace, iff Harris, Randy Jones, and Jeffrey pain.

At the conclusion of the play, the roup present exchanged Christmas gifts. he gifts were distributed by the superintendent of the Sunday school, Ashley arraway, with other helpers.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree nd other Christmas decorations were one by Mrs. Earl Lewis and Mrs. J. T. upree. As those attending the evening's festivities departed, a bag of confectioneries was presented to each one. veryone leaving could say, "It was indeed good to have been in the house f the Lord tonight."

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entative Plans Announced for inisters' Institute by Hansley

During the past year, many ministers ave expressed their desire to continue e Ministers' Institute. Tentative plans re to have an institute this summer.

Please keep in mind that this institute ill be completely under the direction f the North Carolina Free Will Baptist inisterial Association, including the lanning of the program.

Since we have the facilities, with aironditioned classrooms and dormitories, t our college in Mount Olive, we have sked Dr. Raper if we could hold such n institute on the campus of the college.

The college has agreed to serve as host and has agreed upon the following charges: (1) $25 for the total charge for room and board during the Institute. This packaged price will include four nights (with single rooms if the men prefer) and meals Monday night through Friday noon in the college cafeteria. Included in this price will be linen and towels. (2) In a prorated charge (if persons do not stay for the entire length of the Institute), the charge will be $4 per night and the regular charge for meals—breakfast, $.75; lunch, $1; and dinner, $1.

We will have to pay a tuition to take care of the expense of the institute. This has been set by the Executive Committee of the Ministerial Association to be $10.

Dr. John Carlton

Dr. John Carlton delivered the annual Christmas sermon at Mount Olive College on December 5, 1972. He is adjunct professor of preaching at the Divinity School of Duke University and professor of preaching at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Dr. Carlton received his B.A. degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and his D.D. and Ph.D. degrees at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. He studied two years at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and completed one year of postdoctoral study at Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York.

The program for the Ministerial Association for the past two years has been on "Evangelism." Preaching to the needs of our people is a most important point in the program of evangelism. When we talk of preaching, we discuss how you deliver your sermon and what you say in your sermon. How do you organize a sermon? How effective are your sermons? Are you using good illustrations? Do you find that you have a good sermon on Sunday morning and on Sunday night, one that is not so good? Is your delivery the reason people seem not to listen? How many people have you won to Christ through your preaching lately? How long are your sermons? How are your manners in the pulpit? Do you speak too loud or not loud enough? Does your voice indicate excitement about your subject? Lectures, informal discussions, films, and workshops in an institute could cause your evangelistic sermons to become more effective and to better meet the needs of our people. I think this is the kind of thing that we ministers need, don't you?

Tentative plans have been made with Dr. Carlton to work with us next summer. We will hear him preach at night, lecture in the morning, conduct informal discussions on his lectures, and work with us during workshop. Be present to join with the ministers of our ranks across the state. Come prepared to volunteer to preach, to plan, and to work on your preaching and the delivery of your sermons. **Don't forget your tape machines.**

Further information regarding the plans of the institute will be released as soon as they are completed.

—The Rev. David C. Hansley

Coming Events . . .

January 27—Western Conference Youth Fellowship, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

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Money

Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintance, but not friends; servants, but not loyalty; days of joy, but not peace or happiness.—Henrik Ibsen.

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THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD

Robert Moffat, a pioneer missionary to Africa, stated, "If I had a thousand lives and a thousand bodies, I would not devote them to any other employment than preaching the gospel to those who have heard the joyful sound."

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Meet the New Superintendent

Mr. Sammy Weeks

Mr. Sammy Weeks is a native Texan, but adopted the State of North Carolina as his home in 1952 while in the Marine Corps. He married Miss Gladys P. Brown of Newport, North Carolina and has been a resident of Newport since. Mr. Weeks retired from the Marine Corps in 1970 with the rank of captain after serving 21 years. Mr. Weeks served overseas in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. His duties consisted of planning, operation, and administrative and training management. Since his retirement he has graduated from East Carolina University.

Mr. Weeks united with the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Newport in 1964. He has served as Sunday school teacher, chairman of the advisory board of the Carteret County Free Will Baptist Youth Fellowships, and superintendent of the Sunday school at Holly Springs.

Not only is Mr. Weeks interested in church and youth work, but he is active in the Rotary Club, is a past president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and is also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have five children: Bobby, age 19; Billy, age 18; Brenda, age 15; Betty, age 12; and Benny, age 10.

You are requested to pray and also help to support Mr. Weeks in this great responsibility as he directs the operation of our Home.

To become better acquainted with our superintendent, you are invited to visit on campus at your convenience.

This is our superintendent. Let each of us support him and his program of child care.

A. Graham Lane

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"The Book of a Thousand Tongues Now Available

"The Book of a Thousand Tongues," edited by Eugene A. Nida, has been published by the United States Societies.

A 536-page compendium of the 1,399 languages and dialects spoken by more than 97 percent of the world's people, this book shows an actual sample of each language from Abbe' to Zuni reproduced from Scriptures printed in these languages.

This is a new updated edition of a book by the same name, "The Book of a Thousand Tongues," edited by Eric M. North and published for the American Bible Society by Harper & Brothers in 1938.

The updated volume can be ordered through the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023, postpaid for $15.95.

The United Bible Societies' volume of "The Book of a Thousand Tongues" is a unique catalog of the languages of the world in which at least one complete book of the Bible had been published by the end of 1968.

An example of each language is shown, together with a brief note on the people who speak it and a history of Bible translation in the language.

Some examples are given of how languages, which had been spoken but never written, were reduced to written form. Some of the people who participated in this highly skilled form of translation are introduced.

The history of the Bible Society movement, which started about 170 years ago when the Bible existed in only 67 languages, can be traced from its pages.

In a preface to the book, the Most Rev. F. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of New York and the president of the United Bible Societies, asserts that the Bible is the book which removes spiritual poverty and moral blindness and is the book for all people.

In his introduction, Dr. Nida sketches the history of the translation of the Bible from early Christian efforts to translate it into the dominant languages of the ancient world to the present day with its dynamic "common language" translations.

Dr. Nida, who is one of the world's authorities in linguistics and cultural anthropology, has been executive secretary of the American Bible Society's Translations Department since 1955, and has been associated with the Society's translation work for more than 25 years. He also is translations research coordinator for the United Bible Societies, a fellowship of 55 national Bible Societies with work in more than 150 countries and territories.

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A Childish Ignorance

I remember, I remember
The fir-trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky:
It was a childish ignorance,
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heav'n
Than when I was a boy.

—Thomas Hood

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The Bible

We search the world for truth; we cull
the good, the pure, the beautiful,
From all old flower fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

—Whittier

A BULLETIN TO ALL FREE WILL BAPTIST PASTORS

Our North Carolina State Convention has established a Church Extension Department for home missions that will be responsible for establishing new churches here in the continental United States. Our other mission department, headed by Brother Joe Ingram, will oversee foreign missions.

This new department has its own separate treasury, but will work in harmony with other existing mission departments throughout our denomination. We cannot afford to fail because if we do, it could cause a serious setback in home mission work.

We are depending on our pastors to keep a sharp eye on this matter and to be on constant watch for possible mission points and mission workers. Perhaps your church might like to sponsor a new mission in your area. We believe that our churches have the necessary resources and will rally to this outreach for Christ if they are well informed and if they receive the proper encouragement and support.

Please include the Church Extension Department (home missions) in your church budget for 1973; we have no money at all with which to work at the present. Please, we need mission workers and financial support immediately. Our mailing address is as follows: The Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary and Treasurer, Free Will Baptist Church Extension, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305. The telephone number is 485-3980.

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FORGETTING AND REACHING FORTH

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

On Sunday we closed the volume of the old year of 1972 and now we look forward to the New Year of 1973. As we do so, let us forget the failures and sins which God in His grace has forgiven and reach out for those spiritual attainments which will make us more fruitful Christians.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

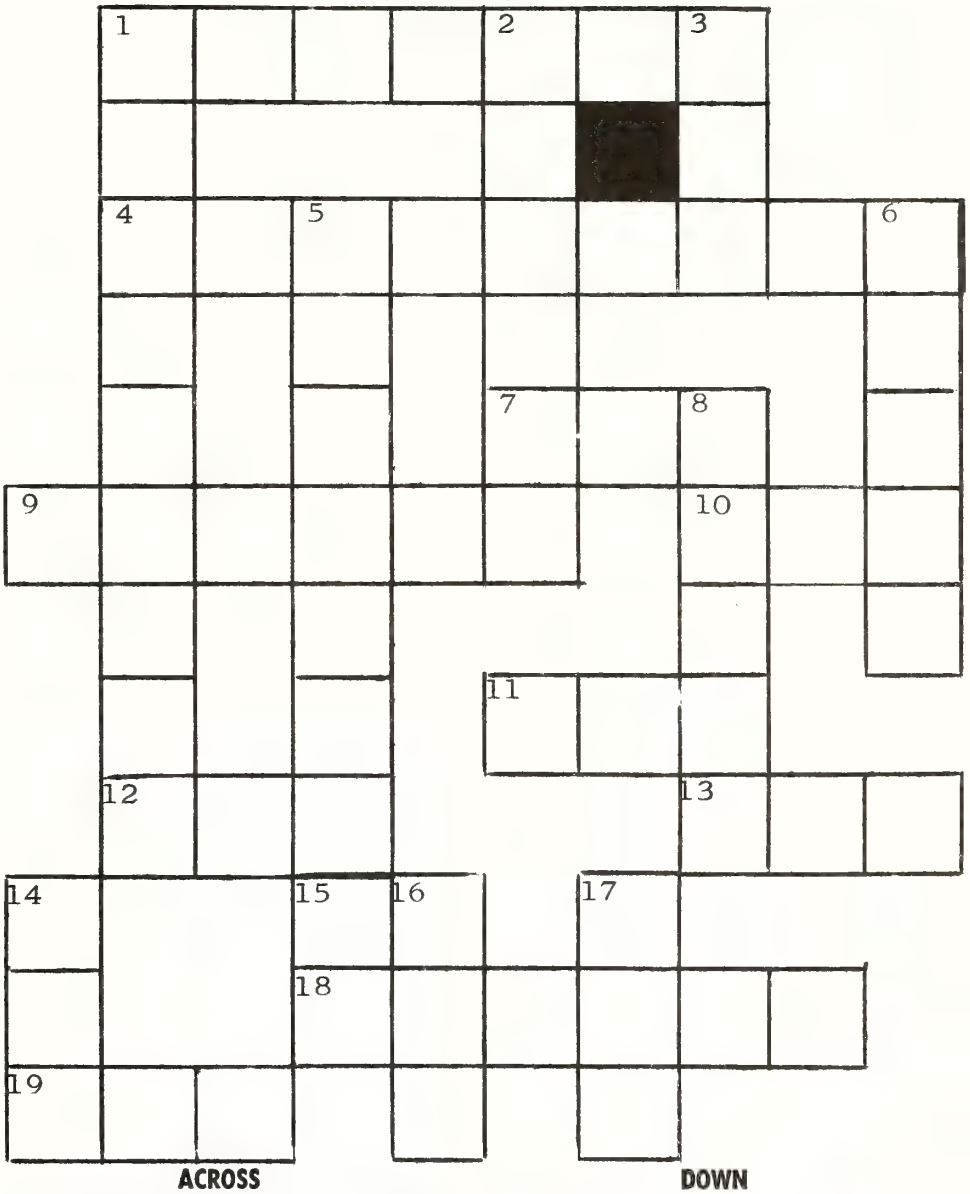
Prayerfully yours,
Arnold Woodlief
Evangelist

Give Us the Strength

Give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving one to another.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

FUN WITH CROSSWORDS

by Karen Register



ACROSS

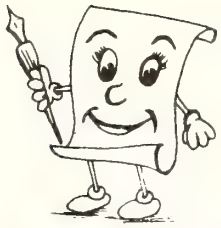
1. One of largest provinces in Palestine (Luke 23:6)
4. City in Mark 5:20
7. Male sheep; sacrificed in place of Isaac
9. _____ confession: "Thou art the Christ"
10. In the past; in time gone by
11. Joshua's father (Exodus 33:11)
12. Body of water
13. Noah's transportation
15. Abraham's homeland
18. Land in which Abraham offered up Isaac (Genesis 22:2)
19. Fifth son of Jacob (Genesis 30:6)

DOWN

1. Land of the _____ (Mark 5:1)
2. Met Jesus in Luke 17:12
3. A measure of length rarely used now
5. City on northwest shore of Sea of Galilee (Matthew 4:13)
6. The Hebrew underworld
8. Food from heaven
14. Jacob's seventh son (Genesis 30:11-13)
16. "A _____ out of the stem of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1)
17. City in Egypt (Ezekiel 30:15)

See next week's issue of **The Free Will Baptist** for answers.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

THEY CHANGED THE CALENDAR

Are you looking forward to the New Year? Be glad it isn't 1752, that confusing year in which the calendar was changed.

The Roman calendar had only ten months until January and February were added in the seventh century B. C., and an extra month was inserted every second year. It became a calendar of confusion when officials either omitted or inserted these months to hasten or delay elections.

In 45 B. C., Julius Caesar fixed the normal year at 365 days with the following year and each fourth year thereafter a leap year. He also named July for himself.

Not to be outdone, his successor, Augustus, gave the following month his name, and borrowed a day from February so that August would be as long as July.

The revised Roman calendar still had an error of 11 minutes and 14 seconds each year. In A.D. 325 the vernal equinox occurred on March 21, but by 1582 it was on March 11. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII published a bull annulling 10 days, and what would have been October 5 became October 15. He also set century years evenly divisible by 400 as leap years: 1600 and 2000 are leap years, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 are not.

The Gregorian calendar was slowly accepted throughout Europe. When it was adopted in England in 1752, the third of September was followed by the 13th. The beginning of the year was also changed from March 25 to January 1. Therefore, December 31, 1750 was followed by January 1, 1750 (same year), but December 31, 1752 was followed by January 1, 1753 (new year).

The new year ends the Christmas celebration—the old year; and we feel that the new year is a chance for a fresh start.

It seems very appropriate to me that Christmas and New Year's Day are so close together, for as soon as Christ is born into one's life, it becomes a new year. Definitely, for His people, ". . . old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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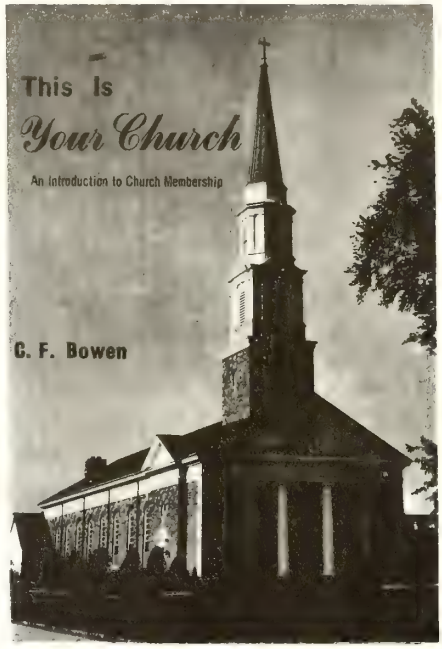
Cragmont Treasurer's Report for November

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of November, 1972:

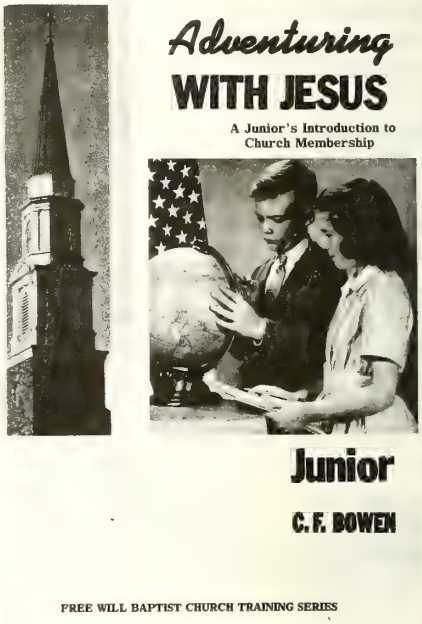
Balance November 1, 1972		$ 8,911.33
Receipts		
Churches	$ 982.32	
Sunday School Convention	47.00	
Sunday Schools	158.95	
Unions	207.38	
Auxiliaries	224.00	
Leagues	139.98	
Gifts	105.00	
Department of Revenue	137.26	
NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Eastern Conference	620.05	
NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Western Conference	100.00	
Refund for Camp Opening	1,000.00	
Camp Fund—the Rev. Bruce Barrow	4,734.99	
Total Receipts		8,456.93
Total for Which to Account		$17,368.26
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses		256.67
Balance December 1, 1972 (Checking Account)		$17,111.59
Savings		2,366.17
Grand Total		$19,477.76

AIDS TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Two booklets are available now through the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation for new church members or for those who are contemplating membership in the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Rev. C. F. Bowen is the writer of each. **This Is Your Church; An Introduction to Church Membership** is primarily intended for adults and has



been received favorably since its publication in 1968. **Adventuring with Jesus; A Junior's Introduction to Church Membership** is just off the presses and is intended, as the title says, for juniors preparing for church membership. All persons who have reviewed it have been



very keenly impressed with the quality of Mr. Bowen's work. Each booklet, priced at 50 cents, may be purchased at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina, and at branch bookstores in New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson, North Carolina. You may also order directly from the Press.

We hope that your church will take advantage of these specially prepared helps for those unfamiliar with the requirements, duties, and privileges of membership as a Free Will Baptist.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: I have read something which indicates that the Godhead consists of only two persons, the Father and the Son. This would in turn seem to indicate that the Spirit is not a person, since the word is found in the neuter gender in the Greek Bible. Please give your view.

Answer: The Holy Spirit is set forth in the Bible as being a divine person coequal and coexistent with God the Father and God the Son. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27). Here we have the Spirit referred to as a person performing the personal duties of a divine person. He helps our infirmities. Even though we have in the King James Version, "the Spirit itself maketh intercession," the Revised Version renders it "the Spirit Himself," etc. As for the argument that the word "Spirit" is in the Greek neuter gender and should therefore be translated "it" and not "He," the gender is irrelevant. The word for "Spirit" in the Old Testament is feminine in gender for that matter, but is none the less the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, the "Comforter," who is identified in John as the Holy Ghost, is masculine in gender. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; . . . . But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:16, 26); "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26); "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7, 8).

The Spirit searches, makes intercession, comforts, teaches, and makes the things of Christ applicable to us. He has a mind, a will, and is sent by both the Son and the Father to take the place of Christ as "another" Comforter. The Father sent Christ, but also the Holy Spirit sent Him when He came to die for us. The Spirit compelled Him or bore Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.

Many passages in Paul's writings would not be clearly understood by their readers if the Holy Spirit were anything other than a divine person, for example: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

He is not only set forth in the Bible as a Person, but a divine Person distinct and equal to the Father and the Son. "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies" (Philippians 2:1). How could an "it" dwell in us (as seen in John 14:16, 17), indicate, teach, or remind us (as seen in John 14:26), or suggest or reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (as seen in John 16:8-11)? How could an "it" make intercession? We are therefore justified in rendering "He" after "the Spirit" in Romans 8:27, and we should, in the general light of what the Bible teaches, regard it incorrect to do otherwise.

The baptismal formula includes the Spirit's name with the Father's and Son's: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). The apostolic benediction is stated similarly in 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Dr. William Evans in his book **The Great Doctrines of the Bible** has this to say on Pages 110-111:

"Identification with Christians. Acts 15:28. 'For it seemeth good to the Holy Ghost, and to us.' Shall we say, 'It seemeth good to **the wind** and to us'? It would be absurd. 10:38—'How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power.' Shall we read, 'Anointed . . . with **power** and power'? Romans 15:13—'That ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.' Shall we read, "That ye may abound in hope through the power of the **power'?** See also Luke 4:14. Would not these passages rebel against such tautological and meaningless usage? Most assuredly.

"d) Personal Characteristics are Ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit is represented as searching the deepest and profoundest truths of God, and possessing knowledge of His counsels sufficiently to understand His purposes (1 Corinthians 2:10, 11). Could a mere influence do this? See also Isaiah 11:3; 1 Peter 1:11.

"Spiritual gifts are distributed to believers according to the **will** of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). Here is wisdom, prudence and discretion, all of which are distinguishing marks of personality. The Spirit not only bestows spiritual gifts, but bestows them discreetly according as He thinks best. See John 3:8 also.

"The Spirit is said to have a **mind,** and that implies thought, purpose, determination: Romans 8:27, cf. v. 7. Mind is an attribute of personality.

"e) Personal Acts Are Ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

"The Spirit **speaks:** Revelation 2:7 (cf. Matthew 17:5—'Hear ye him.') It is the Spirit who speaks through the apostles (10:20). Speech is an attribute of personality.

"The Spirit **maketh intercession:** Romans 8:26 (R. V.), cf. Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1, 2, where Christ is said to 'make intercession.'

"Acts 13:2; 16:6, 7; 20:28. In these passages the Holy Spirit is seen **calling** missionaries, **overseeing** the church, and **commanding** the life and practice of the apostles and the whole church. Such acts indicate personality.

"f) The Holy Spirit Is Susceptible to Personal Treatment.

"He may be **grieved** (Ephesians 4:30); **insulted** (Hebrews 10:29); **lied to** (Acts 5:3); blasphemed and sinned against (Matthew 12:31, 32). Indeed, the sin

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STORIES

for our youth

DARK SPECK ON THE ICE

by Eve Hamilton

TEN-YEAR-OLD Ronnie Thompson, reading in his bedroom, heard a commotion in the kitchen. Knowing that his lively dog, Pal, was probably involved, he dashed to her aid. Mom was in the process of pushing Pal outdoors.

"Mom!" Ronnie cried. "Be reasonable! Don't put her out in this cold."

"Reasonable? Do you call it reasonable when she tracks dirt across my clean floor?" She glanced out the window. "The garage door is open. She can go in there. Why did I ever allow you to keep her?"

"Don't blame her, Mom. Blame me. I let her in because it's so cold outside, and she doesn't feel well," Ronnie said.

Ronnie rubbed a hand across his eyes to brush away a stubborn tear, then turned, and went back to his room. Maybe he shouldn't have talked Mom into letting him keep the stray dog.

Pal's decision to have a family seemed to upset Mother, too. Ronnie hoped that someone would take the puppies when they arrived and give them a good home. Maybe if he prayed very hard—His thoughts were interrupted by Mom's voice in the kitchen.

"Bob," she called to Ronnie's father, "I can't find little Danny. He was playing in the snow a few minutes ago when I put that dog outside."

"I'll come up and take a look," his father called from the basement. Ronnie heard him close the door as he went outside.

In a few minutes he was back. "Danny's not out there," Ronnie's father said in an anxious tone of voice. "Some little boy up the street said that Danny was walking down toward the river."

"Oh, God, help us!" Mom cried. "I'll get my coat!" Ronnie hurried to the kitchen. "Put on your coat and boots, Ronnie, and come with us," Mother said. "Danny's lost, and it's getting dark!"

A small crowd was gathered near the icy pier. Someone was holding Danny and was trying to comfort the four-year-old child who was sobbing loudly.

"What happened?" Bob Thompson cried, taking Danny in his arms.

"You almost lost little Danny," a neighbor said. "He went out on the ice, and that dog of Ronnie's dragged him back."

"She did?" Ronnie cried. "Where's Pal now?"

The neighbor shook his head. "Out there." He pointed toward the water. "When I glanced out there and saw the dog pulling Danny back, I ran out and met them at the end of the pier. I picked up Danny and carried him back here.

"When I looked back, the dog was crouched on the ice, whimpering. Before I could get back to her, the piece of ice she was on broke loose and started to drift down river."

"That thaw we had a couple days ago weakened the ice," Dad said. "Look, you can still see her out there." He pointed to a dark speck on the ice floe. "Her puppies are due just about any time."

"Can't we do something, Dad?" Ronnie cried. "We can't leave her out there!"

"I'll go to the house and get the car," Dad said. "We'll start down the river road. Maybe the floe will drift toward the bank. I can't think of anything else to do. It is too dangerous to try a boat—the river's too frozen."

"We'll wait here while you get the car," Mom said, giving Ronnie a sympathetic look. "I'm sorry about Pal. She did save Danny's life."

"I know, Mom," Ronnie answered. "I'm going into the grocery store for a minute."

Dad drove up just as Ronnie came out of the grocery store. "Come on," he said. "I wish we had some moonlight tonight. Is Danny all right?"

"He'll be fine," Mom said as she lifted him into the car.

As they followed the floe downriver in the dim light, it appeared to stop, then shoot forward again. In a few minutes complete darkness enveloped them. Several times his dad stopped the car, and Ronnie got out and pointed a flashlight beam across the water, but the settling fog formed a barrier. Once they thought they heard Pal's barking. Ronnie shouted to her, but his voice was swallowed up by the night wind. Hurrying back to the car, Ronnie prayed, "Please, God, help Pal."

At a sharp bend in the river, where the shifting currents swirled toward the bank, several men were gathered. A powerful searchlight, with a beam that cut through the fog, played on the water.

"What's going on?" Dad asked the men as he pulled to a stop.

"I'm Mr. Deams of the Humane Society," one man answered. "Are you the Thompsons?" Dad nodded. "I left as soon as your boy called. This seems the most likely spot to intercept the ice floe."

"I didn't know you called anyone," Mom said.

"I called from the grocery store at the pier," Ronnie answered.

"How did you know to call the Humane Society?" Dad asked.

"Mr. Deams visited our school a while back and said that if we ever knew of an animal that needed help to call him, so I did."

"I'm glad you did, son," Mr. Deams said.

"Can you save her?" Ronnie pleaded.

"A big boat is ready to push the floe to the bank the moment it reaches the bend—right now!" Mr. Deams said, as the floe came into view. Tense with excitement, their eyes following the path of the searchlight, Ronnie and the others watched as a large boat headed for the middle of the river. Two men clutched long poles with hooks attached to one end. Slowly they began to force the ice floe toward the bank.

Ronnie hopped from the car and start-

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A Tribute to the Editor

by David C. Hansley, President
North Carolina Ministerial Association

Many of you know our editor, Tommy Manning, by his picture which appears on the editorial page of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST and through his weekly editorials and occasional articles which appear in the "Baptist." Others of you know him as a musician and a composer, a lay speaker, an artist, a photographer, and a successful director of youth camps at Cragmont Assembly, located at Black Mountain, North Carolina. And, many of you know him personally as a likable young man with various talents which he uses freely and ably whenever called upon.

There are some things about Tommy that he would not tell about himself, for by nature he is unassuming and has a certain humility that causes him embarrassment whenever someone commends him publicly. As has been said, "To whom much is given, much is required," and to Tommy our Lord has given much ability, much innate talent; and he makes every effort to give his best in all situations. He has been called a perfectionist, and properly so, for he is never satisfied with his own performance, be it in art, music, or whatever. He insists that he excels in nothing, that he merely has varied interests and is able to perform perhaps adequately in some areas.

Tommy doesn't like to "toot his own horn," as the expression goes (except in jest), and unknown to many of our readers is the fact that articles and editorials by him have been reprinted by state and national magazines and periodicals, including THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, THE UNION SIGNAL, and many others. Occasionally he is asked to write special guest editorials. He has a rapport with many editors of other publications and has received letters of commendation from these, from college presidents, as well as ministers and laymen of various denominations other than our own. Often letters reach his office requesting permission to reprint some article or editorial authored by him, and he consents, not egotistically, but in a spirit of cooperation. Nearly every week he receives letters and phone calls and personal visits commending his editorials and work in general, but it is not his custom to print letters to the editor unless requested to do so. He does not desire to call attention to his accomplishments.

Much credit is due Tommy for untiring efforts not only in regard to his work at the Press but for other Christian services which he renders selflessly. He speaks to youth and adult groups, offers encouragement to the aged and bedridden—in short, though not an ordained minister, he does the work of one in many capacities—not out of a sense of duty, but out of desire. Statewide, he has served as Executive Secretary of the State Convention of Free Will Baptists and as a member of various commissions. He has served officially in district organizations also.

Tommy enjoys giving of himself, and this is evidenced by his attitude. He is mild mannered and considerate, giving special consideration to the elderly.

As organist at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, he proves himself an asset to the music program, and as assistant teacher of the Couples' Class of the Sunday school, he imparts much of his wisdom.

I believe our editor is to be commended for his efforts in behalf of our denomination. In talking to him about the possibility of printing this tribute, he was naturally hesitant but consented at my insistence.

I would like to thank him personally for his work, for his Christian attitude; and I feel that the denomination is fortunate indeed to have one of Tommy's caliber in its rank.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

HARRISON TO TEACH COURSE ON CRISIS MINISTRY

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at Mount Olive College, will teach an eight-week course on "Crisis Ministry" at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, beginning Monday, January 22, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing each Monday night thereafter. The course is designed to be of benefit to the minister in the church, and to the minister as he serves in the hospital chaplaincy program.

Topics to be discussed in the course are as follows: "Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage"; "The Pastor's Hospital Ministry"; "The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient"; "The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved"; "The Pastor and Marriage Counseling"; "The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed"; "The Pastor and Preaching."

There will be a $10 registration fee for the course. A suggested text is **The Christian Pastor** by Wayne E. Oates, published by The Westminister Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, revised and enlarged, 1954.

Copies of the text may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press, Highway – North, Ayden, North Carolina.

Other Courses

Mount Olive College will be glad to offer other religion courses in biblical studies or in pastoral care to interested persons on or off campus. Interested persons may contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of denominational services at the College. His office telephone is 658-2502; and home, 658-9363.

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THE THINGS THAT COUNT

Bobby Richardson, former infielder with the New York Yankees, declared, "It matters not our profession or our field—the thing that counts for eternity is our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ."

GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 34

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 34:31

I. INTRODUCTION

No nation can be greater than its rulers and leaders. If leaders are strong men of God who believe in the right, the nation will prosper. If leaders are evil and grasping the nation will suffer. What is true of nations is also true of our churches and our homes.

Nothing was wrong with Israel that her leaders could not have corrected. The rulers and leaders in our lesson today were considered shepherds. They were the leaders of the people in things both civil and religious. They were influential over the people and could have led them in the paths of righteousness. They failed to do so, however, and Judah was taken into captivity.

In this lesson Ezekiel is contrasting the bad rulers (shepherds) with the good. He tried to show that God really cared for His people. He pictures Himself as the Shepherd of His people, even though He directed the captivity against them. He was the Pastor of His flock, just as a good minister of the gospel is a good under-shepherd of his flock. He watches over His flock and protects them from the attacks of wild animals—if they will allow Him to do so. He provides shelter for them and feeds them in green pastures. These are the things our leaders, both civil and religious, should do.

We see in this lesson the good Shepherd, Christ, who knows His sheep by name and is known of them. They will follow Him and not a stranger. He shows us that God really cares for our good and seeks only to lead us in the true paths of righteousness.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
  1. A new section of Ezekiel's prophecy begins with Chapter 33.
  2. How the message was delivered to Ezekiel concerning Jerusalem.
  3. The Bible often compares people to sheep:
     a. Some admirable characteristics of sheep
        (1) Sheep are peaceful.
        (2) Sheep are productive.
        (3) Sheep need pasture.
     b. Some bad characteristics of sheep.
        (1) Sheep are not very intelligent.
        (2) Sheep must have a shepherd.

B. Message From God to Ezekiel (Ezekiel 34:1, 2)
  1. A message concerning faithless shepherds.
  2. A message concerning ill-treatment of sheep.
  3. A message concerning selfishness.

C. A Message From God to Shepherds (Ezekiel 34:7-10)
  1. A message of warning.
  2. A message of woe.
  3. A message of God's wrath.

D. A Message From God to His People (Ezekiel 34:11-15)
  1. God promises to find His sheep.
  2. God will protect His sheep.
  3. God will preserve His sheep.
  4. God will pasture His sheep.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the Bible people are often compared with sheep. Perhaps we should consider this a compliment, for in some ways the sheep is an admirable animal. He is peaceful. Usually he does not attack a man or a dog, or even a rabbit; and seldom does he attack another sheep. He is productive, supplying wool and meat for mankind. He is unselfish giving up his coat or even his life without complaint.

On the other hand, the sheep is not noted for intelligence. He follows the shepherd without thinking, and sometimes he simply follows another sheep and finds himself in trouble. The point of this is not that the sheep is silly, but that God has designed him so that h needs a shepherd.

Man too is designed to need a leade and all too often he gets in trouble b following the wrong leader. God i properly the leader of all mankind. "W are his people, and the sheep of his pas ture" (see Psalm 100:3). But God's pla also provides that some men are to b leaders of men. For His people of old H provided leaders such as Moses an David and Ezekiel, and for His churc today He provides elders. Theirs is th responsibility of leading, overseeing, an caring for the flock of God. Such a responsibility must not be taken lightly

Today's lesson is indeed a sobering one for all who have positions of leader ship in the church. It is also an importan lesson for those who are not leaders Good followers are as important as gooc leaders. Indeed, often the followers make the leader what he is. Someone asked why the famed Carrie's Lane church in England had had so many great ministers. The reply was, "The Carrie's Lane church makes its ministers!" So everyone has a responsibility in developing great leaders. The sheep influence the shepherd. Today's lesson should not be merely an opportunity to criticize the church's pastoral leadership. It should also provide an opportunity for each one to ask himself, "How can I help to make our leaders better leaders?" and also "How can I become a better follower?"—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. What a true shepherd does in the case of a scattered flock is what God will do for His people. The shepherd would spare no effort to recover his sheep. God has the same feeling toward His people. Not only will He seek His sheep, but He will also deliver them. The deliverance implies that they have been subjugated to others. The day of their scattering has been, of course, a dark day for them.

The power of God is evident in the regathering of Israel. The land of Palestine is their ultimate destiny. It is the place of blessing for the nation. Feeding is also a part of the care of God for His people. This will take place in their own land. The emphasis of Ezekiel 34: 13 is upon the action that God will take. He will gather them, return them to their land, and feed them. . . .

The care and concern of God for His people are especially reflected in Ezekiel 34:15, the last verse of the lesson. What the false shepherds of the past failed to do God will do in abundance. He will

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KEY '73 PANORAMA

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ffiliations saw the living out of their hristian lives in different ways, they vere unified in their commitment that he universal mandate of the Christian aith is to express God's love to other ersons. Much of the interest in the ocumentary film was in the variety of ays in which this universal mandate as applied to their daily lives."

Coupled with the telecast was an event f growing interest to both participating hurches and to the broadcast industry s a mass communications first. Nearly million Christians across the continent vere expected to gather together in ome groups—with specially prepared mplementation and study guides — to vatch the special, discuss it, pray for he success of the Key '73 evangelism hrust, and commit to their own Chris- ian outreach in 1973. Many such groups ave already been organized in com- nunities across the country.

The noon prayer call was described as the first high-visibility event in Key 73." It was planned to focus an entire ontinent's attention and efforts on pray- ng at noon each day for two weeks be- ween Christmas 1972 and the first veekend in 1973.

At noon daily, Christians were urged o stop whatever they were doing and ause momentarily to pray that millions vill be led to Christ through Key '73. articipants were urged to ring church ells, sound sirens, toot horns, all to call ttention to a continent-wide involve- nent in prayer. In addition, noontime rayer groups were established. Meet- ng places for prayer were established n offices, factories, churches, and chools. And, mass media was used to nake the noon prayer call a reality by illboards, radio spots, television spots, ewspaper ads, news releases, posters, umper stickers, lapel buttons, etc.

Mass media events in Canada are plan- ed in over 82 strategic areas through- ut Canada through the coordination of he Mass Media Committee under the upervision of Keith Woollard, United hurch House, 85 St. Clair Avenue East, oronto 290, Ontario, Canada.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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d toward the edge of the icy water. His eartbeat quickened.

When the floe was a few feet from the bank, Mr. Deams leaped across to it, picked up Pal, and carefully stepped back onto the solid bank. Pal appeared to be almost unconscious. "She's probably in shock," Mr. Deams said. "There's a lifeless puppy on the ice. The others will be born any time now. Give her warm milk when you get her home and keep her warm."

"Thanks, Mr. Deams, and you other men, too," Ronnie said, fighting a sob in his voice. He wrapped his coat around Pal's cold, shivering body, while Dad lifted her gently onto the back seat of the car.

"Ronnie," Mom said, "I'm truly sorry that I lost my temper with Pal. We'll fix her a bed in the basement. It's warm there."

"Thanks, Mom. She'll like that," Ronnie answered. Pal roused slightly, nestled her head in his lap and licked his hand. He knew then that she understood.

"Thank You, heavenly Father," Ronnie whispered, "for saving Danny and Pal, too."—My Pleasure.

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MISSIONS

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the Holy Spirit made a breakthrough in the hearts of the pagans, converts to Christ crowded into the church.

Our approach to these people is to present Christ's salvation and love to each one of them. Sometimes we have to contradistinguish our beliefs with those of the Roman Catholics. We emphasized the carrying of one's cross, rather than the easy way of going to heaven. Of course, we make it clear that this is not work leading to their salvation, but rather **because** they were saved when they received the Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts.

In this approach we do not rely on our knowledge and efforts but on God. Thus, aside from long hours of laboring to witness for Christ, hours are spent reading the Bible and other books about the Bible sometimes deep into the night. We are also spending time in thinking about our work and in praying on bended knees.

The challenge to lead these people deceived by superstition is tremendous. When we begin using the gospel boat it will become more thrilling as we carry the gospel to the islands of the North.

As you can see, there are many hardships in spreading the gospel here; we therefore request that you constantly hold us up in prayer.

Sunday School Lesson

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be personally concerned with, and involved in, the affairs of His people, and the flock will not lack for His care. Rest and peacefulness will be the result of God's action because He is the true source of peace, rest, and safety (cf. Ps. 23:2).—John C. Anderson, In Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

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Questions & Answers

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against the Holy Spirit is a much more grievous matter than the sin against the Son of Man. Can such be said of an influence? Can it be said even of any of the sons of men?"

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Wesley's picture was on the wall in many homes. He was greatly loved and revered by the people. One day a stranger entered a miner's home. Observing Wesley's picture, he asked, "Whose picture is that?"

The aged miner reverently said, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."

How great is the need for God-sent, Spirit-empowered men who know no fear other than the fear of incurring God's displeasure. God is not looking primarily for better methods. He is looking for better men. Said G. Campbell Morgan, "God's method is always a man."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Because of the vast number of people who remain to be converted, we certainly need many more of "God's better men."

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Let Children Remember

Let all children remember, if ever they are weary of laboring for their parents, that Christ labored for his; if impatient of their commands, that Christ cheerfully obeyed; if reluctant to provide for their parents, that Christ forgot Himself and provided for His mother amid the agonies of the crucifixion. The affectionate language of this divine example to every child is, "Go thou and do likewise."—Dwight.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

by the Rev. Harry A. Jones, Pastor
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Luke 23:42, 43: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord ,remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Revelation 2:7: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

What do **you** want? Sounds like a simple question, does it not? It is! But for many the **answer** is **yet** to come. Ask a child this question and you will get varied answers. Ask an adult this question and you probably will get many different answers also. For you see, many adults have **yet** to make up their minds as to what they really want. And this is generally speaking!

What should one want most? Happiness? Good health? To be respected? To be needed? To possess something of more value than can be found in this world? In other words, to have a well-adjusted life?

If this is what one wants, it can be had only through Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of one's total being!

The thief who hung on a cross beside Jesus at Calvary realized this in his dying moments and then and there made up his mind what he wanted. What a pity that he waited so long to make up his mind! He had such a short time with Christ here on this earth. However, a day with Christ is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day.

Many people today are like the thief on the Cross. What a shame! They could have a better life just for the asking. Christ stands ready to answer and to give to those who ask: ". . . whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

What do you want? Just as the thief on the cross—you can know only after you first know Christ!

Christian friends, the world is crying out **for help** at our door **now**—help which it knows not, because it has not the answer to "What do you want?" We, as Christians, can give the world the answer, because we know the Christ as Lord and Saviour. What do you want as a Christian? It should be, "to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ."

My prayer is that this may be true in each of our lives! Amen and amen!

In Memory of Mr. Jasper Nobles

On September 13, 1972, God called our brother in Christ, Mr. Jasper Nobles, 64, to his eternal reward. Mr. Nobles had been a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, for a number of years. He was also a member of the Winterville tribe of Redmen.

Funeral services were held in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel in Greenville by the Rev. Jerry Rowe and the Rev. James E. Howard, former pastors. Burial followed in Pinewood Memorial Park. Graveside services were conducted by the Winterville Redmen.

Mr. Nobles was a resident for many years on the Nobles Road near Winterville, North Carolina. He was a farmer.

Mr. Nobles is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Joyner Nobles; a foster daughter, Mrs. Joseph V. Rafferty of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a brother, William H. Nobles; two half brothers, Jamie E. Nobles, and Harold D. Nobles of Ayden, North Carolina; a sister, Mrs. Lonnie Hathaway; a half sister, Mrs. Raymond Williams of Salem, New Jersey; and his stepmother, Mrs. Allie B. Nobles. The family was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hathaway.

Therefore, be it resolved: first, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy; second, that we express appreciation for his devotion to his church and community; and third, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy to **The Free Will Baptist** for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Velma Harris
Charlotte Tripp
Marjie Davis

Attention: Eastern District Auxiliaries

In the Eastern District, January is "Woman of the Year" month. Have you nominated your "Woman of the Year"? If not, please do so at once!

Here is your opportunity to honor one of your most worthy members—one who might otherwise never receive any recognition. You may show the high regard and love you have for your nominee in your local church and auxiliary by a gift, a reception, or by presenting a special program. This is left entirely for each auxiliary to decide. If your nominee is chosen as the Eastern District Woman of the Year, she will receive a personal gift and $25 will be sent in her honor to either the Children's Home or Mount Olive College. You may cover as many years as you like, based on the following: (1) Active leadership and services in her local auxiliary and church —50%; (2) General denominational work —20%; (3) Contributions to her family and home—15%; (4) Other considerations, including community service—15%.

Do not delay! Your nomination must reach the Woman of the Year chairman by February 28, 1973. She is Mrs. S. M. Harrison, Route 3, Box 6, New Bern, North Carolina 28560. The winner will be chosen by impartial judges and announced at the March convention.

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A Chance

My country owes me nothing. It gave me, as it gives every boy and girl, a chance. It gave me schooling, independence of action, opportunity for service and honor. In no other land could a boy from a little country village, without inheritance or influential friends, look forward with unbounded hope.—Herbert Hoover.

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THE PANIC BUTTON

Billy Graham said, "Some people may think that in my sermons I am constantly pushing the panic button. But I see a great nation going the way of twenty one fallen civilizations of history, and cannot keep still."

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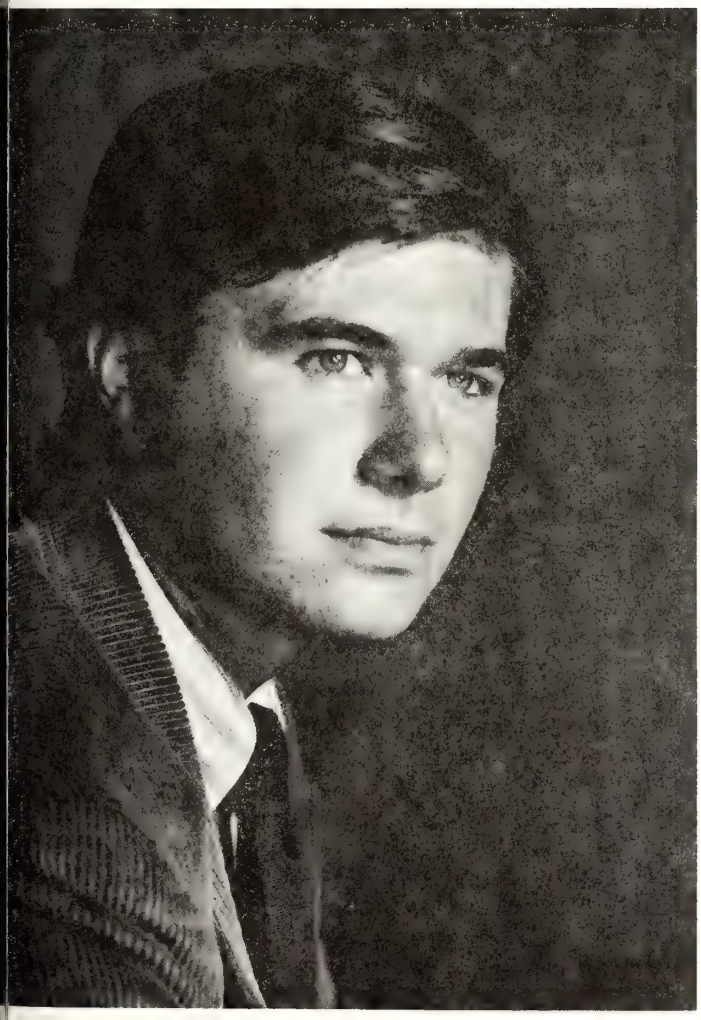

'It's the kind of thing you just don't talk about . . ."

EDITORIAL...

THE KIND OF THING YOU JUST DON'T TALK ABOUT

"Shh! Don't be so loud. Someone might hear you. Do you want somebody to think you're some kind of a nut? I said 'hush.' It's just not the time or place!

"Maybe a little later we can enter upon this discussion—when we're in privacy—away from the crowd. We have a certain image to maintain, you know; and this could destroy it. Do you want one misunderstood statement overheard by the wrong person to ruin you—and me?

"And don't look so hurt. You knew better than to start talking about this in public. I told you when we left the house to be careful. Ut oh, now you've done it! Mrs. Newkirk is looking this way. Bet she heard everything you said. You know how her husband feels about such things, and his opinion carries a lot of weight with the board. Why I'm liable to lose my job, just because of your big mouth. Okay, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be so harsh, but you've just got to learn to control that tongue of yours. Sometimes it's loose at both ends.

"Just look at the people staring. Dry those eyes. We don't want to cause a scene here in the drugstore. Oh, why did you have to start talking about it again today? It's all I hear: morning, noon, and night. Will I never get any peace? Will you never stop harping and harping and harping on that subject? You're worse than a politician.

"I know; I told you that I'd consider it, but give me a little more time. You don't jump into things like this on impulse. You know the way I am. I have to think things through. It just isn't the logical thing to do now. I'm climbing too fast, and this could spoil my career. No! I won't hear anymore about it today! Understand?

"To think that I may lose my big opportunity because of what you just said. If Mr. Newkirk gets wind of this discussion, he'll withdraw his vote in my favor—I know he will! I've played golf with him, and I know how he feels about such things. To him they're unimportant. As far as he's concerned an intelligent fellow wouldn't fall for such nonsense—and so far he's considered me one of the bright boys in the organization.

"Can't you understand how I want to get ahead? Can't you see that I can't get involved in what you're suggesting? Maybe I can later when I'm on the top. Then no one can tell me what to do. I'll be my own boss. Then I'll think very seriously about doing it. You do understand, don't you?

"I know you mean well, but what's good for you is not necessarily good for me. If it suits you or fits your particular needs, fine and good —just don't advertise it—at least not yet. I won't forbid you to do it. It's something that a lot of women get emotional about, but men aren't like that—at least real men aren't. So let's just drop the subject. Okay?"

The foregoing is imaginary, some thoughts from this editor's mind in consideration of a particular conversation between an imaginary husband and wife in a public place, possibly a drugstore, a restaurant, or a party. Obviously the wife is attempting to convince her husband to do something or to convince him that he has a particular need, and just as obvious are his disinterest or apathetic attitude and a touch of antagonism that she would approach the discussion of such a subject within earshot of some "important" person.

By this time you have probably concluded that the conversation concerns Christ and the church, the fact that the wife wants to interest her husband in them, and the fact that he just can't be bothered at this particular time. After all, he has a ladder to climb, and things of the world make the rounds. Christ or the church would weaken that ladder, so he thinks—and so think many of his "important" colleagues.

It is sad indeed that the desire for prestige, vainglory, precludes things of an eternal nature. One's eternal destiny may indeed be "the kind of thing you just don't talk about," according to some people and under certain situations.

Our opinion? It should be talked about always, at every gathering, and by everybody. After all, what else is really important?

Nothing!

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The Same Old Sins

by the Rev. Wesley G. Hunt

It is common these days to hear how an has changed. One reads of changing mores, morals, and marital patterns. an is maturing, say some of the modern bservers of the contemporary scene. an is entering a new and exciting age, rtain anthropologists announce.

But actually the so-called changes are usions, at least in the moral and ethical alms. Solomon could not have been ore accurate when he said, ". . . there no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesastes 1:9). Man's heart, distorted and erverted since the fall in the garden of den, has not changed. His natural bent ward evil and disobedience remains untered. Even the erroneous religious eas of hundreds and thousands of years go are still deceiving gullible hearts.

When one speaks of the "new mality," he is simply referring to the me old sins dressed up in new and deeptive language. The so-called new ults or sects are as old as human history. Cain, the first son of Adam and e, was a religious phony. Truly, there little if anything new in the realm of eligion and morals—there are just old heresies with new adherents and fresh titles.

Paul wrote Romans 10 almost two thousand years ago as a description of the doctrinal errors of Jews of his day. We find that similar aberrations are common in the twentieth century. Compare Paul's description of Jewish error of his day with religious error today.

ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE—Romans 10:1, 2

One could wish that all God's people had the heart-concern for the lost that Paul had for his brethren according to the flesh. He could testify that his ". . . heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (v. 1). He could also testify, citing God as his witness, that he would gladly suffer eternal banishment from Christ himself, if that would insure the salvation of his people Israel (9:1-3). That is real concern!

Paul recognized that certain spiritual barriers were keeping the Jews from Christ. His first indictment was that ". . . they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2). The Jews were neither atheists nor agnostics. They believed in the true God. They were zealous religiously for their God and their faith, ". . . but not according to knowledge" (v. 2).

Paul meant that the Jews were sincere but wrong. They wanted, and expected, God's blessing, but they were seeking it in the wrong way. God's Word teaches that one cannot do evil and expect good to result (Romans 3:8). Zeal is not in itself a commendable quality, unless aimed in the proper direction. Some men are zealous to see unjust and unwise causes or goals achieved.

For example, a person may be zealous for worldly fame rather than godly favor, or earthly treasure rather than heavenly riches. Zeal in such cases is misdirected. It is not good but evil; it is not to be encouraged but condemned.

So it is in the spiritual realm. Zealots abound in all the false cults, sects, and isms. But if zeal and enthusiasm, however well-intentioned, are not in accord with the revealed will of God, such qualities are futile, even fatal!

Yes, the same old sins are prevalent now. Every modern cult has its zealous advocates—heralds of heresy! The spiritual conditions of innumerable multitudes of people in the present hour were accurately described by Paul in Romans 10:2. Such people have ". . . a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (v. 2). Is it not a satanic masterpiece of deception when sincere people pursue with great energy a way that can only lead to hell and destruction (see Matthew 7:13, 14; 1 John 4:1-3)?

How sad it is that multitudes who believe in a supreme Being and who are earnestly trying to live right are nevertheless deceived by the great deceiver! Surely multitudes in this era will perish as did others in the time of Paul because of religious zeal that is satanically diverted and directed.

RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT REDEMPTION—Romans 10:3

The specific fallacy of the Judaistic system was the idea that one could get right with God and stay right with God by his own efforts and/or works. The Jews had collected volumes of traditions and interpretations that they regarded as being just as binding as the revelation of God. Jesus denounced the religious leaders of His day for this very sin. He scored them for ". . . teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). Such distortion and addition to the law of God were unacceptable and abominable.

Paul adroitly summed up the actions of the Christ-rejecting Jews by saying that ". . . they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3). Paul logically points up three steps or aspects underlying Jewish unbelief.

First, the Jews were "ignorant of God's righteousness" (see Romans 10:3). In other words, they were not aware of the fact that divine righteousness was perfect, that is, without flaw or fault. The Jews failed to comprehend, therefore, that the righteousness of God was unattainable by human effort. It could be received only by divine imputation (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19; see Romans 5:16-19).

Second, the Jews were "going about to establish their own righteousness" (see Romans 10:3). Such was the result of "zeal . . . not according to knowledge" (see v. 2). Not realizing that divine holiness is as far from human self-righteousness as the stars are from the earth, men set about trying to please God and to win His approval. Christ therefore explained that if men were to be forgiven and saved so as to inherit eternal life, they would need a righteousness beyond anything possessed by

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Scripture Reading—John 14:9

"THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD"

A little girl asked, "Daddy, what color is God's hair?"

The father replied, "Honey, God is a Spirit. He doesn't have any hair."

But the little girl insisted, "My Sunday school teacher said He looks like us."

Said the father, "You must have misunderstood your teacher. The Bible says we are made in God's image and likeness. But that doesn't mean that God looks like us. It means that in some ways we are like God. It means that God thinks, and He made us so we can think. God loves, and He made us so we can love. Jesus came to show us what God is like.

The little girl's face lit up. "I get it, Daddy. God is like us on the inside, not on the outside."—*Told by Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus came to show us the way to enter into heaven. He did the groundwork for us, should we only follow His rules.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:17

THE UP-AND-OUTS NEED CHRIST, TOO

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan said, "There was a time in my evangelistic work when I feared to talk to people of high position and culture in the inquiry room. Then one night I knelt beside an old man whom sin had all but wrecked. I spoke to him of the cleansing blood of Christ and of the possibility of his becoming a new creature in Christ. Presently someone asked, 'Please speak to the other man kneeling beside you.' I turned and recognized the mayor of the city, who six weeks before had sentenced the oldster to a month's hard labor. Both men were equally lost. Both accepted Christ. The mayor joyfully shook hands with the old man and said, 'Well, we didn't meet here the last time!'

"The old man recognized the mayor and said, 'No, and we will never meet again as we did the last time! I'm a new man in Christ, and we are now brothers.'

"That scene lingers with me yet. It removed my fear to speak to anyone about Christ."

PRAYER THOUGHT

The good deeds of men may encourage others to see God as the Saviour—so never hesitate to do your part.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:24-26

GOD OR GOLD, WHICH?

How revealing and interpretative of character is George Frederick Watts' painting of the rich young ruler to whom Christ said, ". . . thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (Matthew 19:21).

In the painting, the rich young ruler's head is bowed, depicting thought. The back of his right arm and hand is shown clearly. The fingers are bedecked with costly rings. The hand is half-open and half-closed, indicative of conflicting desires to give up his wealth and obey Jesus' command, "Follow me," or to cling selfishly to his riches.

Refusing to meet Jesus' terms of discipleship, the rich young ruler retreated from the Saviour with sorrow. He loved gold more than he loved God. He made a disastrous choice.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Decisions such as this one can be the ruin of many of our chances to enter the gates of heaven. Make your decisions wisely, without hate.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:9

"I WANT TO LIVE!"

For two years Grisha Sikalenko, a Ukranian who deserted the Russian army, existed under a dung heap. Then one day he rushed forth, malodorous and emaciated, crying, "I want to live! I want to live!"

The first night in army camp, Grisha had deserted. He had sneaked home to the strange hiding place his parents had devised for him—the manure pile at the back of the goat shed! His mother said to him, "Don't mind the goats and the dung. At least you'll survive." He did—for two years in this horrible hiding place.

Astonished neighbors reported the almost unbelievable story to the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia,* and Grisha was apprehended. All his village had thought he died a hero's death fighting the Germans.

Each one of us needs cleansing. In God's sight the moral sinner and the immoral sinner are equally defiled. Thank God for the cleansing fount!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Each one of us must be cleansed before the eyes of God. Make today the perfect day for allowing God to come into your life and make it whole.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:17

OUR BEST

Queen Mary usually visited Scotla during the summer. There she often stro ed unattended. One afternoon, as she w out walking, dark clouds overcast the ski Her Majesty went hastily to a nearby hou and asked to borrow an umbrella. "I'll turn it tomorrow," she said.

The lady was hesitant to lend her go umbrella to a stranger. Thinking fast, s recalled that she had a cast-off umbrella the attic. This one she loaned to t stranger.

The next day, there was a knock at t door. A man in a uniform with gold bra handed the woman the old umbrella, sayin "The Queen sent me to thank you perso ally for the use of the umbrella."

For a moment, the woman was stunne Then she burst into tears, "Oh, what opportunity I missed when I didn't gi her my best!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

We also may miss the opportunity to our best for the One who gave us li Don't let this chance pass you by!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 5:20

TRAGIC SILENCE!

It was the Lord's Day. Two busine partners were sitting together on a bu One was going to a golf course. The oth was going to church.

Before they parted, the golfer said to t churchman: "I am unable to believe th your religion and church connection me anything vital to you!"

"Why?" asked the bewildered churc man.

"This is why. For twelve years, we ha been business associates. We have met a talked together almost everyday. You kno quite well that I make no profession faith in God, yet you have been sile about it, and have shown no interest helping me to be different from what am."

Great will be our accountability to Go if we fail to speak for Him to our unsave friends and loved ones, and to exemplif what we say in our daily life.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you have been one who silently s back and kept quiet, now is the time speak up about your feeling for God.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 40:8

ONLY ONE MIND

Years ago spectators were thrilled as the watched Blondin, the famous tightrop walker and acrobat, cross over Niagar Falls on a tightrope, 100 feet long and 16 feet above the water.

Blondin asked a man, "How would yo

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How God Gave Me Fifty Thousand Children

by MARY BEER
as told to Muriel Larson

S I WAS getting ready to visit the superintendent of schools of Greenlle County, South Carolina, doubts asiled me. How would he take my askg permission to introduce a Scripture emory contest and to tell Bible stories the one hundred schools in his disict? Where I had taught in Illinois, ch a thing was unheard of. Why, ere a teacher wasn't even supposed to ention the Bible!

But I thought of how some of my felw Christians had got into the schools Florida. "Lord," I prayed, "give me urage!"

The superintendent of schools proved be a pleasant man, and his cordial eeting helped set me at ease. I got ght to the point. "I'd like permission visit your schools once a month in der to carry on a Bible memory const," I said. "A group of Greenville unty citizens requested that I come re and thus encourage the children of is area to learn the Scriptures."

After I explained further about the ork and answered several questions, e superintendent exclaimed, "I think is is a fine idea, and I'm in favor of You certainly have my permission."

Praise the Lord! Now I only had one ndred principals to go! But with such good start and a letter of introduction om the superintendent, my heart was eatly encouraged. In the strength of e Lord, I went to see all the principals. nd almost every one gave me enthusiasc approval.

"Now I know why this area is called e 'Bible Belt.'" I told the volunteer ho had driven me around to the hools. "There's a wonderful open door r God's Word here, isn't there?"

She nodded. "Yes, just about everybody in this area believes the Bible." That was in 1941.

As soon as I received permission, I started holding chapel meetings. Before long, we had close to twelve thousand children enrolled in the program. They loved it, for we tried to make those thirty to forty-five minutes as interesting and as varied as possible. We sang gospel choruses and awarded prizes for Bible memory work. I used magic lessons, flannelgraphs, film strips, and object lessons. By the time I gave a lesson for the ninety-fifth program, I knew it pretty well!

How had I been led to such a work? First, there was the miracle of my salvation. For the first twenty-four years of my life, I don't think that I ever heard the plan of salvation. Born in 1907 in Roanoke, Illinois, near Peoria, I seldom had the opportunity to go to Sunday school as a child because we lived in the country. And when I did go, I was taught German instead of the Bible.

After attending Wheaton Teachers State Normal College, I received my teacher's certificate. I began teaching school in Central, Illinois. Then when I was twenty-four years old, a friend, Leona Tallyn, invited me to attend a revival meeting at a church in Benson, Illinois. There I heard about how God's Son, Jesus Christ, had died for my sins. I believed it. I went forward to receive Christ, joined the church, and soon afterward was baptized.

The night that I received Christ I was filled with joy. It was good news. I went home and told Mother. Although she had always been a rigidly religious person, she was shocked and very concerned. "You've got a false religion," she told me. "You can't know that you're saved. Nobody can."

That confused me for a while. But in my heart there was still this hunger to learn more about God and His Word, so I started attending that gospel-preaching church regularly. Five of my brothers and sisters went with me, and in time they also received Christ as their Saviour.

I had a great desire to give my life completely to the Lord's service. I wanted to be a missionary, perhaps to Korea. But then I got sick. My doctor sent me to the Mayo Clinic. After working with me for some time, the doctors there advised me to go to Florida for my health. I made plans to go.

"Be sure to look up the Walter Jensens in Lakeland," a friend told me. "They're wonderful, dedicated Christians. I know you'll enjoy fellowshipping with them." I did and was very interested to hear about the new work they had started among children in the schools. They called it the Children's Mission.

I soon learned that I would not be permitted to teach during my first year in Florida, so I took a job working for a businesswoman. After six months, however, I felt strongly that God wanted me in His service. He laid it on my heart to call the Jensens.

"Can you use me in your work?" I asked Walter Jensen.

"Could we!" he exclaimed. "Why, we've been praying that the Lord would call you to help us!" Thus I joined them and started getting better prepared for my future service.

After several years of working with the Jensens, I took a year off to attend Moody Bible Institute and to obtain further training in Bible and children's work. Then I visited my family in Illinois for a while. I had no money with which to get back to Florida.

"We don't want you to work for nothing as you do in that missionary work," my folks told me practically. "Look, we have a nice teaching job lined up for you."

"But I feel that now more than ever the Lord wants me in His work," I answered.

"Don't be foolish, Mary," a voice seemed to whisper in my heart. "Taking this job would give you security. Not only that, but you wouldn't have to leave your sweetheart. Don't you want to stay here with him?"

One part of me did—the temptation

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Educational and Music Director Employed at First Church, Wilson

Miss Alane Vester

Miss Alane Vester of Wilson, North Carolina, has been employed as full-time educational and music director of the First Free Will Baptist Church of that city.

Miss Vester has been a member of the local church since she was a small child and has served in the church throughout her youth. She is a former student of Mount Olive College and Atlantic Christian College of Wilson. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Vester, who are also members of the church.

Her duties will include supervision of the entire educational program of the church; directing the music program of the church; organizing and leading all choral groups; and engaging in extensive visitation for the church. She began her duties January 2. Miss Vester's employment gives the church four full-time staff members, the other three being the pastor, church secretary, and sexton.

The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, led in a service of installation for Miss Vester on Sunday, December 31. Representing groups and organizations in the church who welcomed her to the office she now holds were the following: Roman Lucas, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. Wray Tomlinson, church secretary; Howard Whitley, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Wade Corbett, church hostess; Mrs. J. D. Skinner and Mrs. Howard Whitley, youth leaders; Worth Starling, the chancel choir; Melvin Beaman, the men's chorus; Charles Sullivan, other organizations and choral groups; and Randy Baker, a youth worker who presented Miss Vester with a master key to the educational building.

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Crossword Answers

The diagram below shows the correct answers for the crossword puzzle that appeared in the January 10 issue of **The Free Will Baptist.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Owen K. Arthur Jr. announces the following new address: Route 1, Box 280-A, Aurora, North Carolina 27806. He is now serving as pastor for the White Hill Free Will Baptist Church on a full-time basis.

You are invited to attend services at the White Hill church. Mr. Arthur requests your prayers for him and for his new ministry.

A NOTE OF THANK

My wife and I wish to thank eve person, church, and auxiliary that se gifts and cards to us during the Chris mas holiday season. They helped cheer us in our sickness and weakene condition.

Special thanks are due also for t gift from the fund for Superannuatio It was a great help.

Because my health has been so poor, have had to retire from active preac ing. I am still, however, sharing t love of Jesus with those who pass m way. I ask that each Christian pray f us as we travel life's pathway, seekir always to be with the Lord each step the way.

May we offer our special thanks ar prayers to each of you.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wiley Ferre
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576

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IN APPRECIATION

To our many friends who remembere us at Christmastime with cards, letter and love offerings may we offer o heartfelt thanks. Especially do we a preciate the gift from the fund f Superannuation.

At the present time my husband's co dition is fair. God bless all of you w read this. May you be much in praye for us.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. B. F. Ringgold Sr.

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A CALL FOR PRAYE

Missionary Harold Jones requests th today, January 17, be observed as special Day of Prayer for our Free W Baptist mission work in the Philippine

Mr. Jones' address is Puerto Princes Palawan, Philippines. Any correspon ence to him should be sent to this loc tion.

Coming Events . . .

January 27—Western Conference Yout Fellowship, Little Rock Free Will Ba tist Church, Lucama, North Carolin 7:30 p.m.

What Do You Do With a Burden?

by Leighton Ford

Leighton Ford is an associate evangelist th the Billy Graham Evangelistic Asso- tion. This is a condensation of a recent t for "The Hour of Decision" radio pro- am.'

During this election year politicians ve been trying to find out what are e major worries of the man on the eet. Taxes? Crime? War?

According to a Yale psychiatrist, the rries which lead to despondency are ch more personal. Dr. Eugene Paykel ked 373 people to rate the events that uld upset them most. Heading the t were: the death of a loved one; go- g to jail; an unfaithful spouse; finan- l difficulty; separation; divorce; un- nted pregnancy; and major illness.

Most people carry some burden, a fact t's clear from the letters that come from "The Hour of Decision" listeners. rhaps your heart is aching and you y: "What can I do with this burden?"

The Bible gives a three-part answer. alm 55:22 tells us, "Cast thy burden on the LORD, and he shall sustain ee: . . . ."

Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one an- her's burdens, and so fulfil the law of rist." And Galatians 6:5 says, "For ery man shall bear his own burden."

Three apparently contradictory state- ents! Yet taken together they add up autifully to God's prescription for a rdened heart. First, there is the principle of **divine dependability.** Psalm 55 was written by a man who was crushed by life. Out of trouble, betrayal, a broken heart, with no way out, the psalmist turns to God and says, "Give your burdens to the Lord. He will carry them." This is the principle of divine dependability: God cares. In your affliction, He is afflicted. Turn your burden over to Him and leave it there. When a man loses everything but God, he finds that God is enough!

The second principle is that of **mutual charity.** Some people so over-spiritualize everything they believe that "If you have the Lord, you don't need anyone else. You can make it all on your own." They overlook the fact that often the way God carries our burdens is through other people! The basic law of the Christian life—Jesus' new commandment—is "Love one another." We carry out that law of love as we bear each other's burdens.

But we can't **bear** one another's burdens unless we **know** one another's burdens. Too little sharing of this kind takes place among Christians. Sometimes our churches are so impersonal that people come, sit through a service or class and never have a place where they can unburden their hearts. We've also tried to hide the fact that Christians have problems, too. We need to be honest enough to tell a brother or sister. James says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, . . . (James 5:16). Perhaps you're carrying around a burden that you haven't shared with someone else. But how can they help unless you share?

To develop this spirit of **mutual charity** with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must spend time to listen to each other, to understand one another, to pray for each other and to offer practical help and advice. If our churches would develop that kind of "body life" and mutual concern it would be in itself a mighty witness to an unbelieving world. Through caring Christians they would see a caring God.

Again, the Bible doesn't stop there. We can merely socialize our problems by loading them on others, any more than we can merely spiritualize them by putting them on God. Some people run constantly from one preacher or counsellor to another because they are unwilling to face up to their own problems.

That is why the Scripture lays down a third principle: **personal responsibility.** "Each man shall bear his own burden." When Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens" he uses a word that means the staggering load that is too heavy for any one person to carry. But here he used a different word which means "every man shall shoulder his own pack." In other words, each of us has a personal share of responsibility that we must not shirk.

Often God allows us to have burdens to exercise our faith. People who run from problems—who try to fill the valleys of their lives with drugs, for example—are really missing a blessing. Faith grows under pressure, in disappointment, trial and difficulty, far more than when things are comfortable.

Perhaps you're thinking as you read: It's easy for you to talk like this; you don't have to carry my burden. And, of course, you're right. But I know someone who does understand; his name is Jesus Christ. He knew what it was to be despised, rejected, deserted by His friends. He knows how to bear a burden, for He prayed alone in agony in a garden before they crucified Him. Jesus promises, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Today, trust your burden to the heavenly Father to carry. Give to him your burden of guilt . . . for His forgiveness; your burden of worry . . . for His peace. And He will sustain you by the power of His spirit. By the love of His people. And by the strength you need to live, one day at a time.

Cast your burden on the Lord and you will find, as a great Christian once said, that burden will become as wings to a bird.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

HOWARD TO TEACH COURSE ON CREATIVE TEACHING

The Rev. Sheldon Howard, professor of religion at Mount Olive College, will teach a five-week course on "Creative Teaching Methods" for Sunday school teachers and their assistants, beginning February 13, 7:30—9 p.m. at Floods Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Spring Hope, North Carolina.

The same course will also be offered on a short-term basis, February 5-9, 7:30—9 p.m., at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina.

The course is designed to acquaint Sunday school teachers and workers with different teaching approaches that will enhance the learning situation in the classroom. It is anticipated that the variety of methods explored will, if correctly applied, improve the effectiveness of teaching and of learning.

Churches and groups interested in having this course or any other course may contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Director of Denominational Services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. He may be reached by phone at 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

Four New Testaments Published in Mexico

The Wycliffe Bible Translators completed four New Testament translations for tribal groups in Mexico during the final months of 1972. Three of these published translations, for the Teutila Cuicatec, Isthmus Zapotec, and Huave peoples, are being dedicated in public ceremonies in the State of Oaxaca this month. A fourth translation, Tarahumara, was presented publicly in services in the State of Chihuahua on October 22.

Tarahumara: Three hundred Tarahumara Indians were joined by guests from Mexico City and the United States to witness presentation of the Tarahumara New Testament in Samachique, Chihuahua. The event climaxed 31 years of work by Wycliffe translators Kenneth and Martha Hilton, who were assisted from 1952-64 by Paul and Ellen Carlson. Attorney Efrain Espinosa, Mexican representative of Scriptures Unlimited, publishers of the translation, spoke at a morning civil ceremony presided over by Tarahumara Christian leaders Martin and Dionicio. In the evening service for believers, John Alsop, Wycliffe's Mexico Branch director, presented inscribed New Testaments to Tarahumara Christians who helped with the translation.

Kenneth and Martha Hilton, Kansans who attended St. Paul Bible Institute (now St. Paul Bible College), went to Mexico on their honeymoon 32 years ago. They settled in a high mountain valley surrounded by mile-deep canyons and began analyzing the Tarahumara language. In those days before air transportation to the tribes, the nearest road was two and a half days distant by horseback; supplies were two hundred and fifty miles away. The seminomadic way of life of the 50,000 Tarahumara hampered the Hilton's efforts in translation and literacy. Some 20 percent of the Indians speak Spanish, the official language of Mexico. A small number of Tarahumara have become Christians. The Hiltons are recording Scripture on cassettes for 20 isolated areas as an aid in disseminating the gospel.

Cuicatec: The Teutila Cuicatec New Testament will be dedicated in Teutila, Oaxaca, December 20. Canadians Richard and Ruth Anderson, graduates of Briercrest Bible Institute, completed the translation for an estimated 6,000 Cuicatec living in the mountains of nort ern Oaxaca. Work on a Cuiatec transl tion began in 1953. The Andersons a sumed the translation responsibilities 1958.

According to Anderson, the New Test ment will be a good seller, especial among Cuicatec young people who sho a high interest in publications in the own language. Almost half of the Cuic tec are literate in Spanish and can re Cuicatec without difficulty. A well-e tablished Christian community is gro ing in Teutila.

Zapotec and Huave: On December and 31 New Testament dedications w be held for two neighboring peoples, t Isthmus Zapotec and Huave. The Huav numbering approximately eleven tho sand, live on the Isthmus of Tehuantep along the Pacific Ocean. Churches a organized in all five of the main village and the Huave Scriptures are being w received. Milton and Clara Warkenti now in charge of Wycliffe's Short Te Assistant program, initiated linguis work among the Huave in 1943. Th were joined by Glenn and Emily Stairs 1958. "It's with a real sense of sat faction," Warkentin says, "after 25- years of working together with the Huave Indians, that we have complet the New Testament for them."

The neighboring Isthmus Zapotec pe ple number more than 100,000 peop Several hundred Zapotec have come the knowledge of Christ since Wycli translators began work among them 1943. The Isthmus Zapotec New Tes ment was completed by the team of Jo and Jean Alsop, Dr. Velma Pickett, a Laurine Kolderup. Virginia Embrey h served as literacy consultant, prepari readers for the new Scriptures.

In February, 1945, Dr. Pickett wro concerning Andres, a new Zapotec b liever: "He is diligently searching t Spanish Bible for all he can cull to me his heart's need. What a joyous day will be when he can have in his han the translation of the Word in Zapotec In November, the Isthmus Zapotec Ne Testament arrived from Scriptures U limited. Maria Villalobos, Zapotec b liever and translation helper who provi ed continuity for the project while bu team members served on group assig ments, remarked joyfully as she receiv a copy: "Now I believe the Zapotec Ne Testament is really finished. I am ho ing it in my hands."

MeGill Appointed National Secretary Of Key '73 Media Committee

Whittier, California — Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, chairman of the Key '73 Mass Media Committee, Whittier, California, announces that Virgil G. MeGill Jr. has been appointed national secretary of the Key '73 Media Committee effective immediately. Presently he serves a pastorate at the Church of the Covenant, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Key '73 is a year-long series of events and evangelism programs of 150 denominations and groups in the United States and Canada involving 300,000 local congregations and 100,000,000 individual Christians.

He will serve under Dr. Ben Armstrong, executive secretary of National Religious Broadcasters, who is chairman of the Key '73 Sub-Committee on Mass Media in the newly established Key '73 Mass Media Headquarters, 2 Green Village Road (P. O. Box 512), Madison, New Jersey 07940 (201/377-4403).

Born in Kansas, Megill is a graduate of the College of Emporia (A. B. Summa Cum Laude); United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio (M. Div., valedictorian); New York University (M.A. with honors); and is pursuing doctoral studies at Columbia University.

Since 1959, Megill has been in public relations for his denomination. From 1959 to 1963 he was editor and director of publicity for the Northeastern Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and editorial assistant of the **Eastern Conference Herald** from 1963 to 1970. Currently he is a member of the Committee on Publicity of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He served as editor of the daily **NRB News** at the 1971 and 1972 Conventions of National Religious Broadcasters held in Washington, D. C. He is a contributor to several national magazines and a frequent speaker on WDAC, a popular religious station in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is featured as a regular radio speaker on **Prayertime**, a program of the Family Radio Station WKDN in Philadelphia. He appeared on television with "One Minute with Your Bible" series on WGAL-TV, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Megill held pastorates in Richmond Hill, New York City, and in Pennsylvania at Fairless Hills where he organized a new congregation, Ephrata and Drexel Hill. He and his wife, Ruth, have three children, Glen, 20; Margaret, 17; and Caroline, 9.

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THE SAME OLD SINS

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the scribes and Pharisees (see Matthew 5:20). Paul wrote, ". . . by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh (men) be justified in his (God's) sight: . . ." (Romans 3:20). Paul elsewhere explained that it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy" that God saves men (see Titus 3:5).

The third and final step downward caused by misdirected zeal was the refusal to submit to the "righteousness of God" (see Romans 10:3). Obviously, no one would need God's righteousness if his own were sufficient. If righteousness can come by obedience to the law, "then Christ is dead in vain" (see Galatians 2:21).

Does this not sound all too familiar from the lips of sincere, earnest, and professing Christians today? As a professing believer, are you saying, "I try to live by the golden rule" or "I seek to obey the Ten Commandments" or "I'm doing the best I can" or "I feel that if I do my best God will accept me"? How few there are who truly understand that "by grace are ye saved through faith" and that salvation is "the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (see Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Why do religious people, some of whom are professing Christians, offer such invalid reasons for imagining themselves to be God's people? The reason is that they are "ignorant of God's righteousness," and thus they go about seeking "to establish their own righteousness"; by so doing, they find it unnecessary to submit "themselves unto the righteousness of God" (see Romans 10:3).

CHRIST WITHOUT SELF—
Romans 10:4

Two fundamental errors of Judaism have been repeated since in all false religions of every age. The first error is basing a system of doctrine on something other than the whole Word of God. The second error is substituting man's works for Christ's work on the Cross. When the finished work of Jesus Christ is viewed as something other than adequate for salvation, then the natural conclusion is that man must either save himself or help save himself. The latter viewpoint might be called auto-salvation or self-salvation. The premise is that "I am the captain of my soul" or that "I am the master of my fate."

Paul's way of expressing the truth is, "Christ is the end (fulfillment) of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (see Romans 10:4). What the law could not do—namely, forgive the sinner and save his lost soul—Christ does (see 8:3, 4).

When one trusts implicitly in Jesus Christ as the only way to heaven and eternal life, he becomes in reality a child of God (John 1:12). He receives forgiveness of sin, assurance of escape from hell, and the sure promise of life eternal (10:27-30). Christ, in behalf of the believer, fulfills all the requirements of God's holy law, thus becoming the believer's "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (see 1 Corinthians 1:30).

"Christ is enough!" cries Paul in effect. The prophets and apostles agree with him. "Jesus-plus" religion is an insult to God and a disgrace to Christ. The Person and work of Christ are sufficient to "save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (see Hebrews 7:25).

Away with self-righteousness! Away with good works as a means to salvation! Away with men's unholy and unsuccessful attempts at self-deliverance! Let us tell the world that Christ is enough!

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
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But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Praise God! He has done it all. He left nothing for us to do but believe.—Gospel Herald.

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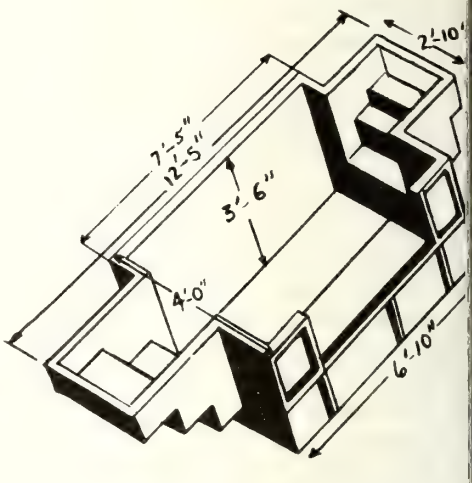

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Does the Bible require any particular mode of water baptism?

Answer: Yes! It teaches baptism by immersion only and likewise all orthodox Free Will Baptists I knew anything about 50 years ago thought immersion was the only mode that answered the Bible's demands of a Christian. I know of a Free Will Baptist school with several teachers who teach that under certain circumstances one may resort to any mode, and that Free Will Baptist ministers have no right to refuse the acceptance of a Christian to membership in a Free Will Baptist church because he does not submit to immersion. Such preachers would have been required to surrender their credentials at once in any of the conferences or associations with which, in my early Christian years, I was acquainted.

A candidate offering himself for membership in any of the Free Will Baptist churches of which I knew in my early ministry was offered only one mode of baptism and that was by immersion, which in every case preceded his being listed as a member of the local church.

When it comes to the Bible's teaching on the subject, I have never found one passage that even suggests any other mode. In the first place the Bible sets forth baptism as a symbol that signifies that the subject has died, been buried, and is now come forth to walk in newness of life. He has become dead to the way in which he existed before he was regenerated. As the grave suggests separation from loved ones in the natural life, so baptism suggests separation from all in the life of sin with which the candidate was a part before he experienced the new birth. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5).

I do not believe that sprinkling, pouring, nor any method short of immersion could meet the requirement suggested here. Sprinkling and pouring do not suggest to me in any way death, burial, or resurrection. If I had been subjected to either before I became acquainted with what the Word teaches on the subject, my Christian conscience would not have allowed me to rest until I had what the Bible plainly teaches as being Christian baptism.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Again, Paul here, as he does above, makes it clear that one in the act of regeneration is spiritually baptized or placed into Christ. This would legitimately rule out any form of water baptism with which I am acquainted as a symbol except immersion. Again Paul writes in keeping with the above: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). This suggests that in baptism by immersion the act of the Holy Spirit in the placing of the Christian as a member of that spiritual body is symbolized.

The Bible suggests that, as the forerunner of Jesus, John the Baptist adhered to immersion as the mode of baptism he used: "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized" (John 3:23). An out-of-the-way place where there was much water would not have been necessary had John baptized by pouring. I have observed a modern preacher doing this by pouring what looked like a small spoonful of water in his own hand, and then from his hand to the subject's head. At another time I saw another preacher dip a small rose in a water glass, shake most of the water back into the glass, and then move the rose back and forth over the head of the candidate, letting probably a few drops of the water fall on his head. John baptized in a river because it takes much water to baptize the way the Bible suggests that we should.

When Jesus was baptized it would appear from scriptural sources that He was immersed. "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him" (Mark 1:9, 10). Notice that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and that He came up out of the water. Putting this with the above statement—that John went to the Jordan to baptize because there was much water—would hardly suggest the use of a small amount, poured in the preacher's hand and then on the subject's head, or a few drops from a rose being shaken on His head.

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:36-39). Here in Acts Philip is seen to be led by the Holy Spirit from what seems to have been a successful revival in Samaria to the desert to win a eunuch to Christ. He went down into the water, baptized him, and came up out of the water with him. Can you tell me why **both** must go down into the water if only a small amount were needed to sprinkle on the subject's head? They did so because they knew what Jesus taught, and apparently they sought no short cuts or substitutes. Jesus' instructions concerning feet washing. I think, appropriately applies here. He said: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). Also may be recalled the words of Naaman's servant to Naaman when the latter hesitated to obey God by doing what Elisha had told him to do in order that God would cure his leprosy. "And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had

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STORIES

for our youth

A KOREAN AND HIS BIBLE

by Raymond L. Cox

YOUNG Moon Pyung Chan pleaded with his parents, "I want a Bible of my very own."

"We are too poor to purchase a copy," the boy's mother explained patiently. "We have no money to spare."

Moon then began to pray. Moreover, he mentioned his earnest yearning to the pastor of the church that his family attended.

Then one day this minister announced to his congregation, "Soon the Bible men will come to our village and will bring many Bibles. They will sell these for money if you are able to pay. But if you cannot pay, they will accept farm produce in exchange for their Bibles and books."

Moon Pyung Chan beamed with pleasure. I will be able to get a Bible at last, he mused. But what would he exchange for a copy of the Scriptures? Suddenly an idea flashed through his mind. I will make a straw rope to exchange for a Bible, he resolved to himself.

After the service was over, Moon hastened home as swiftly as his feet could run. He began his project. Each morning he arose at the crack of dawn to work on the rope. He used every spare moment. Even at night he continued working as late as his parents would permit.

Then one day a friend dashed to Moon's door, shouting, "The Bible men are here! They have just entered the village!"

Moon measured the rope he had made. He nodded his head in confidence. Four hundred fifty-five feet of straw rope ought to buy a Bible, he reflected.

The load proved to be quite an armful, but Moon carried it to the Bible men. They inspected it carefully, then commended the boy for his fine workmanship. Moon picked out a fine, handsome Bible from the display. He clasped it to his heart and ran home with joy.

That Bible became Moon Pyung Chan's most prized possession.

American boys and girls rarely have to work so hard to secure a copy of the Bible. Perhaps if they did, they would value their Bibles more and would read them more! However, those who do read them find in those sacred pages ". . . the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8).

While the Bible remains unrivaled as the top best seller among books, ownership of a copy is still virtually impossible for most people on the face of the earth!

Russia, in spite of the opposition of its government to Christianity, has more than fifty million church members. Only a few thousand of these, however, possess Bibles; and the rest cannot secure them, even if they have the money to pay for them. We are told that, since 1917, only ten thousand Bibles have been allowed to be printed in Russia and that the last printing was many years ago.

Red China is said to contain almost one-third of all the people who live in this world. Bibles may not be purchased there either. The government does not permit printing them or selling them.

When you consider how many areas forbid the sale of God's Word and how many millions of people are too poor t buy copies, should not we, who hav ready access to God's Word, treasur that privilege supremely?

How many Bibles are in your house Probably your father and mother hav their own personal copies. Your broth ers and sisters, if you have any, prob ably each own a copy, as do you. It i not unusual for a family to have five six, or even more Bibles or New Testa ments under one roof.

But how many of these copies are jus gathering dust on a shelf? A Bible i not useful unless it is used! It does n one any good while left unopened an unstudied! Your Bible should be rea each day.

Sometimes, however, people use thei Bibles for other purposes than that fo which God intended.

Next to His Son, our Saviour, Jesu Christ, the best gift God gave the worl was His written Word. The Bible thrill both children and adults with its amaz ing revelation of God's love and pro vision for salvation. Indeed, withou His written Word, we would not know about His living Word, the Lord Jesus In fact, we would not know that ". . God so loved the world, that he gave hi only begotten Son, that whosoever be lieveth in him should not perish, bu have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Moon Pyung Chan will never forge his first Bible; nor is he likely to regre the long labor which made its purchas possible. Perhaps the Bible that bear your name is your very first, also. Yo will take good care of it, of course. Bu don't let it last too long! A well-wor Bible is one sign of a well-kept spiritua life!—My Pleasure.

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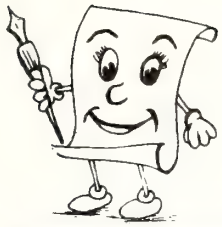

By Nina Grace Register

ROACHES

We just finished putting borax in all he cabinets—along the shelves, behind drawers, any place that might be attrac-ive to roaches.

No, I haven't seen a roach lately. And hope I don't.

Did you know a roach can go a month vithout food? It also eats anything rom toostpaste to innersoles. A female roduces seven litters in the five months he lives, with an average of 37 young n each litter. Though they hate light, hey will remain in it indefinitely to void certain chemicals.

Dr. Walter Ebeling, professor at UCLA, as found that roaches, besides develop-ng an immunity to insecticides, learn to void them. But with old-fashioned boric cid or borax, they either have developed o immunity or do not realize that these hemicals are toxic. One will walk hrough the borax, draw his legs through is mouth to clean them, and swallow he dust.

In one experiment, Dr. Ebeling put oric acid in the dark section of a box nd released 20 roaches. He also put 0 roaches in another box, the dark sec-ion of which contained a phosphorus-ontaining killer. The roaches were free o go from the dark to the light sec-ions of their boxes. In six days, all hose in the box containing boric acid vere dead. But in the other box, two ad survived by remaining in the light ection (remember that they like the ark). According to the professor, these wo could have a kitchen repopulated in matter of days.

Well, that's one of the old remedies eing reevaluated nowadays.

Suppose we pulled out the old-time eligion as a remedy for apathy and bore-om? Suppose we practiced "love thy eighbor as thyself" and "do unto others s you would have them do unto you"?

Trouble is, we've scampered between ght and dark without noticing the abits we've picked up. Inertia creeps o on us, like the boric acid on the oaches, until we find ourselves too tired, too busy, too disinterested to prac-tice Christianity.

Don't let it happen!

HOW GOD GAVE ME FIFTY THOUSAND CHILDREN

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was strong. But the other part of me, that was listening to God's Spirit, yearn-ed for His work in the South. Even though I had no money to pay my way to Florida, I knew that if God wanted me there, He'd provide the way.

A Bible contest in central Illinois was being sponsored by the **Daily Pantagraph**. The first-prize winner would get fifty dollars. After winning a preliminary contest, I entered as a representative of my church. My three hundred fellow contestants from other churches includ-ed ministers, missionaries, and Bible teachers. But the Lord knew my need.

On both written tests I scored 100 per cent. During the session of oral questions, the judges asked, "Is Mary Beer still standing?" By a miracle of God, I was. I hadn't gone down yet. They then presented me with the first prize of fifty dollars! My church also received fifty dollars, which they gave to me. Thus the Lord sent me to my work for Him.

Not long after, I returned to Florida. I felt strongly impressed by the Lord to write to my fiance and break our en-gagement, for I felt that our marriage would keep me from doing God's will in my life. The same day I sent him that air-mail letter, I myself received an air-mail letter from Greenville, South Caro-lina, asking me to come and work in the schools in that area. When I accepted their invitation, the group in Greenville decided to affiliate with the Children's Bible Mission.

For thirty years now I have been hold-ing chapel services and Bible clubs for the children of Greenville County. For twenty-five of these years, Grace Revis Tannery helped me, for my eyes are so bad that I have never been able to get a driver's license; I had to have a partner, and Grace helped in many ways besides driving.

Through learning three hundred verses of Scripture or by completing a corre-spondence course, more than two hun-dred boys and girls every year have won a week at our mission's summer camp. I've had the joy of seeing hundreds of children, as well as teachers, come to know Christ as their Saviour. As their "Aunt Mary," I've attended their graduations and weddings and have seen their sons and daughters also come to Christ.

Joe Richard Ausburn learned three hundred verses so that he could go to camp. There he received Christ as his Saviour. Today he is a Baptist lay preacher, and in his church he teaches in Sunday school and church training.

In 1969, his thirteen-year-old son learned three hundred verses, went to camp, and was saved. The boy came home thrilled with his salvation. Through his testimony, his two younger brothers, eleven and nine, accepted the Lord. And their dad, Joe, was filled with new zeal for Christ and the salvation of children.

When Joe heard that the school in his neighborhood had been closed to the chapel meetings, he opened his home for me and my co-worker, Leona Tallyn, to hold a Bible club there, starting in the fall of 1970. With Joe working to bring in children, the club grew to such pro-portions that we moved it to Joe's church. Joe then aimed for one hundred in attendance.

Joe told me of another Christian in his neighborhood, a man now in his thir-ties, with several children. This man, Jan Green, is now looking forward to entering the ministry.

"I couldn't get out of my mind that lesson that the Bible lady, 'Aunt Mary,' gave us at school," he told Joe. "It was the lesson in which she put a cross in a goldfish bowl of black water, and the cross turned white. Because of that lesson and my mother's testimony, I re-ceived Christ as my Saviour, and now I want to serve Him with my life."

Joe and Jan are only two of the thou-sands of reasons I'm glad I decided to serve the Lord with my life!—Gospel Herald.

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TOMORROW

I saw tomorrow marching by
On little children's feet;
Within their forms and faces read
Her prophecy complete.

I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes;
And thought how carefully we'd teach
If we're really wise.

—Myrtle G. Burger.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 28

NO ALIBIS WITH GOD

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 18

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 18:27

I. INTRODUCTION

From the beginning of the human race people have tried to blame others for their misdeeds. It is part of our human nature to attempt to escape the responsibility of our own errors.

When God asked Adam why he had disobeyed Him and eaten of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, Adam tried to shift the blame. He said, ". . . The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:12). Adam first put the blame on his wife and then he said God was to blame for his sin because He had given the woman to him for a wife. Then God asked Eve about it and she said, ". . . The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (v. 13). There was truth in what both said, but they did not speak the whole truth. Satan, in the form of the serpent, did actually tempt the woman and she in turn tempted her husband, but neither had to yield to the temptation. Because they did, both were responsible for what they did.

The Children of Israel were in a sad plight. They were taken away from their homes and held captive in a foreign land. They had lost their nation as well. The big question was, "Who's to blame for this mess?" We will learn the answer to this in today's lesson.

In the final analysis, every man is responsible for his own sins. He may offer many excuses but he cannot alibi himself out of this responsibility. We may fool people with our alibis, but there are no alibis with God. He knows the truth about everything.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Men have tried to avoid personal responsibility since Adam.
2. Sometimes our sins cause innocent souls to suffer.
3. But we are individually responsible before God for our guilt.

B. Man's Excuses—Blaming Others (Ezekiel 18:1-4)
1. The excuse stated (v. 2).
2. God showed the futility of this excuse (v. 3).
3. Each individual is responsible before God (v. 4).

C. Man's Excuses—Blaming God (Ezekiel 18:25-29)
1. Men sometimes blame God's providential care for their situation.
2. But God in mercy is willing to save everyone who repents and turns to Him.
3. Therefore, regardless of one's circumstances he is individually responsible.

D. Man's Personal Responsibility (Ezekiel 18:30-32)
1. God warns that responsibility is personal and repentance must be personal.
2. After repentance one must turn to God for help.
3. God wants all men to turn to Him and be saved.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The people about Ezekiel were already captives in Babylon on account of their sin. It seems, however, that they were not abused as their ancestors had been in Egypt (Exodus 1). They were allowed to have homes and farms and businesses as free men. Their captivity could be much worse, or they could be slaughtered. Their hope of continued good treatment lay not in resistance or violence, but in doing right before God —and so did their hope of returning to their homeland. Such was the inspired advice of Ezekiel, and from the homeland Jeremiah wrote a letter with similar advice (Jeremiah 29:1-11).

God's call was a call to repent. That means to turn around, to go in the other direction, to stop doing wrong and to do right. The captives needed to realiz that sin is ruinous—specifically, thei own sin. Sinning had brought captivity and it could bring a massacre. Thei best hope of returning to their own lan did not lie in fighting their captors, o in terrorism or sabotage. It lay in doin right. Sin is just as ruinous to us. W are saved by God's grace through ou faith, not our goodness (Ephesians 2:8 but a claim to faith is only pretense ur less we obey the Saviour in whom w believe (Matthew 7:21).—Standard Les son Commentary.

B. Taken totally by itself, this golde text (Ezekiel 18:27) presents a clear i lustration of the doctrine of repentanc and conversion in the Old Testamen God uses the opening word "again" be cause He is repeating the thought ex pressed previously in Verse 21. In it immediate context Verse 27 is part c God's argument through Ezekiel that H judges every man according to his deed And in the light of the context of th entire chapter, this verse becomes pa of God's refutation of the accusatio that He is unjust in His ways.

This accusation of injustice is specif cally stated in the proverb, ". . . Th fathers have eaten sour grapes, and th children's teeth are set on edge?" (Ezek iel 18:2). The natural effect of eatin sour grapes upon the eater's mouth that his teeth are set on edge; the H brew root of "to set on edge" means "t be dull." Here, the effect is first felt b the children. The Prophet Jeremia made use of the same proverb (Jeremia 31:29, 30). What the people meant b the use of this proverb was that the forefathers had sinned, and now the were suffering the punishment for the sin. Jehovah asks, "What mean ye, th ye use this proverb concerning the lan of Israel, . . ." (Ezekiel 18:2).

In refuting this false accusation injustice, God, through Ezekiel, stat that He deals righteously with eve man. Changed attitudes and actions b a man toward God will bring a corr sponding change in God's dealing wi that man.

This does not mean, however, that person can achieve his salvation by h own efforts and works. The change the actions and life-style of the pers in this text is the result of a change heart, of regeneration. Previously t man did not become wicked by doi wickedness; he did wickedness becau he was wicked. Likewise, now he do not become righteous by doing "th

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Questions & Answers

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id thee do some great thing, wouldest ou not have done it? how much rather en, when he saith to thee, Wash, and e clean?" (2 Kings 5:13).

Naaman had thought that he might something more convenient, such as pping in a river in Damascus, but God's ay was to dip seven times in the River rdan. This Naaman must do before e could call himself obedient and before e could be cleansed. Like Naaman there re too many ways people devise in this ay partially to obey God. I have heard me modernists say, "Oh, it is not the ode that counts; it is the attitude." ut it takes being obedient to manifest correct attitude.

Dr. L. T. Talbot in his book, **Bible uestions Explained,** says the following Pages 149-150:

"Romans 6:4 teaches that baptism is symbol of our identification with Christ His death and resurrection. 'Therere we are buried with him by baptism to death: that like as Christ was raised o from the dead by the glory of the ather, even so we also should walk in wness of life.' When a believer subits himself to baptism, he is proclaimg his faith in Christ's death, burial, nd resurrection as the means by which e is saved.

"As to the mode, John 3:23, as well other passages, give us some light. ere we read: 'And John also was bapzing in Aenon near to Salim, because ere was much water there: . . . .' ere is no doubt that John baptized by mersion, else there would have been need of 'much water.' The word aptize' means to 'dip' or 'plunge'; and at can be performed only where there 'much water.'

"Acts 8:36-38 is another passage that ggests 'much water'; 'And as they ent on their way, they came unto a cerin water: and the eunuch said, See, ere is water; what doth hinder me to baptized? And Philip said, If thou elievest with all thine heart, thou mayt. And he answered and said, I beve that Jesus Christ is the Son of od. And he commanded the chariot stand still: and they went down both to the water, both Philip and the nuch; and he baptized him!

"I could sprinkle a hundred people th a cupful of water, and it would not necessary to 'go down into the water' do that. Immersion certainly sets rth beautifully the great truths baptism illustrates—death, burial, and resurrection. However, we must ever bear in mind that water baptism has nothing to do with salvation. The only water baptism known to Scripture is the immersion of a person **after** he has already believed unto salvation."

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. James E. Warren, who is presently part-time pastor for the British Free Will Baptist Church, is seeking employment on a part-time basis for another church. Mr. Warren may be reached by writing to him at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; or by telephoning 527-1648, in Jackson.

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Sunday School Lesson

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which is lawful and right" (see v. 27); he does lawful and right things because he is righteous. And only God can work that change of heart through His Holy Spirit. All He asks is that we believe Him and commit ourselves to Him.—John A. Witmer, in Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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like for me to carry you on my back over the falls?"

"That would be great!" exclaimed the man.

In giving the man last minute instructions, Blondin said, "I ask you to remember only one thing: when I take the first step onto the tightrope, there can be only one mind and that is the mind of Blondin. If Blondin leans forward, you must lean forward. If Blondin leans backward, you must lean backward. Remember, there is only one man giving commands—Blondin. Your mind must be utterly one with the mind of Blondin!"

How blessed are God's children when their will is merged utterly with God's will —when they love God with all their heart, soul, and mind.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The complete merging of heart, soul, and mind with God is surely the plan of salvation that our Lord envisioned.

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HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS!

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

The snow was falling as fast as salt coming from a new salt shaker. The day was a little dark and dreary, but the snow was beautiful. As I stood and watched, I could not help but compare myself with the earth, as it was being covered with the snow. I—a sinner—am covered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed for the remission of my sins.

One hour the earth looked as it usually does in the winter—dead, with a clump of grass here and there and trash along the highways. Now, it was covered in snow, and I saw there on top of it all a beautiful redbird. I could not help but think of the wonderful hand that spread this lovely carpet of snow. It was the same hand that was willing to send the Saviour for you and me that we might help to carpet this sinful world with His message of love. Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for a friend. Yes, He is a friend—yet He is greater by far than a friend. He will stand by in all the storms of life—even unto the end of this world.

I know that this beautiful carpet of snow will soon melt and go into the earth. Will we accept Jesus Christ into our hearts to be absorbed, to be cultivated into good works for God's glory; or will we, like the hills of earth, let the snow melt and run off into the nearest ditch? Will we refuse to accept Christ? Will we run back into the world with all its pits and ditches of sin? Are we like the long icicles that shine like diamonds in the eyes of the world, yet are gone when the sun comes out?

Have trouble and things of the world come into our lives and melted us away from Christ? Have we lost our shine? It is written in God's Word that He is the Vine and we are the branches. Have we let the icicles of sin overload our branches, so that they are broken from the Vine? Have you ever noticed how some trees bend with the weight of ice, while others break easily? Which kind of tree are you and me? Do we have Christ to carry our burdens, or are we like the tree that breaks, trying to carry all our burdens alone?

We must be willing to bend to God. He is both our Maker and our Keeper. We will slip and fall on ice and snow if we are not careful. In just the same way, we may slip and even fall in this life—but we always have God to help us back up into His arms.

May we never forget, however, that God gives us a choice. It is up to you and me. But remember: A life without God is like unto a snowman—here today gone tomorrow (and gone **forever**). Late no one remembers very much about melted snowman. So may each of us b sure that we are God's children, tha we may live on forever with God.

Yes, the fresh fallen snow is beautifu God's love for us—how beautiful **thi** is!

DIXIE MELODY BOYS IN CONCERT AT CHILDREN'S HOME

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1973

7:30 P.M.

The Dixie Melody Boys

The Dixie Melody Boys will be the featured entertainment at a reception at t Children's Home honoring the new superintendent, Mr. Sammy Weeks, his famil the Board of Trustees of the Home, and their wives and husbands. The progra which was planned prior to Mr. Weeks's assumption of duties, will be an opportuni for members of the Free Will Baptist denomination to meet the new superintende The Board of Trustees, as hosts of the occasion, are urging each church in attendan to bring a love offering of $100 to the Weeks' family.

Our people are urged to support this worthwhile cause. The Dixie Melody Bo are donating their services for the occasion.

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More than likely, everyone living in these houses has at one time or another received "junk mail." Are these people perhaps receiving "junk gospel," too?

JUNK MAIL? HOW ABOUT JUNK GOSPEL?

On a recent telecast of "Sixty Minutes," an interesting CBS program appealing to millions of viewers who thrive on knowing up-to-date news, unusual in its presentation and commentary, was a segment devoted to "junk mail."

It seems that this is a business grossing (if we remember correctly) billions of dollars a year, considering the postage and responses from individuals who do something other than throw this mail in the trash can and rather send money to some "worthwhile cause" or subscribe to some so-called "off-beat" periodical.

All junk mail cannot be properly called such, for within the usual white, manila, or pastel-colored envelopes have been found some informative materials, news of the world, what is being done to stop the war, how many children are starving in India, etc.—something not too pleasant to talk about, but nonetheless something the world needs to know. Also, there have been found by this editor, envelopes containing gospel tracts, religious pamphlets, and aids to worship—all contained in the typical "junk mail" envelope.

Defined, "junk mail" means worthless material received by individuals by the way of the postal services, by postmen and mail carriers. Unless it bears a stamp or a meter mark, it cannot be called "junk **mail,**" just junk "material." This material is often stuffed in mailboxes, flower boxes, behind screen doors, or window shutters. Likely as not, little of this material is read (or even opened, for that matter), but those who distribute it by foot, car, bicycle, honda, or however, earn their just wages.

Webster says that "junk mail" is ". . . third-class mail (as circulars, leaflets, and other advertising matter) bearing no direct address or not bearing the recipient's name and typically addressed to 'occupant,' 'householder,' or 'boxholder.'" Those terms in themselves could be insulting to some of us who take pride in having our names acknowledged. Usually that received without the name hits the trash can first, and that which happens to have the occupant's name and correct address usually is opened out of curiosity. Vanity? Perhaps; but one has a right to expect the companies sending such mail at least to search out his proper name and address. And this *is* being done by those who are "hepped up" on responses, though some of us question their right to pry into our personal lives, feeling that our names and addresses should be accessible only to those of our choosing.

"Do you want the opportunity of a lifetime?" one such letter begins. "If so, come to _____ and purchase a piece of valuable land at a minimal cost of _____ and present this card upon arrival. If you're married, both you and your wife must be present. No calls will be accepted. There is no obligation to buy, and for your trouble we will make you a gift of a blender. . ." or whatever. Usually one will have to travel some distance from his residence in order to "cash in" on this "opportunity of a lifetime," and many times gas mileage is offered to prospects considered promising.

What does all this junk mail have to do with anything of a religious nature? Namely this: It is our feeling that too many ministers are preaching a lot of junk gospel and calling it the "good news." This is rocky ground on which this editor is walking, and properly he should receive a rebuttal or two at least; but let's be fair. Is it not true that many preachers preach just to be preaching? (This is not in reference to any particular ones, nor is the inference intended for our denomination only.) Is it not true that on many occasions the man of the cloth will "soften the blow" to save Sister Agatha's feelings or to avoid antagonizing Brother Fred? Is it not true that some ministers would rather "hide it under the rug" rather than "hang it on the line"? Is it not true that some are so scared of their congregations that rather than mail them "real gospel" properly addressed, they mail them "little pamphlets and do-goodies" that really never hit home, and are "read," but as it were, are thrown in the trash can of the mind because they weren't worth "reading" anyhow?

Surely we appreciate (and there are many of these) ministers who stand behind the Word and divide it in an honest-to-goodness manner, and "tell it like it is," to borrow a phrase in vogue sometime back; and despite the scornful looks of some disapproving "receivers," put it to them **straight.**

No one would dare call the gospel "junk," and certainly be it far from this editor's intention to do so. Yet, we cannot help but be concerned that just as so much junk mail reaches our homes, much gospel improperly preached, watered down, dressed up, and polished over is reaching the minds and hearts of people who need the real thing. Have you been preached any "junk gospel" lately? Whatever happened to ". . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" and ". . . except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven," and ". . . there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life"? (John 3:3; Matthew 5:20; and Revelation 21:27.)

If you've heard that kind of preaching lately, be thankful! That is not "junk gospel"!

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And There Is Room . . .

The following is an adaptation of an ar-
e by Lela Chesson, women's editor of the
cky Mount Telegram. The article first
peared in the December 17, 1972, issue
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I was visiting the Free Will Baptist
ldren's Home in Middlesex, North
olina, one morning last week.

While I waited for Stewart Humphrey,
ector of student life, to complete a
nference, I became aware of some-
ng somewhat mysterious going on in
next room.

For one thing, I had seen Stewart
erge for one brief moment, his face
vered with an enormous smile. He had
citedly whispered to a lady, "I think
's back."

My curiosity led me to take a seat
ser to the door where I could see less
t hear more.

"He's back," I heard the lady pass the
rd to another.

Another excited lady then made her
y into the room where I sat. "I
ought I had lost him a week ago, but
's back," she told me ever so happily.

"That's great," I told her before she
rrily disappeared, leaving me to won-
r if "he" were a boy friend, an es-
nged husband, or perhaps a little
ck poodle.

"He's back," the lady at the desk also
d when I walked into the other room.

"Yes, I know," I replied. "But who
'he'?"

"Here he comes now," she explained
another door opened.

"He" was a plump, dark-headed three-
ar-old, and he giggled when Stewart
cked him up.

He had been at the Home enough months to have won the love of everyone. Then, abruptly, a relative had come for him.

It had taken the relative only one week to realize that the child would be happier at the Children's Home. And so she had returned him.

Why?

"Because our children are happy people," said Graham Lane, who is acting superintendent. "They laugh a lot and they have many things to laugh about. Materially speaking, these kids lack for nothing. They fare better than the average child."

And he's right. The children are well-dressed and well-fed. They have beds of their own, companions with which to play, a swimming pool, and ponies to ride. They have religious training and attend the public schools. And they have cottage parents.

These are the things about which the 66 children now in the Home can be happy.

Materially speaking, then, it's obvious that this home has already met one goal quite successfully: It meets the material needs of each child. Only one lack in this area was specified by Stewart Humphrey. "One thing that really bothers me," he admitted, "is that we don't have a vehicle for our teen-age boys to use. When our boys become sixteen, they're just like other boys. They want their driver's license, but we don't have the funds for a car for them to share or for the insurance to cover it. And that really hurts. They don't have normal dating privileges because they don't have transportation. So they stay home. They would really consider a car a privilege—and they wouldn't abuse that privilege either."

The other goal—to meet the emotional needs of each child—is in sight. "Each child has had a desperately hard start in life," commented Stewart. "In nearly every case there has been neglect, lack of guidance, and abuse. You would find it hard to believe some of the stories, but they are real."

The children are from homes which have been broken for various reasons. Many of them are of the lower socio-economic level; they come because of divorce or the father's desertion, and the mother does not wish to care for them or is unable financially to do so.

"Throughout the years," said Graham Lane, "this ministry has changed so much that now we care for children who usually are not orphans, but are children who have an even greater need. These children who come to us do not know security and love as they should. Their faith in the world about them and in themselves has been shattered."

Now how do you see that 66 children get enough love?

"We have six cottages in which we try to create a family atmosphere," Lane explained.

All of the cottages have cottage mothers; a few have both father and mother houseparents. The father-mother concept is ideal but difficult to come by. Interested and qualified couples are hard to find. Consequently, the biggest need now is for more personnel—cottage parents and staff members to meet the personal needs of these children, to give them more love and attention. And the funds to provide the additional personnel are not available at the present. (Contributions, which are always gratefully accepted, may be sent to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.)

The children attend four area schools: 26 in grades 1-6; 16 in grades 7-8; eight in the ninth grade; and 12 in grades 10-12. Fifty percent of the children from the Children's Home have an A or B average.

When children at the Home graduate from high school, they have various opportunities open to them. They can leave and work; they can go to college with an outright grant of $500 per year provided for them; or they can continue their education in a technical school. Whatever their choice, the Home remains their home for always; they can return at any time.

"We thank God that we have been allowed to receive these children into

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 29:13

EXPERIMENTAL KNOWLEDGE

A Christian served on a parliamentary commission with Professor Thomas H. Huxley. One Sunday they stayed together in a little country inn.

"I suppose you are going to church this morning," said Huxley.

"I am. I always go to church on the Lord's Day," replied the Christian.

Huxley said, "Suppose you sit down and talk with me about religion—simple, experimental religion."

Sensing something of heart hunger in the great scientist, the associate replied, "If you mean it, I will." Then he spoke out of a rich, experimental knowledge of the saving and satisfying power of Christ.

Huxley listened intently. Grasping the hand of the Christian, he said with deep feeling, "If I could believe what you have said about the Cross of Christ and His pardoning love, I would be willing to give my right hand."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our Lord clearly states that we may search and look, but unless we do it from our heart, it is of no avail.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:25

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE WORD

Centuries ago a council of bishops decreed, "We forbid the common people to possess any of the Books of the Old or New Testament."

Little did they think that the time would come when the common people in many lands would possess and be able to read God's Word in their own language.

John Wycliffe was the first translator of the Bible into English. He has been called "the morning star of the Reformation."

Many of Wycliffe's followers were burned at the stake because they possessed and read the English Bible. Fifty years after Wycliffe's death, his grave was torn open, his body was burned, and his ashes were thrown into a brook near his old church.

Tides of bitterness and intolerance have ebbed and flowed around God's imperishable Word through the centuries. But the rage and cruelties of its enemies could not stop the spread of the Bible, nor prevent the masses from obtaining and reading it.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The teachings of the Lord are so readily available that it is impossible to keep them hidden.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture Reading—Exodus 18:19

"IN CHRIST'S STEAD"

During the last twelve years of his pastorate, Dr. Albert William Beaven gave a five-minute sermon to the children before the morning worship service. As the children passed before him to go to a specially reserved place for them, each child looked at him and smiled. He always gave a smile in return.

One morning he failed to return the smile of a little, curlyheaded, four-year-old girl. She left the procession and ran to her mother, sobbing. After quieting the little one, her mother asked why she had cried. She replied, "I smiled at God, and He didn't smile back at me!"

Later Dr. Beaven said, "Just think of it! For her I stood for God. I had failed with my smile and the world became dark for her!"

God's servants are His ambassadors. They stand before the people "In Christ's stead" (see 2 Corinthians 5:20). What a privilege! What a responsibility!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Count your blessings if you have become one of God's children; if not, work harder for this goal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:24, 25

HOW WE LOST THE GLOW

A member of a Scottish congregation said to a visiting minister, "I can worship God and enter the Holy of Holies just as easily in my garden on the mountainside as I can in a church pew."

The two men were sitting before a fireplace in which the embers of coal glowed cheerily. Silently the minister went to the fireplace, took the tongs and lifted a single glowing coal from the fire and placed it alone on the hearth. Soon it turned to a black ash.

The church-neglecting Scot said, "Ah, ye need na say a word. I understand wha' ye mean. I canna worship alone any more than I can live alone. I'll be in me place at the kirk next Sunday."

God's children suffer irreparable loss when they habitually absent themselves from the fellowship of others of like precious faith, without cause.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God gives us the freedom to worship as we please, but it is our duty to make sure that we do worship faithfully.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture Reading—1 John 2:28

"I SHALL NEVER BE ASHAMED"

A dear lady, long since gone to be fo ever with her Lord, was an honored me ber of my church. She was Lady Bu goyne. When she wished to unite with she said to me, "Dear sir, I cannot go b fore the church. It is more than I c manage to make a confession of Christ b fore the members." I told her we cou make no exception for anybody.

Lady Burgoyne came bravely and spo most sweetly for her Lord. When she h confessed her faith in Him, she put bo hands on mine and said joyfully, "With my heart I thank you for this! I shall nev be ashamed of Christ now. When aris cratic friends call upon me, I will speak them of my Lord." She did so constant She frequently said to me, "Oh, what training that was for me! I might ha been a timid one all my days if I had n made that confession before the church. *Charles H. Spurgeon.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There will come a time when every in vidual will be placed under judgment b fore Christ. So why be ashamed to ma a true confession here on earth?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture Reading—Job 16:19

GOD IS KEEPING THE RECORD

One year, in making his annual report the members of his small country chur the elderly minister was manifestly c couraged. He said, "My preaching a praying have accomplished little visible sults. In our revival meeting, only on the little boy, John—made a public confe sion of faith in Christ."

Discouragement is contagious. The me bers likewise were gloomy as they w home.

Years later, at a convention in Hutch son, Kansas, the famous Methodist Epis pal Bishop John Vincent was the speak He related the incident. Then, with heart filled with gratitude to God and minister, he said, "I am that little b John!"

God doesn't ask that we succeed. asks only that we be faithful in His s vice. Often He is working mightily hearts when we see no outward results our "labour of love" (see Hebrews 6:1 God is keeping a record of what we do

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do your records that are kept God compare with His set of rules: Ten Commandments?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:7

NO CATCH TO GOD'S OFFER

A man who was serving a lifetime s tence in the Oklahoma State Penitenti

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
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ragmont Honor Rolls

eports are available for two honor s comprised of the names of indi- uals contributing to Cragmont Assem- The first, with Mrs. Dola H. Dud- as captain, is as follows:

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and Mrs. Huber Stanley	50.00
ry and Gail Denning	50.00
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Mrs. Dudley has raised a total of $1, 0.42, which is above her goal of ,000. She writes, "It has been a asure to help this institution in this nner, and I shall continue to work it and to pray God's blessings upon ,

The second honor roll, with the Rev. uce Barrow as captain, is as follows:

arlboro Church	$100.00
lvary Church, Wilson	114.00
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iscellaneous	102.35
	$612.77

Mr. Barrow has reached his goal. This a partial report of the funds he has ised for the Kitchen Fund Drive.

We are deeply appreciative of the gifts each person, each church, and es- ecially the efforts of each captain in aising these funds. As you know, indi- dual or group gifts of $50 or more are sted on the honor roll.

We thank all those who have support- ed Cragmont Assembly in the past and who are continuing in that support.

—De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Chairman

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Children's Bill of Rights

1. The right to the affection and intelligent guidance of understanding parents.
2. The right to be raised in a decent home in which he or she is adequately fed, clothed, and sheltered.
3. The right to the benefits of religious guidance and training.
4. The right to a school program, which, in addition to sound academic training, offers maximum opportunity for individual development and preparation for living.
5. The right to receive constructive discipline for the proper development of good character, conduct, and habits.
6. The right to be secure in his or her community against all influences detrimental to wholesome development.
7. The right to the individual selection of free and wholesome recreation.
8. The right to live in a community in which adults practice the belief that the welfare of their children is of primary importance.
9. The right to receive good adult example.

—New York Youth Commission.

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Do You Have Character?

It takes character to keep from talking about others when others around you are talking; to stand up for an absent person who is being abused; to be somebody by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as queer; to refuse to do a thing that is wrong, though others do it—but that is what makes character.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

(continued from page four)

escaped. The warden, Jerome J. Waters, offered the fugitive fifteen hundred dollars if he would surrender himself at the gates of the prison.

There was a catch, however, to the offer. The reward was to be earned and saved by the escapee by doing work in the prison. "If he comes we will see that he doesn't get out again. Justice will prevail," said the warden.

How different is the offer God makes to all the fugitives from divine justice. There is no catch to His offer.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Unlike the warden's offer, God does not set any restrictions on us; He only wants us to come to Him.

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Many English Versions of Scriptures

There are "at least" 339 published English versions of the Scriptures, according to Miss Elizabeth Eisenhart, librarian of the American Bible Society. Of these, 45 are complete Bibles, nine contain the Old Testament text only, and 88 the New Testament. The remaining 197 are versions with one complete book or more, but less than complete Testaments.

William Tyndale's New Testament, the first printed English Scripture, appeared in 1525 and was followed in 1530-31 by part of the Old Testament. Tyndale was working on further translation and revision of the Old Testament when he was strangled in 1536 for such a "heretical act" as translating the Scriptures into the vernacular.

To Myles Coverdale goes the credit for printing the first complete English Bible in 1535. Although he prefixed a dedication to King Henry VIII in the hopes of securing royal favor, he was unable to secure a license for the book from the king.

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What Life's For

Eleanor Roosevelt said on her seventy-seventh birthday, "I think I have a good deal of my Uncle Theodore in me because I could not, at any age, be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Weekend Revival Services Slated at Spring Hope Church

The Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, will hold revival services January 25-27 at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Joe Moore will be the evangelist.

Special music will be featured nightly. A nursery will be provided for babies and small children.

The pastor, the Rev. Preston Haddock, and the congregation invite you to come and worship with them. Your prayers for these services are requested.

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Midyear Spiritual Life Conference To Be Held January 25, 26

The Midyear Spiritual Life Conference will convene with the Palmer Memorial Original Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina, on January 25 and 26. The theme for the conference is "Evangelism Is," with Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 9:16, 17. The program is as follows:

Thursday Evening

5:30—Registration, the Rev. Carol Hansley
6:00—Banquet, Palmer Memorial Fellowship Hall
7:20—Conference Called to Order, the Rev. Carol Hansley
—Welcome, the Rev. Ray W. Allman, Host Pastor
—President's Message, the Rev. David C. Hansley
—Message in Song, Youth from the Children's Home
—Message in Song, Youth from the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church
—Message, "Evangelism Through Child Care"
—Message, "Evangelism Through Missions"
—Minister of the Year Award
—Benediction

Friday Morning

9:30—Opening Devotions, the Rev. Ray W. Allman
—Message, "Evangelism Through Christian Education," Dr. W. Burkette Raper
—Message, "Evangelism Through Christian Literature," the Rev. Walter Reynolds
—Message, "Evangelism Through Church Extension," the Rev. Noah D. Brown
—Prayer of Dedication
—Adjournment

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Board of Ordination to Meet

The Board of Ordination of the Western Conference will meet on Friday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. Anyone having business to transact with this board may do so at this time.

—William L. Dale, Secretary

Coming Events . . .

January 27—Western Conference Youth Fellowship, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

READERS' SAY-SO

"Hooray for the January 3 issue! . I especially liked the Rev. Charlie O man's 'The Miraculous Draughts Fishes'. . . ."

Mrs. Nina Grace Regist
Kinston, North Carolin

The following letter is printed at request of the writer: "Dear Tomm have read the article in last wee (January 10 issue) 'Free Will Baptist' the Rev. David Charles Hansley ab your work at the Free Will Baptist Pr and through other agencies of our nomination; and I want to offer comm in one well-established Free Will Bap word: AMEN!"

The Rev. L. E. Ballard
Greenville, North Carol

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Change of Address

Dr. J. P. Barrow announces a char in address effective immediately. former address was 7934 Charlotte Pi Nashville, Tennessee 37209; his new dress is Route 1, Box 475, LaGran North Carolina 28551.

Dr. Barrow conducts the column titled "Bible Questions and Answe that appears each week in **The Free W Baptist.** Any readers who wish to se questions to be answered in the colu should take note of the change in dress.

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GOSSIP

There is no such thing as idle goss Gossip is always busy.

NEW CONVERT PACKET NOW AVAILABLE

A packet of materials helpful to the new Christian is now available at the Fr Will Baptist Press Foundation. Five pamphlets are included in the packet: (1) T Gospel of John (Horton Edition, which includes underscoring and other specially p pared helps); (2) "Help for the New Convert"; (3) "Let's Be Sure" (which answers t question, Does a person have to wait until after death to find out whether he w make it to heaven?); (4) "A Personal Invitation to Attend the Free Will Bapt Church"; (5) a daily Bible reading schedule.

The entire collection of helps is available for just 35 cents per packet. You m order packets for use in your church directly from the Free Will Baptist Press Found tion, Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, or you may buy them in pe son at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop at the same location. Packets are al available at branch bookstores in Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, North Carolina

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

oodmen of the orld Sponsor Party

ittle Bill Whitley, sitting on the knee Santa Claus, is explaining just exactly at he would like to have for Christ- s. Gurney Laws, representative for odmen of the World, who sponsored Christmas party, sits listening to s interesting conversation. The Wood- n of the World provide the children the Home with gifts, refreshments, d the chance to meet old Santa Claus h year. The Home appreciates the rk of such groups as this and urges ny of our churches to join hands as se laymen have in the program of ld care at the Children's Home.

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oin Collection resented to Home

Pictured here are Ron Coleman (left) d Bill Suttles, two young men who have given their lives to Jesus Christ and are members of the Fayetteville Community church. Bill and Ron visited the campus of the Children's Home recently and Bill gave a coin collection that he and Ron are holding here to the glory of God, to be used in any manner that will benefit the Children's Home. It is good to see young men, such as Bill and Ron, who have given their lives to Jesus Christ and are using the means they have to bring glory to His name.

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Washer Presented by Sunday School Class

Louis Hollaway, William Tripp, and a representative of the Home stand beside the washer presented by Piney Grove Class Number 9.

Sunday School Class Number 9 of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, recently presented the Children's Home with a washing machine. Curtiss Worthington is president of the class. Louis Hollaway and William Tripp installed the machine.

Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Home, expressed the following in a letter to the Sunday school class: "We here at the Children's Home want to express to each of you our sincere appreciation for the heavy-duty washer which you recently gave to the Home. It is the concern and support of fine people such as you that make our jobs here more pleasant and the care which we give our children possible."

IN APPRECIATION

to Mrs. Clarence F. Bowen

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Clarence F. Bowen for her work during the past ten years in the preparation of **Devotion**, the yearbook of programs for auxiliary meetings. We, the members of the Pine Level auxiliary, feel that we speak for all other members of Free Will Baptist auxiliaries. **Devotion** has been such an inspiration to all who have used it. Our thanks go both to Mrs. Bowen and to her husband, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, for the part he played in making it possible.

Our thanks are also due to the Rev. and Mrs. Bowen for their authorship of the **Manual of the Woman's Auxiliary.** We know of no two finer people who might write these two books. Both have been in Christian work for many years and are well-qualified to lead.

Our women are doing good work in the church and will do more when well-informed, as the Rev. and Mrs. Bowen's work testifies.

Mrs. B. L. Godwin, **President**
Mrs. W. E. Crocker, **Secretary**

(**Editor's Note:** We wish to express our appreciation also to Mrs. Carl Dudley, who compiled the issue of **Devotion 1973.**)

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Church Extension Request

The area surrounding Hickory, North Carolina, is being concentrated upon as a possible mission site. All Free Will Baptists are asked to send the names and addresses of Free Will Baptist friends and relatives living in the Hickory area to the Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary and Treasurer, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305. Mr. Hill's phone number is 485-3980.

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Children and Parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—Ephesians 6:1-4.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

CHAPEL SITE SEES ACTIVITY

Shown on the campus of Mount Olive College at the site where the chapel is to be constructed are left to right: President W. Burkette Raper; G. Milton Small of Raleigh, architect; and Frank R. Harrison, college chaplain.

The background equipment seen in the picture was making drillings for soil tests to be used in determining specifications for the foundation.

Small reported that the architectural working drawings will be completed January 17 and submitted to contractors the following day. He said the College should have quotations on the exact cost of the building by February 15 and that contracts could be awarded any time after that date.

President Raper reported that efforts are being made to raise the additional $80,045 needed to finance the project in time for a groundbreaking ceremony on February 27.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Mount Olive College Chapel Fund Grows

Assets of the Mount Olive College Chapel Fund through January were $114, 954, an increase of $10,300 since December 1.

Estimated cost of the chapel is $195, 000, exclusive of the organ, which means that $80,045 is still needed in gifts and new pledges.

President W. Burkette Raper reported that Tuesday, February 27, 11 a.m., has tentatively been set as the date and time for groundbreaking ceremonies, but he emphasized that contracts for construction will not be awarded until the cost of the project is underwritten through gifts and pledges.

"We need the chapel to help Mount Olive College fulfill its mission in the spiritual development of our students, and we are both praying and working that Free Will Baptists will respond to this great challenge by February 27," President Raper declared. Gifts and pledges payable by June 30, 1976, may be mailed to the Chapel Fund, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

The largest church pledge to date was made by Sherron Acres church near Durham, North Carolina, where the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace is pastor. The amount of the pledge was $2,500, payable $500 annually.

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Overcoming Disability

I discovered early that the hardest thing to overcome is not a physical disability but the mental condition which it induces. The world, I found, has a way of taking a man pretty much at his own rating. If he permits his loss to make him embarrassed and apologetic, he will draw embarrassment from others. But if he gains his own respect, the respect of those around him comes easily.—Major Alexander P. de Seversky.

Additions to Chapel Fund: December 1–January 5

Pledges or Gifts of $1,000 or More

Free Union Sunday school, Walstonbu
C. L. Patrick, pastor
Mr. and Mrs. Garland Fulcher, Oriental
Gum Swamp church, Greenville, Ja
Mayo, pastor
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Jones, Beu
ville
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Morris, New B
Riverside church, Princeton, C. M. Coa
pastor
Selma church, Selma, Ray Wells, past
Sherron Acres church, Durham, Har
Mac Wallace, pastor

Other Pledges

Miss Pattie Davis, Oxford
Saint Mary's church, New Bern, Cl
Cox, pastor

Additional Donors

Anonymous Donor
Mrs. R. R. Barton
Miss Selma Futrelle
Hickory Chapel church
Dr. and Mrs. Roy O'Donnell
Mrs. Leurah Reaves
Mrs. Edwin Roper
Mrs. Penelope Smith
Mr. and Mrs. William Vaughan

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"Wake Up, Mommy"

Some time ago in Cleveland, O newspapers ran the picture of a s faced four-year-old girl who was the witness to the slaying of her mothe

In their effort to apprehend the who committed the horrible crime, de tives questioned little Donna. She m bled only a few phrases.

Neighbors found Donna and her year-old brother David crying beside t dead mother. Donna was saying, "W up, Mommy."

The only One who is sufficiently p erful to bring the dead back to lif Christ who Himself triumphed death. He has given this word of surance to all those who enter the tals of death trusting in Him.

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KINDNESS

When death, the great reconciler, come, it is never our tenderness that repent of, but our severity.—Ge Eliot.

FAILURE

When Thomas Edison failed the first, second, or third time in his attempts to discover something new, he did not mind it. He just kept on trying. It is said he made thousands upon thousands of trials before he got his celebrated electric light to operate. And this interesting story is told of him:

One day a workman, to whom he had given a task, came to him and said, "Mr. Edison, it cannot be done."

"How often have you tried?" asked Edison.

"About two thousand times," replied the man.

"Then go back and try it two thousand more times," said Edison. "You have only found out that there are two thousand ways in which it cannot be done."

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

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ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 1973

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will be held at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina, Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m. Directions to the New Bethlehem church are as follows: Take Highway 55 out of New Bern and turn right at Grantsboro on Minnesot Road. After the turnoff, travel two and one-half miles to Parker's Store. Inquire at this store for further directions to the church.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 336, Pintops, North Carolina. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
HUBERT BURRESS, Secretary-Treasurer
Church Finance Association, Inc.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION for _____
Name of Member

Amount of Membership Fees, $_____; Number Votes, _____

REGULAR REPRESENTATION

I hereby register as the official representative of the membership of _____

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Date_____ Signed_____

PROXY, IF UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m., at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina.

Date_____ Signed_____

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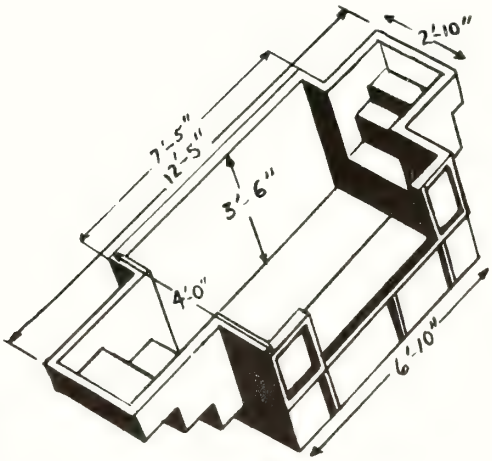

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In Memoriam

On August 25, 1972, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call Ava Woodard from this life to be forever with Him.

Ava Summerlin was born July 13, 1884. She was married to Leonard B. Woodard on October 2, 1917. Born to this union were four children: three girls and one boy. She also was stepmother of two boys and three girls.

"Grannie" Woodard, as she was affectionately called, came from Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church to Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church in 1952. She was a faithful member and a loyal worker as long as her health would permit.

She fell and broke her hip on May 6, 1972; but she never complained. It was an inspiration to be with her and to talk with her. When asked how she was, with a smile she would always answer, "Just fine."

We miss "Grannie" Woodard from our presence, but we bow in humble submission to the One who we know does all things well.

She leaves to mourn her loss her children: Mrs. Annie Ruth Stafford, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Cassie Hinsom, and Mrs. Mary Hartley, all of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Earl Woodard of Princeton. She also leaves ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

We can say as did David of old, "She cannot come back to us, but we can go to be with her in glory."

The Rev. W. J. Tyner, her pastor, and the Revs. Luby Tyner and R. L. Moore conducted the funeral service in the chapel of Seymour Funeral Home. Mrs. Woodard was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers that loving friends and family had given as a token of love and respect.

A Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we humbly bow to your will. Your wisdom is greater than ours. You understand how sad are our hearts and how deep is our grief. We long for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled.

But you are merciful and kind. You will comfort our wounded hearts.

Thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who gave us the hope that we shall meet our dear one again in heaven, where there is no separation anymore. Wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Thank you, Lord, for understanding so well our poor human hearts and for letting us lean on you. Amen.

—submitted by Mrs. T. C. Hines

New Testament in Somali

It was a momentous occasion in the fall of 1972 when the Bible Society of Kenya began distribution of a newly published New Testament in Somali, a language which is spoken by segments of the populations in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. The book was received with enthusiasm from all, it was reported to the American Bible Society. Previously people had been limited to reading in Somali the four Gospels originally printed in 1935.

cool it or lose it!

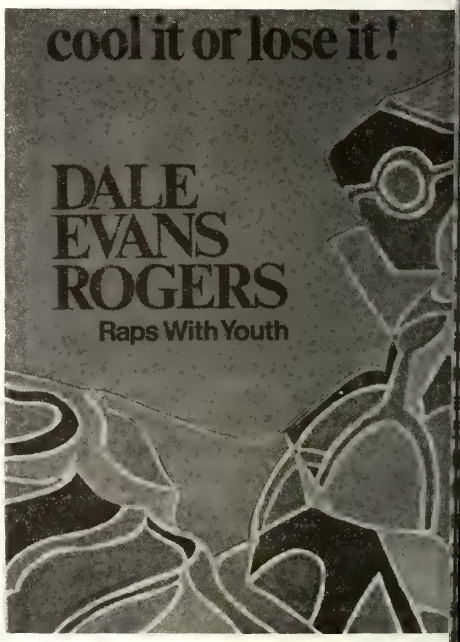
Dale Evans Rogers Raps with Youth

With great perception and frankness, leavened by a warm sense of humor, the beloved Dale addresses herself to problems of the **now** generation. She raps freely with the under-thirties, keeping an open ear to their complaints, many of which she agrees are justified. But, she states firmly, the old values still carry the clear ring of truth—honor of parents, obedience to teachers, respect of flag, duty to country, love of God. What other platform could replace these timeless truths?

She encourages the quest for fulfillment, applauds youth's enthusiasm and courage, knowledge and compassion, but warns against the dark forces eating away at our country's foundation. If decent Christian young people don't unite against the atheists, the militants, the flag burners, draft dodgers, pot smokers, sleep-arounders, revolutionaries, what will become of our great land? "Cool it," Dale pleads, "or lose it!"

Dale really likes young people and she knows what makes them tick. She understands their language and speaks it, fluently. Mother of nine, grandmother of fourteen, she knows the generation gap is not the yawning abyss we have been led to believe, and tells how to build a sturdy bridge between young and old. She calls for a return to the values of Christian life, a reawakening to the divine love of Jesus Christ, an acknowledgment of His master plan for humanity, and a freshening of our spirits by His Spirit. Only then can we hope to cool the hotheads and bring sanity back where chaos now reigns.

From her vantage point of maturity and her years of Christian living, Dale views the world with a steady gaze, telling it as she sees it, **as it is,** with all the honesty, love and Christian faith in her heart.



About the Author:

Dale Evans Rogers hardly needs an i troduction to her enormous followin With husband Roy Rogers, she reache the heights of stardom as a Hollywoo performer, and then went on to achiev even greater success as an author ar witnessing Christian. Over two millio copies of her books have been sold, ar she has been awarded countless honor among them Churchwoman of the Yea and California Mother of the Year. **Co It or Lose It!** is her eleventh book, a the first one written specifically for t younger generation.

Members of the YFA will be especia interested in this new selection, ava able at the Christian Bookstore and G Shop, Free Will Baptist Press Foundatio Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Ca lina. The book is also available branch bookstores in New Bern, Smi field, and Wilson, North Carolina.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Will all Christians who have not won souls to Christ be ashamed at the Last Judgment? Please give Scripture.

Answer: The probable answer to the question is "yes." In addition, other disobedience of which one may be guilty will, I think, bring regret to us when we are at the judgment seat of Christ in the air. "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (1 Samuel 15:22, 23). Compare, "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:28); "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:6-8).

Such an exhortation from the New Testament should alert us to give heed to the several warnings given us concerning the necessity of a continued obedient walk with the Lord all the days we spend here as the redeemed of God. We are told, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

The Bible, especially the New Testament, would have every Christian so to live from the moment he experiences the new birth until Christ comes as though we expected Christ to return at any second with no previous warning. This would include obeying Christ by conscientiously working and living in a way to win the most souls possible. It would include continuous prayer and devotion to God that would keep the Christian close enough to God in all he does that he might know and obey God's will.

In such a state of being no one is ever groping in the darkness to ascertain God's will and purpose for him at any time. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no righteousness is in him" (John 7:17, 18).

In Mark 8:34 Jesus makes the kind of requirement of His followers that will guarantee their complete separation from the world and will make them enemies of worldly pleasures. He says, ". . . Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The disciples only in part understood this at the time that Jesus said it. Later, however, it was understood by martyrs for the sake of the gospel—such as Stephen (see the seventh chapter of Acts) and James (John's brother whom Herod killed with his sword). These Christians were not ashamed of the gospel, of the good news that Jesus died for our sins. And Jesus was not ashamed of them. But He says that He will be ashamed of some. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

Paul, who knew what Jesus had said to his followers before He was crucified, says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). Therefore Paul could tell Timothy how not to have cause for shame when all he could do in this life was finished.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2); "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15); "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Timothy 2:12); "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:8). Compare, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. . . .Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:22, 32, 33).

When Jesus commissioned the 70 disciples and sent them, He told them: "Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. . . . He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me" (Luke 10:3, 16).

Thus we see that the Bible plainly tells us who are saved what our duty is and what will come to us as we perform it. The world that hated, falsely condemned, and crucified our Lord will treat us just as it treated Him if we follow in His footsteps, carrying out His commission. If we refuse when the going gets tough and rugged, He will reward us according to this unfaithfulness; but those who are faithful unto the end will be saved and will, like Stephen of Acts 7, have His presence with us. This latter reward will give to us in death more glory than could have possibly come while living here.

In the September 1972 issue of the religious periodical entitled **Christian Victory,** under "Should Christians Testify?" we find the following on Page 32:

"May we as ambassadors, proclaim Him, confess Him, talk about Him, make Him known, press Him on the attention of the world's burdened, aching, and broken heart. The Holy Spirit summons you who are bought by the blood of the Son of God, to be done with playing at religion, and to give Him your life for the sublimest and most heroic business on earth—trumpeting the gospel."

In a day of spiritual darkness such as that we are experiencing now, all Christians should be encouraged to witness for Christ with a new momentum that

(continued on page sixteen)

STORIES

for our youth

JAN BECOMES A NEIGHBOR

by Lillian MacKillop

WHEN Jan got home from school on Friday, her mother told her that new neighbors were moving into the house next door.

Jan was so excited that she could hardly eat her supper. She had been lonely for playmates ever since the Millers had moved to Florida. And even though Marie and Noreen had written to her, it wasn't the same as having them to play with.

Jan ate some macaroni and cheese. "Mother," she said, "are you sure you didn't see any little girls get out of the moving van?"

"No, Jan. Moving vans only bring the furniture. The family usually arrives later."

"I wish they'd hurry!" Jan murmured.

She saw her father frown. "Don't get too excited. Our new neighbors may be a family without girls, but we will be friendly to them, of course."

Jan reached for more sliced meat, then ate in silence. Why had her father said that? Did he know the new neighbors? Did he know that there were only boys in the family?

Suddenly Jan was no longer hungry. She stuffed down her dessert, then told her parents that she had to go to her room to study. In her room, she opened a book and carried it over to the window with her. There she stood looking out at the big house next door.

If there were no girls moving into that house, she would not be friendly to the boys or to their parents. Surely God knew that she wanted girls as neighbors! Why had the Millers moved away when she had enjoyed friendship so much?

It was just beginning to get dark out when Jan saw the lights. She ran to the top of the stairs. "Mother! Come quickly! The family has arrived!"

Jan ran back to the window. She didn't even listen for her mother's answer as she tried to make her eyes see through the darkness. A tall man was getting out of the car. He walked around and opened the trunk of the car. He began to carry things into the house.

A woman got out. Jan couldn't see whether she was young, like her own mother, or older, like her cousin's mother. The woman was carrying something, but it was too dark to see what it was. Lights came on in the house. Minutes later the lights of the car went out.

The lights in Jan's heart seemed to have gone out, too. She wiped big, hot tears from her eyes as she turned away from the window. She undressed and crawled into bed without calling good night to her mother. Pulling the sheet up over her head, she cried softly.

"Are you in bed, Jan? I was on the telephone when you called that the neighbors had arrived." Her mother lifted the sheet. "Why, Jan! You've been crying!"

Jan turned her head away. "Wouldn't you cry if you didn't have any friends? Wouldn't you cry if God didn't care about you?"

Mother sat down on the bed. "You have friends. The girls at school and at Sunday school are your friends, and sometimes your cousin comes and stays with you on weekends. What you mean, Jan, is that you don't have girls living next door who are your friends. But I'm sure that God knows who to give us as neighbors. He does care about you, even when you don't think He does."

After mother had kissed her good night and had gone downstairs, Jan sighed. Maybe Mother was right. Maybe the girls would arrive tomorrow.

On Saturday morning Jan was up early. She began to tidy up her room even before she went down to breakfast. Her new friends would want to come up and see her things right away. Then she would show them the recreation room in the basement. They'd want to play there on rainy days.

Mother was calling her to breakfast. Jan smelled pancakes as she ran down the stairs. She liked pancakes. She hoped that Mother would make them for breakfast when the girls spent the night at her house.

At the table Mother said, "We'll slip over and welcome our new neighbors this morning. We won't stay long because they'll be busy. We'll just tell them that we're glad to have them as neighbors and offer to help if they need us. I'll make a stack of hot pancakes in case they haven't had a chance to fix breakfast yet."

Jan was never so excited before. While her mother made the pancakes, Jan snatched the dust mop and hurried to her room.

Soon they were knocking at the door of the big house.

The tall man opened the door. He talked to Jan's mother for a few minutes. Then he almost whispered, "My wife will be overjoyed that you have a daughter. Our little Janis was buried three months ago, and my wife has been praying that God would allow her to find another girl about Janis's age—just someone to talk to once in a while until her heart learns to live with the loneliness. Let me call her now."

The man turned from the door. "Shall on! Friendly neighbors are here with hot pancakes!"

"Come on in!" the pretty young woman invited, as she stepped toward them. "How did you know that I had just heated the coffeepot?"

Jan followed her mother into the kitchen. "We won't stay long," Jan heard her mother saying.

But Sharon Preston did not seem to be listening. She was looking at Jan. "I'm so glad you have a daughter. I love girls. You are fortunate to have a lovely daughter. May she come over to visit often?"

Quite suddenly, Jan was very ashamed of herself. She had wanted a girl friend for a neighbor so that she herself

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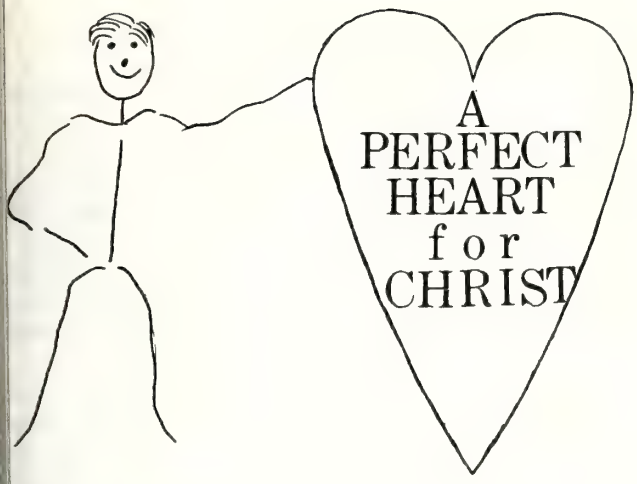
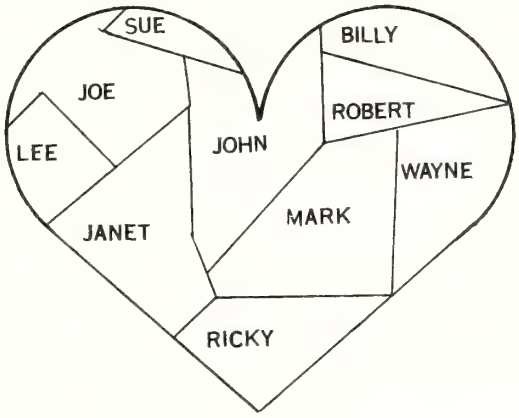


It Really Works!

Our State Sunday School Convention presents the following Sunday school attendance promotion plan with high hopes that all of our churches will use it. **It really does work.** The big day for breaking all attendance records in all our Sunday schools and producing a **perfect heart for Christ** is **Sunday, February 11.** (This plan was designed by the Rev. Taylor Hill and was approved by the executive board of the Convention.)

CLASS HEART

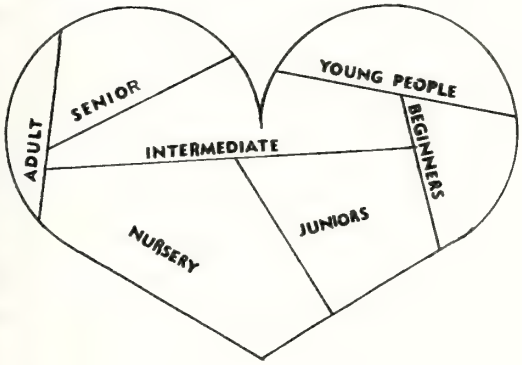


PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

Each class will make a heart of red cardboard that is approximately 18 inches across. Cut the heart into as many pieces as there are members in the class; write each member's name on a piece; and mail the individual pieces to the members with an enclosed note reminding them of the importance of bringing their piece of the heart to Sunday school on **Sunday, February 11.**

Have a duplicate outline of the perfect heart drawn on white cardboard for the purpose of sticking on the sections of the heart designated for each member. Have the members' names written in designated spaces on the heart.

MASTER HEART



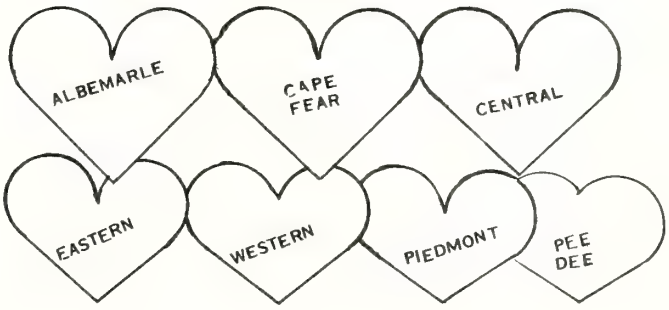
FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent will depend upon each class to construct the **master perfect heart for Christ.** A heart is to be prepared with a cutout piece for each class in the Sunday school, in the same manner suggested for the individual classes. When the heart for each class is completed, the class parts will be placed in proper order on the **master heart.** All Sunday schools having a **perfect heart for Christ** on February 11 are urged to report to us immediately afterwards, so that we can publish their names. We are also asking that each Sunday school report its percentage of increase over normal attendance. Send all information to our field secretary, the Rev. L. E. Ballard, at 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

THE STATE CONVENTION PERFECT HEART

Around March 1 our field secretary will mail from our field office in Greenville a part of a large heart to each Sunday school in the state. There will be a separate heart for each conference as illustrated. Each Sunday school will be urged to send its part, with at least one person as representative, to the State Sunday School Convention that will meet at the Children's Home in Middlesex on April 21. A committee there will receive the parts and make up the hearts for display at the convention. **Our goal is a perfect heart for Christ** for each conference in the state. These conference hearts will be **green** (the "go ahead" color); but they will be mounted on a **black** heart—if your Sunday school is not represented, there will be a black spot on our record. Oh, no!

Conference Heart



A NEW HEART AND SPIRIT

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 11:14-21; 36

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 36:26

I. INTRODUCTION

Though the Bible declares many things, there is one thing that it declares without exception or reservation. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and thus all men have need of a Saviour. As our Lord informed Nicodemus, one must be born again before he can hope to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Those whose lives have not been changed through a personal experience with Christ, if they are to find eternal life and a more beautiful, enjoyable, and productive life during their stay on earth, must have their lives changed through the power of the indwelling Spirit of God.

In Christ, lives that have heretofore been erring and aimless can find both purpose and direction. In Christ and through Him men can reweave the tattered threads of broken dreams. In Christ one can find escape from the ugliness, the brutality, and the selfishness of life; but he can also find much more than mere escape—he can find expression for the positive side of his nature that creates the beautiful, the orderly, and the humane.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Last Sunday's lesson was concerned with individual responsibility; today's lesson is concerned with how the individual may receive a new heart.
2. Ezekiel's prophecy that Jerusalem would fall has been fulfilled.
3. Now he holds out hope that the captivity will end and God will restore the Jews.

B. "For My Holy Name's Sake" (Ezekiel 36:22, 23)
1. Israel did not deserve to be spared because of her sins.
2. God was determined to have a witness of His name among the heathen.
3. So for His name's sake, He planned to restore Israel.

C. God Promises a New Heart (Ezekiel 36: 24-27)
1. In restoring Israel God promised them a new heart.
2. This meant cleansing from sin.
3. It also meant that He would put His Spirit within them.

D. God Promises Prosperity (Ezekiel 36: 28-30)
1. God had promised Abraham both spiritual and material blessings.
2. God is here repeating the promise to these people.
3. This promise was partially fulfilled in the restoration and is being more fully fulfilled today.

E. God Promises New Insights (Ezekiel 36:31, 32)
1. When they got into the land, they would begin to understand God's goodness and mercy.
2. This new understanding would bring sorrow for their sins of the past.
3. God is doing this not for their sakes, but to have a witness among the heathen.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. As we think of today's lesson it is natural to think of the heart transplants that have received so much attention in recent years. Most of the patients who have received heart transplants have lived only a matter of months. But to a dying man, even a few months more is a new lease on life.

What God offers mankind is not a new lease on life, but a new life! God does not offer us a reprieve from death; He abolishes death. He does not postpone the inevitable; he changes the inevitable. The new heart God gives is not for a few months or even for a few years, but it will last for all eternity.

The Bible is plain that eternal life for the child of God begins here and now. We have in this earthly life a taste of the life we shall enjoy eternally. The new heart God gives is more than a borrowed heart from another man. It is more than a used pump that will allow us to have a few more days to live on earth. God's new heart results in eternal life.

B. Ezekiel pointed out that Israel would come to hate herself for having disobeyed God. One psychologist has said that conceit is not nearly so common as self-hate. Certainly it is a part of repentance to feel deep shame. Certainly the loss of self-respect is one of the most serious penalties of sin. A man can stand almost anything so long as he can stand himself. When a man loses his self-respect he is totally bankrupt in his soul. The lost sense of shame seems to characterize many sinners today. There is, however, an opposite extreme. Some may come to loathe themselves so greatly that they doubt that God can love them. That is a very bad situation. We must be assured that God loves us and sees His own image in us, no matter how we have marred it. We must believe in God's redeeming power and accept His forgiving love. When God forgives us, we must then forgive ourselves.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. It has been said that the Bay of Naples is the most beautiful body of water in the world. But many years ago, a great mountain stood where the bay is, until a seething volcano erupted and left a giant hole in the earth. Now a lovely body of sparkling blue water occupies the area. What a change!

Man's heart is evil and depraved, erupting constantly in hate, malice, and even murder. But when Christ comes into a man's life, he receives a new heart and a new spirit.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

D. God created man for a threefold purpose: (1) to have a creation that would love Him, (2) to have joy in fellowshiping with man, and (3) that man's love and service might bring honor and glory to God. When Adam was created he met these purposes. He loved God, he fellowshiped with God, and he served God with the motive of giving Him glory.

God also gave man freedom of the will and the right to choose. If God had not given man this right He would never receive honor and glory from man. G

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Churches and Ministers Available

NOTE: This column is provided, when eeded, for any church that is seeking a astor and for any minister who is seeking church to serve and would like to give ch notice. Please send the necessary inrmation to the editor of "The Free Will aptist." Each notice will run for two isies only.)

The Rev. James E. Warren, who is resently part-time pastor for the British ee Will Baptist Church, is seeking emoyment on a part-time basis for anher church. Mr. Warren may be reachd by writing to him at 1000 Poplar reet, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; by telephoning 527-1648, in Jackson.

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r care," Stewart Humphrey said in conusion. "With a combination of kindss, love, respect, and a teaching of the ace of God, many of our former boys d girls bring their children back to e the people and places that gave them second chance at life."

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He Almost Made It

A father, his twin sons, and a neighr's boy drowned when their boat overned and sank in Lake Erie. The body one of the boys was found a few feet m the shore, perhaps indicating that almost made it.

Many come near to God's kingdom, t do not enter it. They are like the ibe to whom Jesus said, ". . . Thou art t far from the kingdom of God. . ." ark 12:34).

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More Than a Billion

The American Bible Society, founded 1816 to translate, publish, and distrie the Scriptures, without doctrinal e or comment, in the first 155 years its existence has distributed 1,336, ,420 copies of Scripture. Of this ount 67,860,199 were complete Bis, 1,268,891 Testaments and the reinder individual biblical books or ected passages.

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the church has rarely experienced before. This witnessing should be like the great movement that sent everyone who was a Christian everywhere that it was possible to go, telling the simple sublime truth about Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the facilities we have at our command today it would take a comparatively short time to see the gospel reach every creature and the Lord to come for His church. See above Matthew 24:44. Compare, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30); "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12: 3).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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would have company. I had forgotten, she thought, about how I could be a neighbor to someone else.

Jan's mother looked at Jan. Jan nodded and said, "I'd love to, Mrs. Preston. If Mother doesn't need me today, I could stay and help you get settled."

"Wonderful!" Mr. Preston said as he poured coffee for Jan's mother.

But the Prestons had no syrup for their pancakes, so Jan offered to run home for a bottle of syrup. And as she burst into her own house, she almost burst into tears, too. She was so happy that God knew whom to send as neighbors. And she was glad that she could be a help to the mother of another little Janis.—My Pleasure.

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Sunday School Lesson

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wants man to choose to love and serve Him. When Adam exercised the right of choice, he chose to eat the forbidden fruit and thereby sinned against God by disobeying Him. So it is that the sinner, by nature, does not love God, has no fellowship with Him, and does not honor Him in his life. Sin destroyed all three. Before man could have these purposes again in his life he had to be born again by the Spirit of God.

This was the picture Ezekiel saw in Israel. The nation had sinned. It no longer loved Jehovah. It had no fellowship with Him. And God received no honor or glory from a nation fallen into idolatry and sin. If Israel was ever to please God as once she had, she must receive something new: like a new heart and spirit. So it is that if ever the unsaved person is to please God he, too, must receive, as a gift from the very One he has profaned, something new—a new heart and spirit.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

DIXIE MELODY BOYS IN CONCERT AT CHILDREN'S HOME

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1973

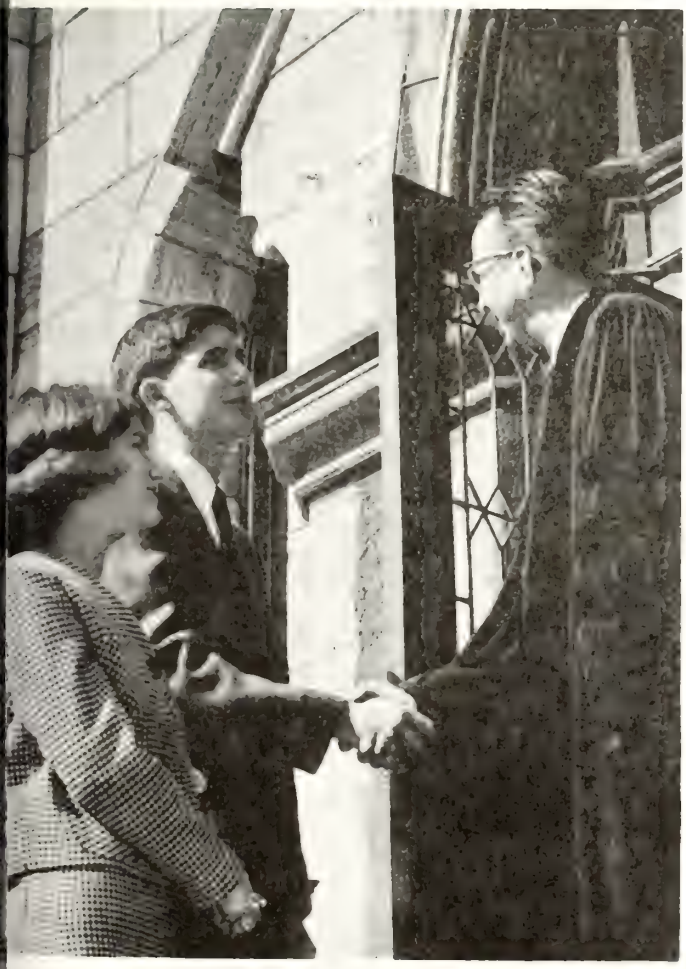
7:30 P.M.

The Dixie Melody Boys

The Dixie Melody Boys will be the featured entertainment at a reception at Children's Home honoring the new superintendent, Mr. Sammy Weeks, his fam the Board of Trustees of the Home, and their wives and husbands. The progr which was planned prior to Mr. Weeks's assumption of duties, will be an opportu for members of the Free Will Baptist denomination to meet the new superintend The Board of Trustees, as hosts of the occasion, are urging each church in attend to bring a love offering of $100 for the Children's Home.

Our people are urged to support this worthwhile cause. The Dixie Melody B are donating their services for the occasion. This concert is for all of the pe in the Free Will Baptist denomination, and all are issued a warm invitation to b attendance.

YOUR CHURCH ON WELFARE?



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THE CHURCH: FOR PEOPLE ON WELFARE?

In 1963 was set up an organization known by the initials HEW, spelled out to mean the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Included in this are the Children's Bureau, Bureau of Family Services, Cuban Refugee Program, and International Office. These programs were formerly administered by the Social Security Administration.

In a favorable connotation, the Department of Social Services (formerly, the Welfare Department) in general, a U. S. government agency which is a part of HEW, helps needy families and individuals. Though railed upon in recent years by those of us who think management of welfare money has not quite been up to our expected "level" and who feel that we have more know-how in the issuing out of such funds, the Department of Social Services has nevertheless provided unlimited benefits for the unfortunate. And though we may not totally agree with the system, we have to admit that its creation was a step, as it were, in the right direction.

Under the present system, grants-in-aid are provided to the states for old-age assistance; for aid to the permanently and totally disabled; for aid to the blind; for aid to families with dependent children (which has caused no little fuss in recent years); and for medical assistance for old people. Supported also are crippled children, individuals with maternal and child health problems, programs dealing with the control of juvenile delinquency, and many others.

In short: Welfare offers public assistance where needed, toward the social betterment of society in general. As has been proven, many people who ought not to be are receiving welfare funds, whereas some who are really deserving are unable to be granted aid because for some reason or another they simply "do not qualify." This has caused stirs and upstirs; and the Department itself admits to its failures and imperfections, but it has yet to resolve difficulties concerning these.

Certainly many of us "do-gooders" and "know-a-lots" contend that we would know how to do what is being done in a better manner. We would withhold from some agencies and give freely to others. We would give freely to some individuals and withhold funds from others. Yet, we must admit that we are not trained to know what or who needs more and what or who needs less; that is, what we consider priorities are really unimportant to other people. So, probably, all we can do about or "against" the present system is to voice our opinions and hope that after being in the washing machine for awhile all the "grayness" will vanish.

This is no attempt to be funny, nor is it an attempt to discredit the good that welfare has done. It does, however, lead us to this question: Did you know that the church can be likened to the system of welfare? Think now: In welfare work, tax dollars do the "doing"; and these tax dollars are provided by those who are able to be taxed because of a particular income. To be sure, everyone who makes a certain amount of money and owns a certain amount of property is properly taxed; but for the most part, the tax dollars that go into the welfare coffers aid those who really do less toward the system's maintenance. Some would say that this is the way it's supposed to be, that this was the purpose of its conception and development. Perhaps, and perhaps not. . . .

A few do a lot for many. The minority carry on the program to the benefit of the majority. This is the same way it is with church. A few people do all the work, give all the money; and the whole membership profits—profits with a comfortable church, a well-paid (perhaps) minister, a good music program, a successful Sunday school and league, a sound missions' program—and, well, you name it.

Isn't it true that most of the time the same people do most of the work? Isn't it true that volunteers are known even before they are asked to donate their time or efforts because they are the same ones who have volunteered before? Isn't it true that when a worthy cause is mentioned, the same individuals come forth to its support, financially and otherwise? Just think.

Formerly, it was the church's job to help the needy, to do all types of benevolent work—and indeed this is still being done to some extent. But we can't help but believe that within each congregation (though the term hurts) there are a few *deadbeats* who depend on everybody else to do their work for them and to give their share of the money, and in general carry *their* portion of church member responsibility. Some of these members would die of humiliation if it were to be suggested that they are on welfare; but under careful consideration, is it not a fact that they are?

We have no quarrel with the U. S. government and its welfare system. We could not "run" it any better, because our "qualifications" are such so as not to make our doing so feasible. Neither would we quarrel with any particular church; but we are certain that all of us know some people of our various congregations who need to get off "church welfare" and go out and "earn" their religious living.

The church, of course, is for all people: the old, the young, the rich, the poor, the healthy, and the sick. But, if a person can get up and walk, let him do so. Similarly, if a person can be self-supporting, let him get out and be so. And by all means, if there's something in the church that you can do, do it. Get off that welfare roll! Comment?

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Crying -- With Reason

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HROUGH the years I have written articles for school papers, magaes, local newspapers, etc. However wly, they seem always to be about ppy things, humorous things, out of e ordinary—almost always designed to ke one laugh or smile. Perhaps I rtray the person who knows all about ghter and funny things—and I do.

Our dictionaries have many ways of fining laughter; such as, its being an dible expression to an emotion—rth, joy, even embarrassment. Healthy ghter is possible; they say that being led with exuberance brings on this nd. You listen to a young child laugh; ey say that it's akin to music. It **is** sic, isn't it? It is to me. . . .

On the first few pages of all the riad of books that are written on ppiness, humor, wit, and things of this ture, they tell the "whys" and "wherees." They give credit when they can the people who have said these things ome very famous, some infamous. ople from all walks of life tell us out being funny and happy and about ghing. I'll go along with all they say nd still further. I believe in it with my heart and soul—if it is **real.**

Now that I have prefaced my "say," aid it to say something else, and it is out the opposite of laughter—or is it? e word is **crying.** Do you know much out that word? Without consulting . Webster on this, I looked in various ces: libraries, bookstores, and on my okshelves at home to see if I could d what people in general have to say out this subject. Strangely enough, I d to resort to Mr. Webster after all. couldn't find much else to help me.

He said that crying is "sobbing or eeping—to wail, to lament." Without ing to any other book or any printed tter of any kind (as I've said, I uldn't find any), let's go into our own torehouse of knowledge" and dig up me of our own feelings on this matter.

Do we cry?

A newborn baby cries.

A hungry baby cries.

A little boy cries. He is the last one chosen to play baseball as the team members are being selected. He heard, "Well, I guess I'm stuck with Joe." Having had a sick father from the time he was born, this little boy had not learned much about playing ball. He cries. . . .

A little girl cries. Her finger was caught in a car door, and she had to wait until someone opened it so her hand could be released. She cries. . . .

People cry for so many reasons. We all know about "crocodile tears." Just think what you can get by with by "misting up." That kind of tears will get some people anywhere. Why am I so sure about that, you ask? Well, all of us can observe people in situations where this kind of crying "pays off."

Then, we visit people in hospitals, the homes for the aging, and other institutions. They talk about things: bygone days, old friends who are no longer with them, lost youth, children who do not visit them. We listen. Our hearts are touched, and we cry.

Death takes a loved one. He is no longer with us. We cry. We listen to a song, and a particular melody brings to mind some nostagic rememberance of someone, someplace, something. We cry. We cry. We cry. . . .

We look into the innocent eyes of a solemn little boy or girl. They look straight into your eyes with no wavering—sincerity only. These eyes mirror your own feelings **for them.** You search your own heart; you find yourself thanking God for such moments. Yet, we cry. To think: to thank God for crying? Strange? Perhaps, and perhaps not. . . .

We look about us. It is winter. A lot of the birds have left us for awhile but will return in due time, as will new life on the now bare branches of the trees and the brown, dry banks along our pathways.

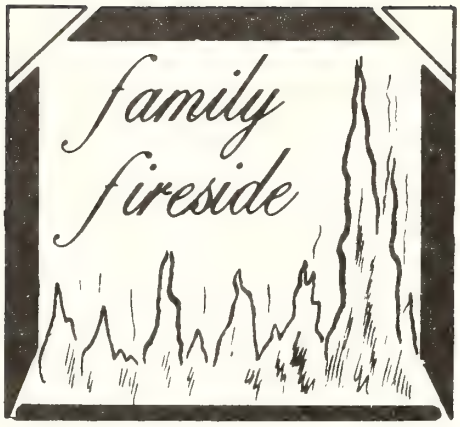
Spring will come again, and with it as now—the fresh, crisp air so clean we seem not to be able to take in enough of it. Are we trying to see all of the beauty, smell all of the fragrances, hear the birds' songs, the many voices of nature? For those who cannot see or hear, and for those who are not aware of these things, and for those who are insensitive to them, we cry.

Yes, we have reasons for crying sometimes. In fact, we have reasons for crying **many** times. For all the above mentioned—could we somehow be crying for them, or with them?

So, whether we laugh or cry (and we do both), we **do** have our reasons.

After having come to the conclusion, I hope we will **always** need to cry. Then we just might be able to lessen others' need to cry so often. Then we will know laughter—the real-from-the-heart kind of laughter—the real thing, more than before. . . maybe. . . .

Are you perhaps crying now—crying with reason? You may just be tonight or tomorrow. . . or seemingly forever. . . but with real reason!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:7

THE LAST RUN

Recently a city newspaper showed the picture of a railroad engineer descending the steps of his engine after his last run. He had made many friends along his run. Many years of faithful service lay behind him. He was held in high esteem by his employers. They spoke glowing words of commendation to him, and gave him a gold watch as a token of their appreciation for faithful service rendered. His joy and satisfaction far outweighed any sorrow he felt because his work had ended. His last run was crowned with glory and honor.

Shouldn't it be the same with us when we make our last run and bid farewell to friends and loved ones?

When we make our last earthly run, we may have little of this world's goods. The world may not speak words of commendation. We may even be bereft of friends and loved ones. Still we can rejoice. Think of meeting the Lord and the dear ones who died in the Lord!

PRAYER THOUGHT

How well are you prepared to face the Lord? Can you be absolutely certain about your destination? If not, begin working on it today.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 57:10

A HOPELESS HEREAFTER

Robert, age forty-seven, and his wife Paula, age fifty-one, were found shot to death in their suburban home in Philadelphia. They were socially prominent and lived in affluence. Paula phoned a state trooper and said, "My husband begged me to kill him. I did it. I shot him, and now I am going to kill myself!" The trooper tried to keep her talking while he radioed a patrol car to go to the scene of the tragedy. Sensing his purpose, she said, "You're not going to keep me on the phone until someone interferes. We made this agreement, and I'm going to keep it."

Ten minutes later the officers entered the home where murder and suicide had just occurred. They found a note which contained these forlorn words: "We have no hope for the future."

How hopeless are those who go out into a Christian hereafter!—*Told by Hyman J. Appelman.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are a lost cause and have no hope for the future unless we seek God. Repent and live a righteous life thereafter.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13:17

THE HOLE IN THE CEILING

Two brothers ran a store in a country town. They became perplexed when they discovered that many small items on their shelves were disappearing. A check showed that the items had not been sold. The brothers came to the same conclusion and began to seek for a solution to their problem. Finally one of them hit upon a plan. He climbed up into the attic above the store and bored a hole in the ceiling.

Then each brother took his turn watching through the hole, while the other waited on the trade. What they discovered about some of the townspeople was amazing! However, no accusations were made. Instead, they simply dropped the gentle hint that there was a hole in the ceiling. Almost immediately the brothers noticed with amusement some conscience-stricken shoppers strolling about the store and glancing furtively toward the ceiling.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Compare the hole in the ceiling to the heavens above; shouldn't we remember that Someone is always watching?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9:24

OUR HEAVENLY INTERCESSOR

Dr. H. C. Morrison's parents died when he was an infant. As a boy he got into trouble. He was arrested and arraigned. He could not look at the judge, because he was guilty.

"Has this boy anyone to represent him?" the judge asked the clerk of the court. "No, Your Honor," said the clerk. Then the judge said to a lawyer present, "I appoint you to take this boy's case."

Going to the boy, the lawyer asked, "Are you guilty?"

"Yes, sir, I am guilty."

"Don't you think we had better confess the guilt and ask for the mercy of the court?"

"Yes, sir," Morrison replied.

"Please, Your Honor," said the lawyer, "I have observed that when the ends of justice can be secured and society can be protected, it is Your Honor's custom to show mercy. He confesses his sin and pleads for forgiveness."

Then the lawyer, forgetful of court amenities, added, "Father, I'll sponsor this boy and give him an education. I believe he will become an upright, useful citizen!"

The judge had appointed his own son to represent young Morrison!

The heavenly Father has appointed His Son to plead for us!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our guilt before the Father is subject to the same intercession by the Son as was this boy's wrongdoing as he appeared before an earthly father and son.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture Reading—John 4:36

WHEN A JEW CEASES TO BE A JEW

The Supreme Court of Israel ruled that a Roman Catholic cannot be a Jew. Father Daniel is a Polish-born Jew. He became a Catholic. He claimed Israeli citizenship under stipulations of the country's Law of Return.

Speaking for the court, Judge Moshe Silberg said, "The Law of Return is secular legislation and must be interpreted according to secular principles. The question is 'What is the ordinary Jewish meaning of the term, Jew?' Does it include an apostate? From the extreme Orthodox Jew to freethinkers, there is one thing common to all people who dwell in Zion—we do not sever ourselves from the historic past and we do not deny the heritage of our forefathers. There are some differences of nuance and approach, but the lowest common denominator is that no one regards an apostate as belonging to the Jewish people."

A change in one's religion today costs little in comparison to what Paul suffered when he accepted Jesus as the true Messiah. Paul "suffered the loss of all things to champion Christ's cause and follow Him.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we become more dedicated Christians, we readily agree that we must sacrifice. Exactly what sacrifice may remain unknown until it comes our way. No sacrifice should be considered too great.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 33:11

SENTENCE MUST BE PRONOUNCED

In Cleveland, Ohio, sixteen-year-old Esherick Jr. was found guilty of the murder of his father. The verdict of the jury read: "This jury finds the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree." The imposing of the death sentence was mandatory.

Shock, anguish, and sorrow filled the courtroom. The face of presiding judge John F. Clair Jr. darkened. He slipped into his chambers. Court officers observed him apprehensively, for they knew of his heart condition. At his desk, he slumped into a chair and covered his face with his hands as tears filled his eyes. He whispered, "I have never had to pronounce such a sentence—never, never!"

God, the Judge of all mankind, has no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

In mercy, God has placed athwart man

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'Faith in Action" Telecast Breaks All Records

Madison, New Jersey—Virgil Megill, rector of the KEY 73 Mass Media Office, announces that the 30-minute telesion launch event for KEY 73, "Faith Action," was seen by approximately 75 illion people in the United States and anada. The color film, carried on 667 ations throughout the United States d Canada, is scheduled to be shown to other 100 stations overseas over the rmed Forces Network.

Most stations in the top 100 markets rried the telecast in prime time on turday, January 6, ushering in the ar-long KEY 73 evangelistic thrust nong 150 religious bodies representing 5 percent of all Christians in North merica. Many Christians used prered study guides, met in homes for ayer and Bible discussion, and related the recent converts in the "Faith in tion" documentary. Although these nverts came from various ethnic, relious, and social backgrounds with difrent problems, they were united by cepting God's love in Christ and in eking to express that love to others.

The launch event was part of a multiedia exposure of North America to sus Christ. The purpose of KEY 73, cording to Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke, ecutive director, St. Louis, is "to bring ery man, woman, and child in North merica to an encounter with the gospel Jesus Christ during 1973."

Under the general supervision of Dr. gene R. Bertermann, chairman of the Y 73 Mass Media Committee, daily orkshops for KEY 73 mass media leads throughout the country and Canada ill be held at the Washington Hilton otel, Washington, D. C., January 28-31, 973, in connection with the 30th Anual Convention of National Religious oadcasters, of which Dr. Bertermann president. The purpose of the daily orkshops will be to train KEY 73 layen and clergy in mass media techques, press relations, and the placeent of future KEY 73 radio and telesion programs scheduled for later in e year.

Plenary speakers and workshop leads at the NRB Convention will include: . Theodore A. Raedeke, executive dictor of KEY 73, St. Louis; Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, chairman of the KEY 73 ecutive Committee, Springfield, Misuri; Dr. Paul Benjamin, professor of church growth, Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, Illinois; the Rev. Virgil Megill, mass media director for KEY 73, Madison, New Jersey; E. Robert Norris, chairman of the KEY 73 workshops at the NRB Convention, Lutheran Church in America, New York City; W. Clement Stone, insurance executive and Presbyterian layman, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Bill Huie, director of radio for the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Atlanta, Georgia; the Rev. Dan Barrett, member of the KEY 73 subcommittee on mass media, Chicago, Illinois; and the Rev. Keith Woollard, KEY 73 mass media chairman for Canada, Toronto, Ontario.

In the early fall, the KEY 73 brochure "Launching a Movement" was distributed to 325,000 congregations and parishes throughout North America inviting participation in the program of "Calling Our Continent to Christ." Phase One opened in early December with the call to repentance and prayer. For two weeks after Christmas, church bells tolled at mid-day to call 100 million Christians to pray at noon or on their lunch break. Noon prayer clusters were held in offices, factories, churches, and schools. Prior to Thanksgiving, eight million pieces of literature were distributed from Tidings in Nashville, Tennessee promoting the Noon Prayer Call.

In February, Phase Two emphasis begins with "Calling Our Continent to the Word of God." The American Bible Society, which is publishing Scripture portions for KEY 73, reports that 25,000 portions are mailed daily for KEY 73 distribution. An example of the wholesale distribution is the Crawford County, Pennsylvania, plan to distribute 40,000 portions of Luke and Acts throughout the county. In Levittown, Pennsylvania, training for Bible study leaders began the first week in January. Birmingham, Michigan, plans to distribute 20,000 Bible portions in its community. In Texas, where KEY 73 is likened to a "prairie fire," portions of the Psalms are also being distributed to Jewish families.

Public KEY 73 rallies are being held in communities across the country. A local high school auditorium in Durham, Connecticut, is being used for mass meetings on four Sunday evenings. In Columbus, Ohio, a launch breakfast was held on January 6 under the direction of the mayor. Support of KEY 73 has been given from the mayor's office in Jacksonville, Florida. In Buffalo and Grand Island, New York, a KEY 73 parade initiated the KEY 73 united effort. The Philadelphia KEY 73 rally was held at the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, with speakers including the dean of the Mount Airy Lutheran Seminary and Monsignor Charles Mynaugh, chairman of KEY 73 Mass Media for Philadelphia. In Washington state the regional KEY 73 committee has promoted its own TV special, "Somebody Loves You," under the direction of Graley Taylor.

The KEY 73 Mass Media Office has sponsored telephone research directed by E. Robert Norris and LaVay Sheldon of the effectiveness of the "Faith in Action" television special by telephone surveys in Hartford, Connecticut; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Des Moines, Iowa. The KEY 73 Mass Media Office was authorized by the committee on mass media and is under the supervision of the chairman of the subcommittee on mass media, Dr. B. L. Armstrong.

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Old Orthography or New Typography? Both in Indonesia

One of the production difficulties in some nations was brought into sharp focus by the Indonesian Bible Society's announcement that a large part of the Old Testament in its new translation of the Bible was already set into type when the governments of Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to bring the written form of their languages into accord. Because of the urgent need that exists, the Indonesian Bible Society's Board decided to continue its project of printing the Bible in the old orthography. At the same time the Indonesian Board agreed to reset the Bible in the new typography at a later date, the American Bible Society was told.

Bookstore Hours

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Toward an Informed Church Membership

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., offers three separate subscription plans for those who wish to solicit subscriptions to our denominational magazine, **The Free Will Baptist.** Descriptions of these plans follow.

The first plan, entitled the "Every Family Plan," is one that should receive careful consideration by all Free Will Baptist churches. It is **the** way to have an enlightened congregation, insofar as denominational activities are concerned.

Under this arrangement the local church votes to place **The Free Will Baptist** in each home. The church clerk sends the Press the names and addresses of the families. The **Free Will Baptist** is sent to these people, and the church is billed quarterly for the amount, less ten percent. If any families in the church are already subscribers, the amount of their credit is subtracted from the quarterly bill. Names can be added to or subtracted from the church list at any time, upon notification from the church clerk. Bills are sent by the Press to the churches on this plan according to the calendar quarter.

The adoption of this plan is encouraged in Free Will Baptist churches throughout our area of circulation. Current subscribers to the plan include Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina; Dawson Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Enfield, North Carolina; and Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

The second option, entitled the "Church Group Plan," is an arrangement designed for organizations in churches which do not adopt the "Every Family Plan." A Sunday school class, woman's auxiliary, league, or other group may solicit subscriptions. Each group simply deducts ten percent from the amount being sent; the total amount must be as much as $17.50 on the first lot. This amount can consist of either one or two-year subscriptions. Thus, the group would keep at least $1.75 for its own use. The plan starts anew at the beginning of each fiscal year, which is July 1.

The third option is solicitation of subscriptions on an individual basis. This plan may be used by churches that do not wish to adopt either of the other two plans. By soliciting subscriptions totaling as much as $17.50, the individual's name will appear on an honor roll that will appear in **The Free Will Baptist.** When subscriptions totaling $35 have been sent in, the individual will be allocated a one-year subscription. He may use this bonus to renew his own subscription for one year, or he may send the Press the name and mailing address of some other person to whom **The Free Will Baptist** will be sent for one year without charge.

The subscription prices are $3.50 for one year, $6.50 for two years, and $12 for four years. Please add four percent sales tax for North Carolina subscriptions.

Receipt books and subscription blanks may be obtained upon request.

Every Free Will Baptist family would benefit by a subscription to their denominational magazine. These plans are designed toward the fulfillment of that goal.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

New Members Honored at Banquet, First Church, Wilson

The fellowship hall of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, was the scene of a banquet held Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. to welcome all the members who had come into the church during 1972. The meal was prepared and served by the church hostess, Mrs. Cleo Corbett, and her assistants, Mrs. Fannie Lee Dickerson, Mrs. Geraldine Starling, and Mrs. Edna Earle Cooke. A short devotion was presented by Miss Alane Vester; the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, then asked God's blessing on the food. Also joining the new members for dinner were Mr. Roman Lucas, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Mr. Howard Whitley, superintendent of the Sunday school; and Mrs. Muriel Tomlinson, church secretary.

After dinner, Mrs. Corbett led the new members on a tour of the church and educational building, explaining to them how the church has grown during the past years and how God is continually blessing each phase of its work. The new members then returned to the fellowship hall, where they were dismissed by Mrs. Corbett. Each member expressed to the pastor and to the church hostess his appreciation for such a wonderful evening.

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NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Emma Ruth Bennett Willey wishes to express to you their deep appreciation for your thoughts, prayers, etc., during her recent passing. Your kind expressions of sympathy meant much during those difficult days.

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New Subscription Rates

Beginning with the January 3 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, the following subscription rates are in effect:

One year	**$ 3.50**
Two years	**$ 6.50**
Four years	**$12.00**

Please add four percent sales tax where it applies. (North Carolina is one of these states.)

Music Scholarship Auditions

Mount Olive College
Saturday, January 27, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, February 17, 10:00 A.M.

For further information write or call:
Mrs. Viola Hilton
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365
Telephone: (919) 658-4933

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Gospel Sing Held For Children's Home

The Gospel Tones of Clayton, North arolina, sponsored a gospel sing on anuary 1, 1973, at the Clayton Ele- entary School auditorium. All pro- eeds were given to the Children's Home. everal groups participated in the sing, cluding the Harper Family, the Wise amily Trio, the Reflections, and the Soul eekers. Each group donated its ser- ces.

A total of $810 was presented to the ildren's Home by the Gospel Tones on unday evening, January 14, when the roup came to sing for the children.

We appreciate this gesture on the part f the Gospel Tones. Members of the roup are from Everett's Chapel and almer Memorial Free Will Baptist hurches.

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"As He Journeyed"

Luke recorded the words above; they re found in the story of a certain amaritan who was traveling from Jeru- alem to Jericho. He was one of three en traveling that way who observed nother traveler who had been beaten nd robbed.

As our pastor spoke on this subject ne Sunday, a thought came to my mind. his man used an opportunity to serve is fellowman and God in a most ordi- ary way. He was not out looking for eople who had been beaten and robbed, or was he out searching for opportuni- es to be a witness. He merely used he opportunities that presented them- elves everyday.

We complain of having too little time o go out on visitation or to go on wit- essing missions, and most pastors find difficult to carry on such programs. onsider, if you will, this idea. Why not nake every road you travel, every path- vay you walk, every coffee break, in- deed every moment, a time to witness for the Lord?

"As he journeyed," the Samaritan saw a need and responded to it. No doubt he was late for his appointment, but one can be certain that he must have felt a great deal of personal satisfaction in knowing that he had made good use of the opportunity God had given him to serve that day.

Key 73 will give us many opportunities to witness, as well as will our visitation nights already scheduled by some churches. Let us not, however, neglect the opportunity to witness as **we** journey.

J. Stewart Humphrey
Director of Campus Life

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

Fret not! Though days ahead be dark and long,
And little things seem most of all
Your weary spirit to appall—
Rejoice, for praise turns fretting into song!

Faint not! 'Tis the last hour before the day.
Many all around are sleeping;
Others in despair are weeping—
O Christian stand; now is the time to pray!

Fear not! Men's hearts are failing them for fear.
This is the time of which Christ spake;
O Church, called by His name, awake—
Be not afraid, His coming draweth near!

—M. D. Armstrong,
in **Christian Victory.**

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NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Youth Contests Announced for Eastern District

Three separate contests—a declamation contest, an essay contest, and the Bible Bowl Quiz—are being sponsored for the young people of the Eastern District Youth Fellowship Convention of North Carolina. Each requires the immediate attention of all YFA members in the district, because the due dates are close at hand.

The theme for the declamation contest is **"Prayer Is. . ."** and for the essay contest, **"Power of Prayer."** The rules for each contest are in the YFA handbook. The Eastern District youth chairman, Mrs. Melody R. Wall, **must** have a copy of each entry **two weeks** prior to the spring convention, which will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, in March. A definite date will be announced later.

Any church which plans to have a team enter the Bible Bowl Quiz should contact Mrs. Wall two weeks prior to the convention. The questions for this quiz will come from the Book of Luke. The runoff for the General Conference will be held at the time of the convention.

Contest entries, information requested, and any questions relative to the contests should be sent to Mrs. Melody R. Wall at Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572.

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The Rich Fool

And he told them a parable, saying: The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'"

But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

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Fourth Class

Someone asked Hudson Taylor, founder of China Inland Mission, "Why do you travel fourth-class?"

He replied, "Because there is no fifth class."

Dixie Melody Boys F

THE DIXIE MELODY BOYS

Left to right are, standing, Ed O'Neal, Everette Harper, Jerry Dunbar, and, kneeling, Delmar Tillman, John Jarman, and Charles Forehand.

A little more than a year ago a group of men knelt in prayer with one of our own Free Will Baptist ministers, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, asking for inspiration in the event upcoming that was entitled "Singing the Gospel." This sing-spiration was a program held to help with publicity for Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. The group was the Dixie Melody Boys of Kinston, North Carolina.

The present group has spent many hours singing for various denominations, appearing in churches from Florida to Delaware. These men have sung for Free Will Baptist, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Nazarene, Church of God, Pentecostal Holiness, Presbyterian, and Independent Baptist churches. have appeared before numerous civic organizations as well.

In the past year alone they have appeared at the (Bowl Sing, Jacksonville, Florida; the State Gospel Sing Ass tion of Delaware at Seaford; and the National Quartet Co tion, Nashville, Tennessee. In addition, they appeared on vision with the Waters' Family in Savannah, Georgia. Washington, D. C., area has also seen appearances by the g

As should be readily apparent, their music has sp throughout the United States. Rarely does a gospel music gram on radio fail to include music recorded by the

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oys. They have two records and tapes to their credit.

ng home to North Carolina, the group appeared at the ounty Fair. They were the featured singers at the f the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial As- held at Cragmont Assembly in June, 1972. They sang g at Camp Lejeune, and approximately 40 people were And on a Sunday morning worship service at Hills- rene Church, Hillsville, North Carolina, approximately sions occurred.

Dixie Melody Boys own their own bus, which they avel to and from their many engagements. The group has opened a House of Music at 429 North Queen Street, Kinston, North Carolina. You are cordially invited to visit there.

During this year the group will be rendering free services to the **Free Will Baptist Children's Home** and other such organizations and institutions, which we feel is worthy of commendation. They serve as counselors, thereby spreading the Word by the spoken word as well as by music.

All Free Will Baptist churches are being asked to bring $100 each to defray an indebtedness of the Home on February 2, Superintendent's Day. This group will be appearing in concert at this time, free to the public.

TILL THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS

The vision in the hearts of the early pioneers of the league was to train workers for the cause of Christ. Consequently, it is very apt that the theme for the 1973 convention of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues is "Till The Whole World knows." The theme Scripture is Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

This convention, to be held March 10, 1973, will be hosted by the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Deep Run, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the calling of the convention into session at 10 a.m.

Some of the featured highlights of the convention will be the personal experiences and feelings of some of those who have heard the Macedonian call—both those who have been to the foreign field and those who are contemplating soon actually being on the field. On the program will be the Rev. Joe Barrow, recently returned from Rhodesia, who will give us an insight into what it means to serve Christ as a missionary on the foreign field. Also on the program will be the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, who will share with us the personal outlook of those who are in the preparatory stage as candidates for the mission field. It is believed that many of us have questions as to the joys and thrills, encouragements and inspirations, disappointments and possible heartaches that are faced by those who are willing to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" Time will be allotted for the answering of personal questions not answered otherwise. In the afternoon session, a film with a missionary emphasis will be shown. These highlights are not to be misconstrued as a missionary rally, but rather to impress upon our minds and hearts the need of personal involvement in carrying the gospel of Christ both at home and abroad. This should be the practical application of the league motto, "The Kingdom of God First."

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link have worked diligently in the cause of the league, both locally and at the state level, having one of the largest and most active leagues in the convention.

Again we are looking forward to the state sword drill under the direction of Mrs. Judy Conner, the state promotional secretary. The winner of this sword drill will receive a free trip to the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont Assembly on June 25-30. The runner-up will receive half the price of the trip. Music for the convention will be under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Ard. Special music will be furnished by youth choirs from the Winterville league, the Christian Chapel league, Gum Swamp, and the Jones family of Roper, Nort Carolina.

If you have not already begun makin plans to attend this convention, begi now. Come, and bring a large deleg tion from your church. May this be th best convention ever.

The Rev. Raymond E. Jones
President, North Carolina Stat Convention of Free Will Bapti Leagues

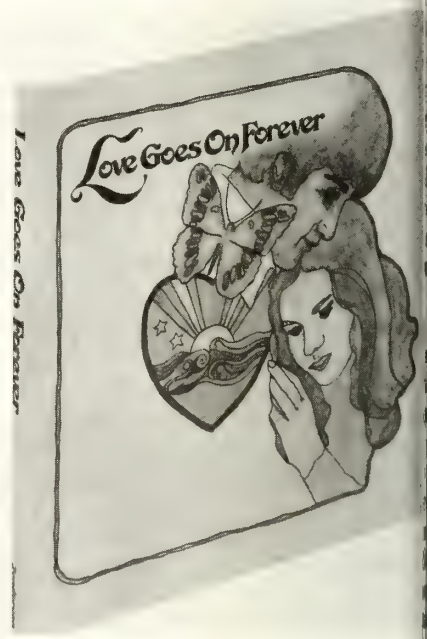
LOVE GOES ON FOREVER

As Valentine's Day approaches, the Free Will Baptist bookstores offer a selection rich in the Christian tradition of love and marriage. Listen to the words found on the book jacket; the beautiful language found in this descriptive summary is evidence indeed of the jewels of thought found inside the book itself.

"Love wants to give. Love seeks to make the other one happy, and it is this love for the other which draws a man and woman into holy wedlock—a lifetime commitment to each other.

"Yes, love is the word that best captures the meaning of marriage. Love is a yearning to be together, an urge for oneness, a desire to please the partner. If the commitment between two people has these dimensions, then **Love Goes On Forever.** Love, then, is the basic foundation stone upon which all the other 'building blocks' are set: communication, acceptance, commitment, understanding, security, flexibility. These are the ingredients of successful marriage. The essence of marriage is the personal relationship developed between the partners. These involve the total personality of each one in a face-to-face, person-to-person experience. Someone has said, 'Love is the passionate and abiding desire on the part of two persons to produce together conditions under which each can be, and spontaneously express, his real self; to produce together an intellectual soil and an emotional climate in which each can flourish, far superior to what either could achieve alone.'

"Love Goes On Forever explores the true meaning of Christian marriage, through selections of brief quotations, poetry, thought-provoking paragraphs, essays and brilliant, sensitive and perceptive photography. It is a book to be read and reread over and over, throughout the years of a growing marriage."



This selection was compiled by Marvin K. Mayers and designed by David Koechel; it is based upon an original te and design by Janet Ford, Ellen Maru and Martha Wilson. Dr. Mayers is he of the Department of Sociology and A thropology, Wheaton College, Wheat Illinois. Mr. Koechel is a free-lan artist and book designer living in M neapolis, Minnesota.

Love Goes On Forever is available both the regular and a special delu edition. May we recommend the lat as a very appropriate gift for the la in your life, whether she be only favorite date or your wife of many yea Young and old alike will appreciate thoughts expressed therein, and will grateful for your thoughtfulness Valentine's Day.

Copies are available at the Christ Bookstore and Gift Shop, Free Will B tist Press Foundation, Highway 11 No Ayden, North Carolina, and at bra bookstores in New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, North Carolina.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is the difference be-
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Answer: A **version** is a translation of
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e not in old time by the will of man:
holy men of God spake as they were
ed by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20,
"All scripture is given by inspiration
God, and is profitable for doctrine,
reproof, for correction, for instruc-
in righteousness: That the man of
may be perfect, throughly furnished
all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16,
"And the things that thou hast heard
e among many witnesses, the same
mit thou to faithful men, who shall
ble to teach others also" (2 Timothy
; "Preach the word; be instant in
on, out of season; reprove, rebuke,
rt with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2); "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4: 5, 6); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105); "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12); "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8); "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

A **manuscript** is a copy of the Bible in the language in which it was written. The Old Testament, for the most part, was written in Hebrew or Aramaic and the New Testament in Koine or the common Greek of that day with possibly a limited exception. Some scholars think that part, such as the Epistle to the Hebrews and Peter's Epistles, may have been written in Hebrew or Aramaic. The well-known manuscripts, however, are written in the Greek.

We have available to us quite a rich heritage of manuscripts. Perhaps the three most valuable of the ancient manuscripts are the following: the Vaticanus in the Vatican Library, Vatican City, Rome; the Sinaiaticus, which is now in the British Museum in London, but until a short while ago was in the library at Petrograd, now Leningrad, Russia; and the Alexandrian, also in the British Museum. In late years there have been turned up quite a few others, some of which are considered of great importance since they are a means by which scholars are able to prove conclusively that our Bible has been preserved in its entirety. Thus we know that we have available to us the message content meant for us when written in the original manuscripts. Some few years ago Dr. Foxwell Albright, perhaps the most outstanding archeologist of his day, said that he was fully persuaded that scholars have the original message of the Bible available in almost, if not in every, detail. Indeed, what is available to the English-speaking people is amply sufficient to bring us into salvation by grace alone.

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Where Are the Nine?

On the way to Jerusalem, he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went, they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. And he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks.

Now, he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."—St. Luke, 17.

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The Christian Faith

The Christian faith reposes in a person rather than a creed. Christ is the personal, living center of theology, around which the whole Christian system is ensphered. Christ is the personal source of the individual Christian life; the personal head of the whole Christian church; the personal sovereign of the kingdom of grace.—R. B. Welch.

STORIES

for our youth

SLOWPOKE JUDY

by Avis Demmitt

JUDY!" called Mrs. Wilson. "Didn't you hear me? Wake up, dear."

Judy, curled up in the big chair with a book, raised her head with its coppery ponytail, but her blue eyes had a faraway look in them.

"What do you want, Mother?" she asked dreamily.

"I want you to wash the dishes," Mrs. Wilson said. "I've called you twice, but you never hear me when you are reading a book. I'm making a pie for dinner. Then I want to finish your dress so that you can wear it this afternoon."

"Just a minute," Judy murmured as her eyes returned to the book, "I want to finish this page."

Mrs. Wilson sighed as she returned to her work . Judy finished that page and then another. Then the dishes were forgotten.

When the pie was in the oven, Mrs. Wilson returned to the living room. "The dishes are still waiting, Judy," she reminded. "If you don't hurry, you won't get them washed before lunch."

Judy's brother Don entered in time to hear his mother's words.

"Slowpoke Judy!" he called. "Are you still reading? You were at it when I started mowing. Now I have finished, and I have the yard all raked. Mother wants you to wash the dishes."

"Don't yell!" Judy retorted. "And stop calling me a slowpoke. I'm going to wash the dishes."

She put down her book and went into the kitchen. The dishes were stacked in the sink, so she turned on the faucet and ran hot water over them. With her mind still on the exciting events in the book, she loitered over the task. When her mother had finished the dress, Judy was **still** washing dishes.

"Judy, you are forming a terrible habit," Mrs. Wilson said. "It is nearly time for lunch. If you don't hurry up, you won't be ready to go to the circus this afternoon."

Judy looked up. She had planned on that circus for weeks. A really big circus never came to the small town in which they lived, but her father had promised to take Don and her to the one in Jefferson that afternoon. It would be a three-ring circus!

"I'll be ready in time," she protested.

"But you still have your room to clean," Mother reminded her. "When I took your dress upstairs, your bed wasn't made, and your clothes were scattered all over the room. You must put it in order before you go. Father said one-thirty. If you aren't ready, you'll have to stay home."

"I'll be ready long before one-thirty," Judy promised.

She washed her hands and hurried to set the table for lunch. Then her father came home, and Judy forgot all about her room. When lunch was finished, she helped stack the dishes in the sink. Then she rushed upstairs to dress for the trip. The room was just as she had left it.

"Oh well," she muttered as she glanced at it in dismay, "I'll clean it before I dress. I still have an hour—plenty of time."

She walked over to the bed, pulled the covers up smoothly, and then plumped up the pillows.

"That's good enough this time," she said. "Now to pick up my clothes; then I'll dress."

Judy scurried around, putting dresses on hangers and stuffing soiled socks into the laundry bag. Then she saw the book she had been reading. Evidently h mother had brought it up when she h brought up the new dress.

I'll just take one peek at the story, s decided. I can't imagine what could making that queer noise in the desert house. Don stopped me just as I got the exciting part.

She curled up in a corner of the wi dow seat and opened the book. Eve thing else was soon forgotten; Judy w in a different world.

Suddenly Judy jumped up, droppi the book. The house seemed very qui She ran into the hall and hurried do the stairs. No one was in sight. glance at the clock showed her that was nearly two o'clock.

Judy gasped! They had gone witho her. But where was her mother? Th she saw the note on the table. She re it quickly:

> I called you twice, Judy. Father and Don are ready to start. I will go with them as far as Grandma Brown's. We will be home before suppertime.
>
> Mother

Tears were rolling down Judy's f before she had finished the note. S had missed the circus! Then she flu herself on the couch and sobbed.

"It isn't fair!" she cried. "They sho have called me."

It wouldn't have been any trouble Don or Father to have run upstairs a knocked on my door, she thought. B of them—and Mother, too—knew h much I wanted to go to the circus!

Suddenly she stopped sobbing. W had the note said? Mother had cal her twice. She had paid no attenti She sat up and dried her eyes.

"It was my own fault," she said sl ly out loud. "I really have formed a b habit, just as Mother has said. I ne hear anything when I'm reading, an poke around while I work. But I've lea ed my lesson. I'll never do it again!"

From time to time she glanced out window, hoping that her father a brother would return for her. But knew well enough that they coul now. The circus show had already st ed by this time.

Well, she thought, I may as well something that will be useful. She cle ed her room carefully and dusted living-room furniture. She even mop the kitchen floor. When her parents Don arrived home, Judy met them at door.

"I think I've learned my lesson," told them. "But if I ever start bein

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THANKS TO KAREN!

We wish to express appreciation to ren Register for the time and effort ent in the preparation of the cross- rd puzzles which we print from time time in **The Free Will Baptist.** They ve proved to be a popular feature of **Baptist,** and we look forward to re crosswords from Karen, as time rmits in the future. Karen is a busy llege senior at East Carolina University, eparing for a career in church music. e is the daughter of Mrs. Nina Grace gister, whose column entitled "Grace tes" appears regularly in the **Baptist.**

—The Editor.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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wnward path the Cross of Christ. He has ne all He could do to divert man from ath and destruction.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God promises us that if we turn from wicked to the moral, He will forgive daily. If we turn to Him, no dreadful tence need be heard from Him who es over all.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 39:6

GUESS MY NAME

I am more deadly than bullets, and I ve wrecked more homes than the ghtiest of siege guns.

I steal in the United States alone over 00,000,000 each year.

I spare no one and find my victims ong the rich and poor alike, the young l the old, the strong and the weak. dows and orphans know me.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of ge earners in a year.

I am relentless. I am everywhere—in home, on the street, in the factory, at road crossings, and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation, and death, few seek to avoid me.

I destroy, crush, and maim. I give noth-, but take all.

I lurk in unseen places and do most of work silently. You are warned against , but you heed not.

I am your worst enemy.

I am carelessness.

—*Grand Rapids News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Carelessness contributes to much world truction today; unbelief can be a great se of spiritual destruction for us always.

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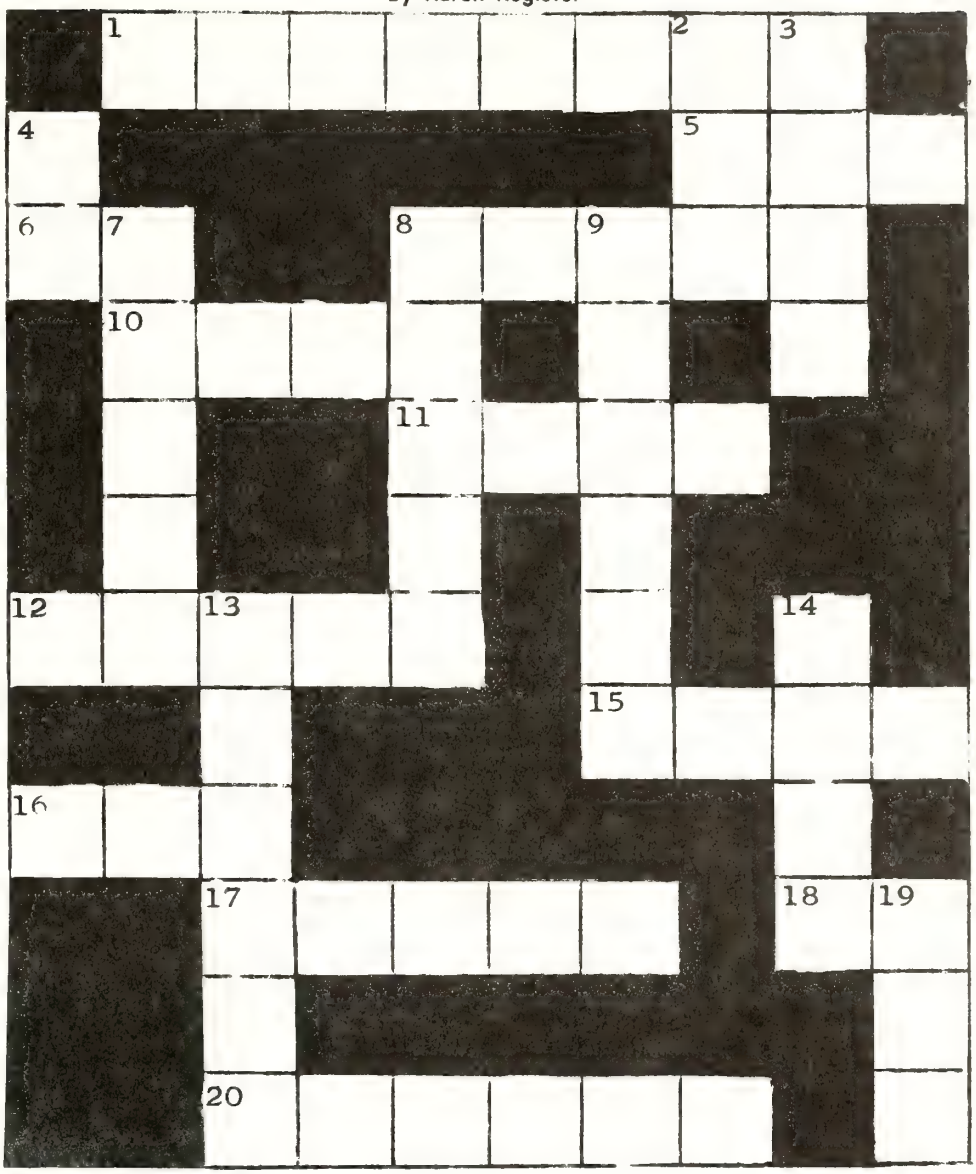
FUN WITH CROSSWORDS

by Karen Register



ACROSS

1. Kept the ark in his home—1 Samuel 7:1, 2
2. Jehovah
6. In the manner in which
8. First of the minor prophets
10. Opposite of **there**
11. Paul's destination before shipwreck—Acts 28:14
12. Garment for priests—Exodus 28:4-35
15. Jacob's first wife
16. Opposite of **near**
17. An elevation of the earth's surface
18. Behold!
20. Leprous Syrian cured by Elisha's orders—2 Kings 5

DOWN

2. The entire period of life or existence
3. Husband of Ruth
4. Egyptian sun god
7. Livestock watched by shepherds
8. Issued murderous edict against children of Bethlehem—Matthew 2:16
9. Prophet who anointed Saul and David
13. Mountain in Deuteronomy 3:8; highest peak in Palestine
14. God of the Canaanites
19. A natural substance containing a non-metallic mineral

See next week's issue of **The Free Will Baptist** for answers.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 11

God's House and Yours

Lesson Text: Haggai

Memory Verse: Haggai 2:4, 5

I. INTRODUCTION

Christians differ on how much should be spent on the church building. Some think it is a sinful waste to spend great sums of money to build sanctuaries that have many adorning features that are not necessary to the function of the structure. Others feel that we can never spend too much on God's house. It is built for His glory and, like Solomon of old, nothing is too good for it.

The middle-of-the-road stand is no doubt the best plan. The building should be beautiful, clean, well-built, and functional. Yet it seems impractical to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on buildings when this money would put missionaries on the field for years. Finally, it may be said, the real answer to the problem is found in the motivation for building. Do we build to show off what we can do? Do we build just to compete with another congregation? Or do we build a church and dedicate it to the glory of God with the purpose of making it a place where souls can be saved?

The Prophet Haggai faced the problem of rebuilding the house of God. There were some who were opposed to it for various reasons. But Haggai received direct orders from God and took the matter up with the people, reminding them that it was not right for them to live in such luxury and grandeur while God's house went neglected. His message is timely for Christians today.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The background of Haggai's message.
2. The importance of the people having a public place of worship.
   a. Individuals gain strength from the fellowship of public worship.
   b. The people are unified in public worship as in no other way.
   c. God is glorified in the building and the worship of the people.

B. Haggai's Introduction (Haggai 1:1)

1. Haggai was the first of the restoration prophets.
2. He began his public ministry in 520 B.C.
3. The messenger is not important, but the message is important because it is God's.

C. Haggai's First Message (Haggai 1:2-8)

1. They were asked to compare their own house with the house of God.
2. The failure of the people and its reason were pointed out.
3. The people were asked to consider their ways.

D. The Work of Rebuilding the Temple Started (Haggai 1:12-15)

1. The officials and the people obeyed the voice of the Lord.
2. The Lord promised His presence to the people.
3. The Lord stirred up the spirit of the people to work.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Israel's neglect of God's house shows their ingratitude to God for His deliverance from captivity. They had been home for only about fifteen years and already they had ceased to be thankful. Their neglect speaks loudly of their indifference toward spiritual matters. Now that they were home and felt they didn't need God, they began to put Him out of their minds. From Haggai's statement in Verse 6 it appears that the people had begun to regard life primarily in a materialistic way. Their concern was for food, drink, clothing, and money. All of this reveals one of the most common attitudes of man's heart—they were egocentric; that is, selfish. Rather than think of building God's house, they thought of themselves first. It is easy for us to condemn Israel for their attitudes, but what about us? Are we guilty too?

B. He who would do the will of Go will always encounter hindrances. I was true when the returning exiles be gan to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem They laid the foundation, and we ma believe that it was a good foundation But difficulty arose. And they qui Many a person has begun with earnest ness and sincerity the new life that is i Christ. A good foundation is laid. Bu the years come and go, and the Lor looks in vain to see the growth that H so greatly desires. What hinders us Whatever it is, we must go on building We who would build for God are als building that lost humanity may be saved and we are building for eternity. Ther may be hindrances. But we dare no quit!

If one is concerned about reasons wh we should be earnestly building up th church today, he should realize that th Scriptures make it clear that the churc is the body of Christ and the chann through which the blessings of Chri are to flow to all the world. Do we sa that it is not the time for the church t be built? There is a twofold reaso why we dare not be content to pla any longer at the job. Let it be unde stood that we are speaking of the buil ing of the church as the body of Chris the building of Christlikeness in the liv of Christians, the functioning of th church towards the accomplishment the will of God upon earth.—Standa Lesson Commentary.

C. God said that He would be pleas when the people did as they were i structed. Obedience would meet Goo approval. Here is proof that God is co cerned as much with the physical aspec of our lives as the spiritual aspects. T Holy Spirit says, ". . . present your bodi . . . unto God, . . ." (Romans 12: When our work and our recreation a done for Him, He receives great pleasu from us.

The Almighty God, the infinite God the universe, was interested in a bui ing on earth. Though the restorati temple might have lacked somethi God unequivocally promised that l blessing would be there. A single wo casts a great light on biblical truth. T word is priority. First things must first.—Ray O. Jones.

D. Haggai's message was given to leaders of the people. The leaders a the people are of the same mind. T things are to be noted in the respo of the people: obedience to, and fear God. The message of God through H

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IF I HAD BUT ONE YEAR TO LIVE

by DR. MAURICE DAMETZ

The following editorial is reprinted from January, 1970, issue of *Christian Vic-y*. It refers specifically to that year, but o applicable to this new year, 1973, that publish it for your thoughtful consid-tion.

With the turn of the year we are again ought to the realization that time is the wing, that life is short, and soon will be no longer living in time but eternity. As we enter a new year, influence of the season is felt by ny. Life comes before us in retro-ct as well as prospect. A very prac-l question is, "If I had but one year live, how would I live?"

"If I had but one year to live." Per-s the great majority of us will be e at the close of the year, but who l be the exceptions? Great changes ich come to someone every day, may e to you and me at any time. The om of thought, that things will con-e as they have been because they e been, rests on a very flimsy and fficient basis. Today's wealth may ome tomorrow's poverty; today's hap-companionship may turn to aching itude tomorrow; and today's pleasures y turn into gall and bitterness. What before us no one knows. Never was re greater unrest and uncertainty in world than now. It may be that ist will return during 1970. Who ws? We do not know WHAT is in future but we know WHO is in the ure, and we are in Him, and we need e no fear. Whatever changes may e to us, today's Christ will be to-rrow's Christ. Other fountains may up or freeze up, but this one knows change.

"O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love."

f you had but one year to live, how ld you live? Would you live care-ly, thoughtlessly and self-complacent-Would you live for Christ or for ? Would Christ be the ambition of r life? If we had but one year to , and we knew that it was our last r on earth, our lives would be quite erent than they are now. We would use ourselves, cast away sloth, indif-ence, coldness, love of self, and what-r else interferes with the pure love of ist. We would make Christ the rce, center, and circumference of all soul's ranges of delight. If we had one year to live we would live only Christ, desiring nothing but Christ within, finding peace and satisfaction of soul only in Him. We would let the pleasures of the world pass away into oblivion. We would live as though Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow. If we had only one year to live, we would live victoriously and gloriously, breaking with every known sin, and bringing every sin and habit to the Cross. Christ would be the criterion of all our actions, words and thoughts. If we had only one year to live we would be winners of souls, bending every effort to win others, and take them with us to heaven. In short, if we had only one year to live, we would live our whole life as it is related to eternity.

Even if this year, 1970, should not be our last year upon earth, we have only one life to live, and that passes soon enough.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Let us burn up for Jesus during the year 1970! (And 1973 too!)

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ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 1973

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will be held at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina, Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m. Directions to the New Bethlehem church are as follows: Take Highway 55 out of New Bern and turn right at Grantsboro on Minnesot Road. After the turnoff, travel two and one-half miles to Parker's Store. Inquire at this store for further directions to the church.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 336, Pintops, North Carolina. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
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We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m., at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina.

Date_____ Signed_____

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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slowpoke again, just say 'circus.' That will wake me up fast."

Don grinned at her. "Great!" he cried. "I'll have to change your name to 'Speedy.' But let me tell you something. Dad and I decided that we couldn't enjoy the circus without you, so we spent the afternoon with Grandma Brown. We will go to Jefferson tonight for the evening performance. Think you can be ready, Speedy?"

"Just watch me," said Judy with a happy grin.—My Pleasure.

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Sunday School Lesson

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gai produces these characteristics in the remnant.

God responds to the obedience and fear His people show. Through His prophet He promises His presence. It means that His power will be available to them and that He will remove the obstacles involved. God did not expect them to do the work by themselves. His house, then, will be built. Those things lacking before—namely, the will and the spirit to work—are now supplied. The work was started with God's help.—John C. Anderson, in Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

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More Bibles in Czechoslovakia

The American Bible Society is encouraged to learn that the Scriptures are reaching people in some Communist-dominated countries. Permits were issued in 1972 for the import of 2,500 large print Czech Bibles into Czechoslovakia for distribution among the aged and those with impaired eyesight. Also, production has begun in Czechoslovakia of 30,000 copies of the four Gospels in a new Czech translation. Arrangements were completed by the Czech Bible Work, a division of the Czech Council of Churches.

Brazil Sets Anniversary Goals

The Bible Society of Brazil will be 25 years old in 1973 and has set two goals to appropriately mark the occasion. The Society expects that its translation of the New Testament into common language Portuguese will be completed and ready for distribution, the American Bible Society has been informed. The South American Society also hopes to reach a 100,000,000 Scripture distribution figure before the anniversary celebration is completed.

DIXIE MELODY BOYS IN CONCERT AT CHILDREN'S HOME

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1973

7:30 P.M.

The Dixie Melody Boys

The Dixie Melody Boys will be the featured entertainment at a reception at the Children's Home honoring the new superintendent, Mr. Sammy Weeks, his family, the Board of Trustees of the Home, and their wives and husbands. The program which was planned prior to Mr. Weeks's assumption of duties, will be an opportunity for members of the Free Will Baptist denomination to meet the new superintendent. The Board of Trustees, as hosts of the occasion, are urging each church in attendance to bring a love offering of $100 for the Children's Home.

Our people are urged to support this worthwhile cause. The Dixie Melody Boys are donating their services for the occasion. This concert is for all of the people in the Free Will Baptist denomination, and all are issued a warm invitation to be in attendance.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1973

Usually there are two categories of posture: good and bad. We have chosen to discuss these and to form an analogy; namely, "Christian Posture." We would pose this questions: "How's yours?"

EDITORIAL...

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HOW'S YOUR CHRISTIAN POSTURE?

Often, during the teen-age years especially, one is prone to slouch around, droop his shoulders, and cave in his chest. Some boys do this just because of plain, ordinary laziness, no desire to hold themselves erect. It seems that their slumping somehow draws a certain amount of desired attention from the opposite sex, as we have been told by a typical teen-age girl that she is particularly attracted to boys who sort of droop their shoulders in a rather carefree, loose fashion. According to her, they look "groovy," "with it," and "tough." She also used other attributive adjectives during this conversation, many of which this writer did not "catch."

Studies have proven (we have talked and read after doctors, psychologists, and mothers) that girls, as they are developing, often droop their shoulders and cave in their chests because of embarrassment. Some kind of a remark made at an inopportune time may cause this; and as has been proven psychologically and physiologically, the adolescent period in one's life is the most impressionable and is that time when doubts and discontents prevail, torments plague the inner nature, bodily functions cause confusion—and, well, the whole world offers frustration. Moodiness is prevalent, as are fits of temper, extreme talkativeness or absolute silence, disenchantment, and superexuberance. The world stinks, or everything is lovely. Total indifference is observed by the onlooker, or excited and often exaggerated interest; ultrasilliness or deep seriousness. Poor teen-agers: what they go through!

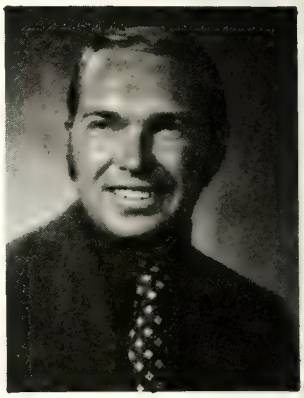
This writer, from youth up, was urged by his mother to hold his head high and his shoulders erect. This same advice was (and is) given to the other five children. She used to say (and still does occasionally), "Hold that head up and look like something." This writer held his head up and his shoulders back and still does, making sure that his posture is agreeable to his mother and meets her approval. Perhaps he did (and does) "look like something." "Something" connotates in many ways; in this particular mother's opinion it expresses self-confidence and better physical appearance.

Posture—good posture—is healthy. It relieves pressure on internal organs that need "room." It makes breathing easier, digestion better, and the all-round physical appearance more attractive. Despite female models who "cave in" and seemingly "disjoint" parts of their anatomies better to show off their fashions, it is still our opinion that one who holds himself erect looks better, feels better, and is better off psychologically. We have no clinical quotations to prove this, but we have read that many inferiority complexes are marked physically by poor posture. Of course, pretenders—those who act superior to hide their feeling of inferiority—do stand erect, smile, and talk incessantly about their accomplishments, talents, and abilities; but, that is another subject.

Now, where does Christian posture come in? Here's where it comes in. If you don't "act like" a Christian, "live like" a Christian, and "hold yourself up" like a Christian, then you have poor Christian posture—and you ought to be ashamed of yourself. Of course, if you aren't a Christian to begin with, then your "posture" isn't going to matter too much to you, though it may cause other people concern and heartache—especially those who love you. Just think what it does to God. Just think what it does to yourself. We would not be so narrow as not to admit that ideas vary as to what constitutes good Christian posture, however.

It may be fashionable, sociably acceptable, and "attractive" in the eyes of some people to cave in your chest and slink around as though you couldn't care less. But, so far as Christianity is concerned, you'd better watch that posture and hold your spiritual head high and your spiritual shoulders back. In this instance, God is the One who determines what is good or bad, and when He looks at you (and me), we certainly want Him to say, "Now, that's what I call good posture. He certainly carries himself well."

Look at yourself in the mirror while standing sideways. Then look into your heart. How are your postures? Good? Fine. Bad? Well, do something about them! You'll feel better, look better, and be better—and people will notice. You can count on that!



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at are your plans for retirement?" everyone the time must come when question is asked.

by L. M. ALEXANDER

HOW TO BE HAPPY VHEN RETIRED

RAHAM LINCOLN once said, "Happiness is a state of the mind, and are only as happy as you make up mind to be."

ilosophical adages advise, "An idle is the devil's workshop," and "It tter to wear out than to rust out."

e Apostle Paul once said, "I have ed, in whatsoever state I am, with to be content" (see Philippians).

ese important truths say to us that cally our thinking, attitudes, and ns determine our happiness in regardless of age.

om another angle, happiness for ages depends largely on a correct ionship with God. This includes ience to His will and a harmonious ionship with others.

much for the basics. Now let's into practical matters. What I to say about being happy while ed is based largely on observa- made during forty years of work- in banks before retiring, eight s of working as a commercial book- er since then, and some fifty years erving the Lord as an active worker e church of my choice.

rst, I want to suggest some general gs that husbands and wives should handy at all times before retire- :

Your birth certificates

Wills drawn up by a competent er

Health, life, car, and fire insurance ies

Knowledge of social security, busi- pensions, insurance, and all pro- ns contained in them

The deed to your home and the to your car

6. The deed to your cemetery lots
7. Copies of your income tax returns for at least two years back
8. Lists of your assets and liabilities for your lawyer and for your children
9. Vital statistics and pictures for your funeral write-ups

All important papers listed above should be in a bank safe-deposit box.

A good time to start seriously thinking about retiring and preparing for senior citizenship is soon after the children have married and have homes of their own. Social security and other pensions seldom furnish enough income for comfortable living in retirement—at least this is true for less-affluent people.

Most of us will need to have some extra funds put away for our senior citizenship. Therefore, it is wise to start some kind of plan that will afford these extra dollars for the retirement years. The best and simplest plan is to start a savings account early and to keep adding to it in a federally insured bank or some other savings institution.

Many people feel that as soon as they retire they should pull up stakes and move to some exotic retirement center in a far-off place, where they can settle down and live happily ever after. In the banks where I worked, I often observed this situation. However, quite often it didn't work out very well because of insufficient income or because the strange location and new neighbors weren't conducive to real happiness.

Most people are happier if they spend their retirement years in the same neighborhood where they have lived and have enjoyed most of their lives. The evening time of life is almost always happier when it is lived near relatives and tried and true friends. So think twice before you discard the tried and the true at a time when you will most need and enjoy those who have been close to you.

Senior citizens who live near their children and grandchildren are very fortunate. Maintain close contact with them but don't be with them too much and don't try to boss them.

I think just now of myself in the role of Grandfather and my wife as Grandmother. Each Saturday night we eat with our son and daughter and their four children, alternating between the two homes. Each Sunday noon as Grandpa and Grandma, we take our son's family out to dinner at a good restaurant. On both occasions, our two families not only eat together but also visit together and have wonderful times.

All the things that our families engage in together are done in a loving, family way without the members' being together so much that they get on one another's nerves. Indeed, true family fellowship—including brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, and cousins—greatly helps senior citizens to be happy when retired.

There are other family occasions, of course, such as anniversaries, birthdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There is nothing that makes grandparents happier than to go shopping with their grandchildren occasionally. Grandparents can discreetly help in the selection of toys, clothing, and other items, and they keep their eyes and ears open and help out otherwise as needed. Their feeling is that what material wealth they still have will go to their children and grandchildren someday, so they might as well pass on some of it now while all are able to enjoy it together.

As mentioned previously, social security and other pensions seldom afford sufficient income by themselves for a comfortable living in retirement for less-affluent people. I again suggest the need to have some extra money by retirement time. It is also well for the retired husband to have at least a part-time job to augment social security and other pensions. Such a job also helps to keep him from brooding and feeling sorry for himself.

Jobs for senior citizens are hard to get, of course, but keep trying. Your previous experience and willingness to work for less money than usual will probably get you a job eventually.

As a "retired" person I work thirty hours per week at a bookkeeping job for a small firm. My wife teaches music in our home. We have sufficient income

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

Cardigan is a little village in Wales. A century ago, nineteen out of the eighty inhabitants of the village became leaders in British life. Why did this happen? In the early days of the village, the people talked at home about God, what God wanted and expected of man, and man's accountability to God. Their children absorbed the character-molding truths they constantly heard. They grew up and went forth to make their mark for God and the right in their generation.

Obedience to God's ancient directive would do more to solve juvenile delinquency and teenage frustration than all human expedients combined.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do your children measure up to God's standards? If not so well, now is the time to help them see God's way and to teach them God's Word.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 2:15

"ODOUR OF A SWEET SMELL"

The Bible says, "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart" (see Proverbs 27:9). Millions of people have found this to be true.

As unbelievable as it may seem, New York City cab drivers spend a whopping $15 million on colognes annually. Alexander the Great wore perfumed tunics. Napoleon emptied close to sixty bottles of eau de cologne over himself in a month.

The word *perfume* is derived from the Latin *per* and *fuma* which, roughly translated, mean "through smoke." The word referred to the incense burned by the ancient Greeks and Romans in their religious ceremonies.

In Exodus 30 two formulas are given—one for the anointing oil and the other for a perfume—both to be used solely for religious purposes and only by the tabernacle priests.

From each life there emanates an influence which is either odorous or malodorous, either magnetic or repellent.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Which of the two traits mentioned above do you fit? Are you neglectful of your Christian duties? Do you dislike your neighbor and treat him unjustly? Or, are you God-loving, kind, a friend to all, etc.?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Scripture Reading—John 4:26

THE MESSIAH HAS ALREADY COME

During World War II, a Jewish soldier became greatly interested in Christianity. He diligently read the New Testament. He was impressed by the life and character of Jesus.

One day he said to his rabbi, "Christians say that the Messiah has already come. You believe and teach that the long-promised Messiah is yet to come."

"That's right," said the rabbi.

Thoughtfully the soldier asked, "Rabbi, when our Messiah comes, what will he have over the Messiah who has already come?"

"That," said the rabbi, "we do not know." What else could he say?

Long ago, Jesus engaged a woman in conversation at Jacob's well. She said to Him, "I know that when the Messiah cometh, he will tell us all things."

At the first coming of Jesus, many Old Testament prophecies were literally fulfilled. When He comes as King of kings and Lord of lords, other prophecies will be fulfilled to the letter.—*Adapted from Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Complete assurance of our joining our Father in heaven at the second coming of Jesus can be had only by turning our complete being over to God now.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 63:3

LOVE KILLED BY KINDNESS

Is it possible to kill love by kindness? One incident where this occurred was told in a newspaper article under the caption, "Kindness Makes Her Heart Grow Harder." Here are the salient features:

Leona P. Jeske, age sixty, asked for a divorce from her husband, Carl, age sixty-eight, on the grounds of mental cruelty.

In the Superior Court at Oakland, California, she complained, "He never would let me wash the dishes or do the washing or ironing. When I was baking, he would jump up and take the pan from me as I was removing it from the oven, saying, 'I'm afraid you'll burn yourself.' At night, he would insist on tucking me into bed.

"At first, I went along with his attentiveness. In time, I began to feel that he was treating me like a child. I became nervous and upset. His actions caused me grievous mental suffering."

Lyle E. Cooke, the presiding judge, commented, "This is one of the strangest forms of mental cruelty I have ever c across. Some men just can't win."

Mr. Jeske's excessive kindness was tually depriving his wife of the joy creative work and of being his helpm Her life had lost purpose and fulfillmen

The perfect loving-kindness of God spires love and provides even more joy satisfaction than the life itself.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Loving-kindness toward God can n be overdone at any time.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:16

"IF ONLY I HAD!"

Many years ago a tragic and need accident occurred at a railway drawbri One day the shrill whistle of a steaml blew for the bridge to open. The wat man reasoned, "It's almost time for express train, but I'm sure that I have ple time to open and close the bridge fore it speeds past." He took the miscal lated chance and opened the bridge. he began to draw it closed, he heard the distance the mournful whistle of oncoming express train with its cargo human freight. Though he made a fra effort to close the bridge in time, he f ed. On came the train and crashed i the river below!

Many perished that fateful day. keeper of the bridge became deranged. cries of the dying so preyed upon his m that he completely lost his reason. He committed to an asylum. During the wa ful hours of the day and night he mumb incessantly, "If only I had! If only I h If only I had!"

To "neglect so great salvation" and out remorsefully and self-accusingly into lost hereafter is the supreme tragedy.—*T by R. E. Neighbour.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

This poor man suffered greatly beca of his one mistake. This is a good exam of what can happen to us if we mistake take God's laws lightly.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:9

READING THE NAME PLATES

When Mrs. McIntyre was a young g she often went with her father, Dr. Andre Bonar, into his great church in Glasgo Scotland, on weekdays when the chur was empty. He would place her in a pe in the rear of the church. Then he wou sit silently in the different pews, after car fully reading the name plates to see if was in the desired pew. She sensed th he was praying for those who usually o cupied the pews on the Lord's Day—tho who were making little or no progress the Christian life.

The little daughter at the time did n understand the meaning of her noble fat

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our Church Auxiliaries

pen Letter to Free ill Baptist Women f North Carolina

f someone told us that the Bible were ut to be destroyed—as though it er existed—and we could save just page, which page would it be? Perps we could better understand the portance of the Bible's meaning to us we let our imagination dwell on this estion for awhile.

We have accepted this precious possion, preserved it, and then too often tead of learning more about it, nected it. If we are to have a part in vancing the cause of Christ, it is not y our duty, but also a privilege to er the door into God's kingdom of nt and love by studying this Book of oks. As we begin to read, we begin discover that, although the Bible is itten by many authors, its center is rist. It is given unity by one mind—mind of Christ. This book then benes the book of life to those who ne to Christ by God's grace.

"Not enough time" is a common erican complaint. How often we glect Bible reading, prayer, companionp with our families, or service to our urch and God by this excuse. God de no mistake in His appointing of e to man. We need no more time, t rather we need to handle our priceis possession with more care. In the ok of Ephesians, Paul tells us, "See n that ye walk circumspectly, not as ls, but as wise, Redeeming the time, cause the days are evil" (Ephesians 5: , 16).

Perhaps you are wondering what you n do. We who are believers in Christ e the church, and its mission is build bridges of communication, acceptce, love, caring, and kindness so that e Spirit of God can work within His ople to change the unbeliever. Do u have the faith to remove a barride in your life and to build a bridge? takes faith to witness to someone with whom we differ. It takes faith to go to one who is hostile to the church and to share the good news that Christ is able to overcome his hostility and his indifference. Someone such as this may respond immediately, but the seed has to be sown before it can begin to sprout.

I believe that we have many women over North Carolina who are willing to move to this higher level of love and understanding. We do this by cultivating a thankful spirit to God for His goodness in bestowing His blessings upon us. But to possess our spiritual or material blessings and not to share them with others is falling short of a Christlike spirit. Therefore, it becomes our duty to give of our time, means, and service—an obligation to all who have received the grace of God and His promises. Giving can become a blessing to those who give as well as to those who receive. We become more conscious of God's love for us through giving. This expression of our own love makes us aware of His nearness and our fellowship with Him.

With these thoughts in mind, I urge all our Free Will Baptist ladies who are not now members to join our women's auxiliary. We need you, and we believe that you need us. Let us unite with our love and prayers, and pledge to make 1973 our best year in the service of the Lord.

Mrs. Rachel M. Duncan
Vice President

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To Auxiliary Women And Study Course Chairmen

As the year 1973 begins, you have probably made many resolutions. Among these should be a study of the Bible. There is a great need for this, so that we might be firmly grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ. Through this study we will have a greater knowledge of God's will for us, so that we might be willing workers for Him. We need to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

There are five areas of study recommended as study courses for auxiliary women. Three of these are required in order to be A-1. (1) Missions. This should be included each year as one area of study, because it is the basic purpose and foundation for the woman's auxiliary. (2) Prayer. Before we can serve, we must pray. (3) Stewardship. We have to dedicate all that we have, our hearts and our lives to God, before we can become good stewards. (4) Evangelism. Through this study we can learn to be winners of souls. (5) Manual. To be an efficient auxiliary, its members must know the method of operation. A study of the manual is recommended each year.

Why not plan to have all five this year? Start making plans now for at least one district-wide study course. The local chairman should start making plans for her auxiliary.

As we study these areas of God's work, let us as Christian women do our part in helping to spread the gospel in 1973.

Mrs. William L. Dale
State Study Course Chairman

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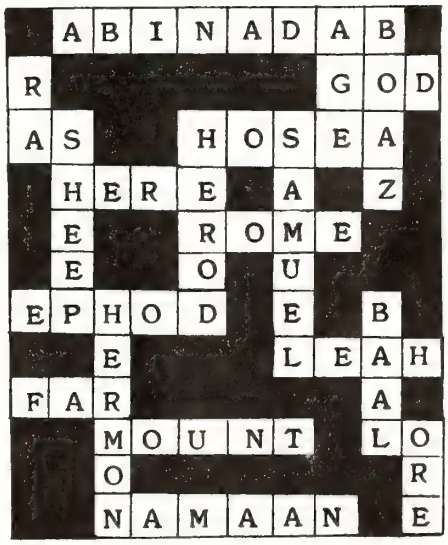
Crossword Answers

The diagram below shows the correct answers for the crossword puzzle that appeared in the January 31 issue of **The Free Will Baptist.**



THE REV. CLARENCE BOWEN NAMED "FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER OF THE YEAR"

The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, was named the "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year" at the meeting of North Carolina Free Will Baptist ministers held January 25 at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina.

The letter of nomination submitted by Mr. Bowen's church follows.

To: Committee on Minister of the Year Award

Dear Committeemen:

We are both humble and proud before God as we submit this nomination recognizing Reverend C. F. Bowen for the "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year" award. This nomination is based on the outstanding accomplishments, both spiritual and physical, we have realized under his capable leadership during the calendar year 1972.

A. His services to his local church
   1. Preached average of three sermons weekly
   2. Organized and taught Thursday night Bible class, "Amazing Grace Bible Class"
   3. Printed midweek church paper
   4. Taught tithing successfully, ahead of $69,102.00 budget
   5. Added 39 members, increasing church membership to 745
   6. Preached prayer and healing, having good responses to altar calls for prayer for salvation, healing, rededication, and special problems
   7. Cooperated with the Official Board
   8. Encouraged members to activate talents
   9. Preached a workable religion based on a personal prayer and Bible study relationship with Christ
   10. Visited the rest home and Medic Health Center regularly
   11. Made daily hospital visits
   12. Never failed to go when called
   13. Under his leadership the following young people from our church accepted the call to full-time Christian service
      a. Doug Skinner ordained to ministry
      b. John Melancon licensed to ministry
      c. Dwight Hawley licensed to ministry
   14. Alane Vester, another member of our church, added to church as full-time education and music director

The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen

B. Denominational
   1. President of State Convention
   2. Chairman of North Carolina Mission Board
   3. Secretary-Treasurer of First Union Meeting of Western Conference
   4. Writer of **The Advanced Quarterly**
   5. Guest writer of **The Bible Student** quarterly
   6. Authored **Adventuring with Jesus,** for juniors and intermediates
   7. Held six revivals resulting in approximately 250 decisions
   8. Pastor's pastor—counseled many pastors coming to him with problems

C. Civic
   1. Counseled not only members of his church but others as well, many referred to him by doctors
   2. Helped people who were down and out with food, gas, and other means
   3. Led singing in city-wide Peter John Marshall revival; there were as many favorable comments in town about Preacher Bowen's music direction as Marshall's sermon.
   4. Was featured speaker at state-w F.T.A. meeting

His sermons are not wine to give y the "cloud 9" feeling on Sunday t you can move mountains, only to awak on Monday to a spiritual hangover, b "meat and potatoes" that give you t strength and desire to do your best a excel in the ordinary things you do. ter hearing his message you come aw charged with a challenge to do yo best, and if you are not careful, you a exceeding all your previous goals.

As a gardener fertilizes and waters plants, Mr. Bowen has a way of nurt ing your small talents until they bloo unexpectedly into a flower you did know you were capable of bearing. I love for Christ emanates and he is inspiration to everyone around him.

Yours in Christ,
Howard Whitley
Sunday School Superintende

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Coming Events . . .

March 10—State League Convention, Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

NEWS NOTES

State League Convention Slated For March 10, Gray Branch Church

The State League Convention will held on March 10 at Gray Branch Fr Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, Nor Carolina. Registration will open at 9: a.m.; the convention will officially b gin at 10 o'clock.

The state sword drill will be held du ing the convention. Anyone who c not receive a copy of the drill and unable to obtain one through his loc church should write to Judy Conn Route 2, Deep Run, North Carolina.

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Declamation Winner for State In 1972 Announced

Due to an oversight, the 1972 winn of the state declamation contest in Nor Carolina has heretofore not been a nounced in **The Free Will Baptist.** B cause the contest time is again soon be, it is appropriate now to commer Tommy Bennett of the Northeast Fr Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mou Olive, North Carolina, for his outstandi work. Tommy is the 14-year-old son Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bennett, 1 Jean Street, Mount Olive.

In the contest last year, he won trophy, a check for $5, and an all-e pense-paid week at Cragmont Assembl

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"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

SOAP BOX SERMON

THE MAN ON THE OTHER BED

ne day I walked into a hospital room ere one of my church members lay ill. reeted him and spoke briefly to him ut how his day had been. Out of the ner of my eye I noticed the man on other bed. He too listened intently talked to my church member about strength Christ could give. I saw a fall and I couldn't help but turn to "man on the other bed" and say, 't it wonderful that Christ can come close to us in time of illness?" In a ken voice the man on the other bed , "I don't know the Christ of whom speak as my Saviour, but I've heard your church members pray to him." So I proceeded to tell him of the Man of Galilee who would save his soul if he would only believe. The man on the other bed took Jesus as his Saviour that day and his tears of longing became tears of joy. The man on the other bed was black!

In my years as a pastor I saw all too often the man on the other bed completely ignored by my fellow ministers and by Christians who came to visit. He was not always black. All too often he was white—just like you and me. He was a stranger, however, so we didn't bother to speak to him. "I was a stranger and ye took me (not) in" (see Matthew 25: 35).

—J. Stewart Humphrey

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

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Black Mountain, North Carolina

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lease send the names of those per- s who will be directing the week(s) r convention sponsors at Cragmont the promotional secretary by March at the latest. There will be a joint eting of the Board of Directors and p managers for 1973, and the indi- ual encampment directors on May 5 10 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Press ndation, Highway 11 North, Ayden, th Carolina.

De Wayne Eakes
Promotional Secretary

Cragmont Board of Directors for 1973

The Board of Stockholders for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., met in Ayden, North Carolina, at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation on January 22. The following Board of Directors for 1973 was elected: the Rev. Willis Wilson, chairman; the Rev. Jerry Rowe, vice chairman; Mrs. Ruby Hancock, secretary; the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, promotion; Mr. Clyde Hines, member-at-large; Mrs. A. B. Chandler, member-at-large; and the Rev. Henry Armstrong, member-at-large.

The secretary, Mrs. Ruby Hancock, may be reached at Box 571, New Bern, North Carolina.

All money should be sent to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr. at Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

For all publicity work, contact the Rev. De Wayne Eakes at P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

WE, THE CHOSEN

by Nancy Matthews

All through the Bible, people were chosen to perform special tasks. Moses was chosen to lead God's people out of bondage; Jonah was chosen to take a message to Nineveh; Mary was chosen to bear the Christ Child into the world: to name a few. The Bible is laced with chosen people for chosen opportunities. God did not go out of the choosing business at the close of the first century. As long as there remains His work to be performed, people will be chosen.

Everyone could not have led the captives out of Egypt. On the same token, Moses could not have been the mother of Jesus. In the first place, he was not equipped for the job. And in the second place, his temperament was not suitable. And how far do you think sweet, gentle, pondering Mary would have gotten with the people of Nineveh? Each person chosen has the qualifications for meeting the particular job requirements.

Today, there is certain work God wants us to perform and it will go undone if we refuse. You alone are chosen for certain tasks. You have a responsibility to find that task and "get on with it."

Do you ever wonder how much our life style would be altered had our ancestors found their chosen tasks and performed as God intended?

We talk with longing of peace on earth and lay the blame for the condition of the world on the politicians. We cry: Fraud! Corruption! Vice! Greed! But who are we to judge the leaders of the country when we are floundering around from day to day not knowing where we are going, or how we would get there if we knew?

We, as Christians, are God's people and we are responsible to Him. If we ask, believing, the Holy Spirit will lead us to the opportunity for which we were equipped. It may not be evangelism in auditoriums packed by thousands, but it may be a simple task that will never get done if we do not say, "Yes, Lord." It could mean the difference between some soul spending a torturous eternity apart from God, or a glorious eternity in the presence of Jesus.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

$73,167 NEEDED FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CHAPEL FUND

The architectural drawings for the proposed chapel at Mount Olive College have gone to a leading eastern North Carolina construction company for cost quotations and a groundbreaking service has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, at 11 a.m., the regular hour for chapel services.

If the price quotations are favorable and if adequate funds are available, construction is expected to begin immediately following the groundbreaking. G. Milton Small of Raleigh, the College architect, has estimated the total cost of the chapel project, including construction, architectural fees, furniture, and related cost at $195,000, and the College Board of Trustees has declared that it will authorize contracts to be awarded when the cost of the project is available in gifts and pledges.

One year ago the College had less than $14,000 in its chapel fund, but gifts and pledges through January 20 have brought assets of the fund to $121,833. An additional $73,167 is needed to reach the estimated goal of $195,000, and a campaign is currently being conducted among Free Will Baptists to raise this balance.

Many churches, Sunday schools, and other church groups as well as individuals are making pledges to be paid over a four-year period, by June 30, 1976.

"We believe that it is God's will for us to have a chapel at Mount Olive College, and we have faith that we will have the required funds," President W. Burkette Raper declared. "Our goal is $195,000 in gifts and pledges by February 27."

"It is not just a building that we seek," President Raper added. "We are praying that the Mount Olive College campus will be a place where students will experience the living presence God, and to help achieve this goal need a place distinctly set apart for wo ship—a place where our people can not only for public services but to alone with God. Whatever else we mig do for students, it will be of little las ing value if their spiritual lives are le untouched."

Individuals and churches which ha not yet made their gift or pledge to t chapel fund are encouraged to do promptly. A letter to President Rap stating how much you are willing commit over a four-year period and yo plan of payment will be your way of le ting God answer prayer through you, the form below may be used.

Mount Olive College Chapel Fund

Realizing the importance of a spiritual life ministry to college students and realizing the value of a place for corporate and individual Christian worship on the campus of Mount Olive College, _____ I _____ we pledge a total of $_____ to the College Chapel Fund as follows:

$_____ annually for _____ years beginning _____

$_____ monthly for _____ years beginning _____

Alternate method of payments _____

_____

Name (print)_ _____ Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Signed:_____ Date_____

If this pledge is not personal or family, please give name of church or other agency:

_____

(Mail to Chapel Fund, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365)

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Additions to Chapel Fund: January 5–January 20

Pledges or Gifts of $1,000 or More

J. J. Grimsley, Ayden
Powhatan church, Melvin T. Moore, pa tor
Rains Cross Roads church, Preston Smit pastor
Sandy Plain Adult Sunday School Clas Wayne King, pastor
The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Beulavil
Mrs. Mary J. Winfield, Pinetown
Winterville church, James Lupton, past

Other Pledges

Mrs. Nellie Jones, Goldsboro

Additional Donors

The Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Burress
Saint Mary's Grove church
Shady Grove church
Winterville Church Young Woman's Au iliary
The Rev. and Mrs. Billy Yawn

Assets of Chapel Fund

Balance May 1, 1972	$13,981.51	
Amount Paid on Pledges	22,193.12	
Non-Pledge Gifts	5,288.99	
Total Cash Received		$ 41,463.6
Balance due from Pledges		80,368.8
Total Assets of Chapel Fund		$121,832.5

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

'Miss Mount Olive College" Pageant Held

Four North Carolina Free Will Baptist oung women placed one, two, three, nd four in the "Miss Mount Olive Col- ge" pageant out of a field of twelve.

All contestants were evaluated on the asis of a personal interview, street ress, talent, and evening gown by a anel of experienced judges.

Miss Linda Gail Carter

Miss Linda Gail Carter, daughter of e Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Carter of arrenton, North Carolina, won the title. e is a member of Belhaven Free Will ptist Church. President W. Burkette per crowned the lovely winner in cere- onies following the pageant and pre- nted her with a bouquet of roses, a ophy, and a $200 scholarship.

Miss Carter performed a dramatic ading of 'The Creation" by James Wel- n Johnson.

Miss Barbara Gail Ball

First runner-up was Miss Barbara Gail Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ball of Kinston, North Carolina, who was presented with a trophy and a $100 scholarship. In the talent competition, the voice major rendered a selection from the musical "Pearly." She is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston.

Miss Deborah Davis

Miss Deborah Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Davis of Deep Run, North Carolina, was honored as second runner-up. She presented a solo from "Gone With the Wind" entitled "Tara's Theme," and received a trophy and a $50 scholarship. In 1972, she was a contestant in the "Miss Kinston" pageant. She is a member of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church.

Miss Sharon Owens

Third runner-up was Miss Sharon Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Owens of Kinston, who received a $25 scholarship. She presented a solo entitled "Day by Day" during the talent competition. She is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston.

The entire pageant was created and directed by Mrs. Beverly Blackwelder, counselor at the College. She has formerly held the titles of "Miss Goldsboro" and "Miss Raleigh." Her talents and experience turned the pageant into a gala evening of pomp and beauty.

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Eastern District Youth Contests

Three separate contests—a declamation contest, an essay contest, and the Bible Bowl Quiz—are being sponsored for the young people of the Eastern District Youth Fellowship Convention of North Carolina. Each requires the immediate attention of all YFA members in the district, because the due dates are close at hand.

The theme for the declamation contest is **"Prayer Is. . ."** and for the essay contest, **"Power of Prayer."** The rules for each contest are in the YFA handbook. The Eastern District youth chairman, Mrs. Melody R. Wall, **must** have a copy of each entry **two weeks** prior to the spring convention, which will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, in March. A definite date will be announced later.

Any church which plans to have a team enter the Bible Bowl Quiz should contact Mrs. Wall two weeks prior to the convention. The questions for this quiz will come from the Book of Luke. The runoff for the General Conference will be held at the time of the convention.

Contest entries, information requested, and any questions relative to the contests should be sent to Mrs. Melody R. Wall at Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572.

BOOKSTORE HOURS

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* The Christian Bookstore and
* Gift Shop, located at the Free
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GRANNY

Petite, with small hands, tiny feet, soft silver hair, and a twinkle in her eye —my granny sits silently in her favorite corner chair by the quietly droning Siegler heater. She reads little now—"Too hard on the eyes," she says—and she may speak seldom—unless the right topic sparks a quick response—but you may be certain that stillness is not a sign of inactivity, for there is some one thing busily at work: her active mind—teeming with memories, brimming over with love. And has it not been said too often, "Love makes the world go 'round"? Certainly the gentle gestures and quiet ways of my ninety-years-plus great-grandmother give evidence to me that the old saying is very much alive in **her** living room. I know that love does indeed make her world go 'round, her day go brighter, indeed her very life shine like a steady candle, small in the darkness—yet lighting a part of the world. In such manner does her presence in the corner of a room by a gently droning heater light a portion of the darkness, and teach me—in some measure—what love is all about.

—Celia Hales

(Editor's Note: "Granny" is the affectionate name her family gives Mrs. Celia Hart Garris of Ayden, North Carolina, the ninety-two-year-old great-grandmother of Miss Hales. Mrs. Garris is a member of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church; the woman's auxiliary of her church is named for her.)

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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er's deep and prayerful concern for his flock. However, as she grew into womanhood, she observed the growth in Christlikeness of those for whom her father earnestly had prayed.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The forms of prayers vary: open prayer, closed prayer, group prayer, and others. The best kind of prayer is the one between you and the Lord—in private.

SATURDAY, February 17

Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:28

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE A MAN?

David Lloyd George, prime minister of England, once spoke in a meeting in South Wales. The chairman of the meeting, who had never met him before, said in presenting him, "I have heard so much about him that I naturally expected him to be a big man. But you can see for yourselves that he is small in stature."

The prime minister said in reply, "I am grieved that your chairman is disappointed in my size, but this is because of his way of measuring a man. In North Wales we measure a man from his chin up, but evidently your chairman measures a man from his chin down."

How does God measure a man? Not by his wealth: "Let not the rich man glory in his riches" (see Jeremiah 9:23); not by his boastful appraisal of himself: "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are" (see Luke 8:11).

Those who serve God and others unselfishly and sacrificially are adjudged grea by God.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do you stand on God's judgmen list? Probably each of us could strive for better standing with God.

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NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

THE QUEST FOR NOAH'S ARK

by John Warwick Montgomery

The Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop calls to your attention a different kind of book this week—one of a definitely scholarly turn of mind, geared to the reader who would like to delve deeply into the mysteries of the Bible that perhaps can be "proved" in a scientific sense. The subject is the uncovering of archeological finds on Mount Ararat that are believed by many to be the remains of Noah's Ark.

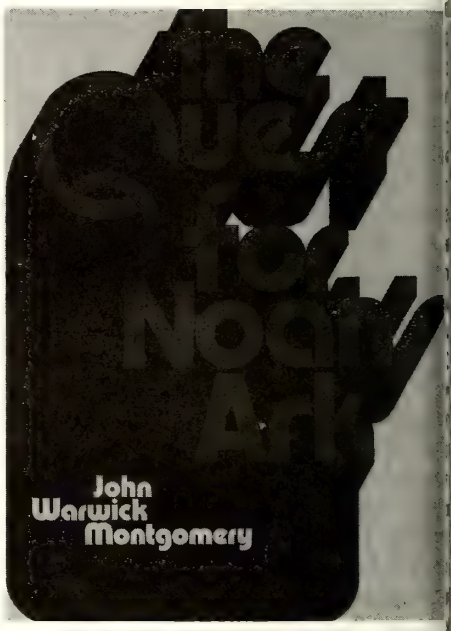
Is Noah's Ark on Ararat?

Now you can read the evidence and decide for yourself. During two years Dr. Montgomery painstakingly researched, interviewed, sorted, discussed, investigated, questioned, analyzed, and examined all the reported sightings and expeditions from the first century to the present time. His purpose was to separate enthusiasm from fact and to include in his book only those reports that are credible.

This is certainly the most complete and comprehensive book on the Ark to date. Some items included have never before appeared in the English language. The publishers believe that for years to come this book will be considered **the** work on the 2,000-year search for the Ark. The book is some 320 pages long and includes a complete bibliography.

About the Author:

John Warwick Montgomery is professor and chairman of the division of Church History and Christian Thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, and director of its European program at the University of Strasbourg, France. Dr. Montgomery holds seven earned degrees, including the Doctor of Philosophy from the Uni-



versity of Chicago and the Doctor o Theology from the University of Strasbourg.

A frequent contributor to **Christianity Today,** the author is honored by inclu sion in **Who's Who in America, Who' Who in France,** and **The Dictionary of In ternational Biography.** He is an ordain ed Lutheran minister and the author o twenty books in the areas of theology philosophy, and church history.

Dr. Montgomery is widely known a one of this generation's most articulat and dynamic spokesmen for the Christia faith.

The Quest for Noah's Ark can be pur chased at the Christian Bookstore an Gift Shop, Highway 11 North, Ayden North Carolina, and at branch book stores in New Bern, Smithfield, and Wil son, North Carolina.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please explain the Scripture, Knowing this first, that no prophecy of e scripture is of any private interpre- tion" (2 Peter 1:20).

Answer: This would forbid that we ke a scriptural passage or expression t of context that it might be used to ove some pet doctrine not supported the whole teaching of the Bible on e subject in mind or contrary to some rt of biblical teaching. Another pas- ge in this book carries a similar warn- g. "As also in all his epistles, speak- g in them of these things; in which e some things hard to be understood, hich they that are unlearned and un- able wrest, as they do also the other riptures, unto their own destruction" Peter 3:16). One needs to read the hole chapter, and it might help to read e entire epistle to ascertain the ought. "Wherefore the rather, breth- n, give diligence to make your calling d election sure: for if ye do these ings, ye shall never fail" (2 Peter 1:). Above we have what the Holy Spirit lls us through the penmanship of the ostle Peter concerning false teachers the day in which the epistle was writ- n. We of the later days of this, the ristian era, may expect that we will e some of the same kinds of condi- ns accompanied by similar events in more matured setting.

"For if these things be in you, and ound, they make you that ye shall ither be barren nor unfruitful in the owledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But that lacketh these things is blind, d cannot see afar off, and hath forgot- n that he was purged from his old sins. herefore the rather, brethren, give dili- nce to make your calling and election re: for if ye do these things, ye shall ver fall" (2 Peter 1:8-10). Compare: ut there were false prophets also ong the people, even as there shall be se teachers among you, who privily all bring in damnable heresies, even ying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Peter 2:1, 2). In the verses above, 1:8-10, sufficient exhortation is given to prepare one against taking the detour so many Christians are tempted to take.

Jesus in the Gospels pointed His followers to Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He also represented the way into which He was calling His followers as narrow and the gate strait: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14). He told them, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). What one needs to do is to live like the Christian that Jesus describes who is in harmony with Himself and with heaven. In the parables found in Matthew 13, He taught His followers that the kingdom of heaven was like a man sowing seed in a field of Palestine that had rocky spots, thorny spots, or briar patches in it. Some seed (the Word of God) would fall on good ground and produce well. Some fell on soil encumbered by hindering forces that are found in bad ground; these seed would not produce. Then there are the birds (evil spirits) that are ready to catch away the Word that is preached to those whose hearts would otherwise receive the Word and let it do what the Bible teaches that it is able to do. Such passages as Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:11, 105, etc., illustrate this last alternative. "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matthew 13:18-23).

The Bible says that we should try the spirits. Have nothing to do with any who do not testify to the fact that Jesus came in the flesh as the Bible teaches that He came, lived, and died, and ascended; give not allegiance whatsoever to them. Also, if anyone is placed beside Christ, as the Seventh-Day Adventists place Helen G. White or as Christian Scientists place Mary Baker Glover Eddy, or if anyone gives a place to someone such as the Mormons give to Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, then pay no attention to him. If anyone deifies man as modernists or liberals do, then religiously speaking, have nothing to do with him.

The angels of the Lord encamp around and about Christians to deliver them from such evil spirits, but when Christians do as the angels referred to in 2 Peter, then there will be a deliberate separation of them from the protection offered by the powerful Word of God. In such cases, Christians willfully follow God's enemy as they identify themselves with false teachers and their teaching.

Paul warns us, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (2 Timothy 3:12-14). Compare, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron: . . . But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. . . . Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying

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STORIES

for our youth

SIR WALTER SCOTT

by MARY C. WERNER

SIR WALTER SCOTT was born in Scotland in 1771. At eighteen months of age he was taken seriously ill, and his right leg became paralyzed. He was sent to the country to live with his grandparents and an aunt. Although he grew ruggedly healthy, he always had a limp. He was sweet-tempered and extremely talkative.

He had a happy, carefree, "outdoorsy" childhood. Mornings and evenings the ewe-milkers carried him to the crags where he came to know every sheep by name. Once he was forgotten there in a thunderstorm. When the laborers found him, he was clapping his hands and shouting, "Bonnie, bonnie!" Eventually he was given a pony and delighted in his own excursions. In the evenings the family members were simply fireside beings. Grandmother sat at the spinning wheel; Auntie read to them from the Bible and other books; Grandfather enlivened the hours with ancient tales.

When Walter was seven, he went home "a spoiled brat," he said of himself. At home he began school in earnest. He also learned to live with his brothers and sisters and adjusted rapidly. He was soon greatly loved and recognized as a born leader, a spinner of tales, and a dreamer of dreams.

One day an awesome thunderstorm broke. Walter stood out in the street, in the drenching rain, enraptured by the storm. Mrs. Scott called in vain amid the crashes. After a time, her son finally came in.

"Mother, if you'll give me a pencil and paper, I'll tell you what I was thinking."

In a few moments Walter laid the following on her lap:

> Loud o'er my head what awful thunders roll,
> What vivid lightnings flash from pole to pole;
> It is Thy voice, O God, that bids them fly;
> Thy voice directs them through the vaulted sky;
> Then let the good Thy mighty power revere,
> Let hardened sinners Thy just judgments fear.

Did Mother see the poet in Walter? He was only ten or eleven at the time. Her own mind was well stocked with poems, ballads, and tales; so perhaps he had acquired his talent from her.

At twelve, he laid aside the round, black hat, the colorful jacket, and brown corduroy breeches of high-school days and went to college. He was a clever lad and had a remarkable memory. But he remembered only the things that he liked.

At seventeen, he was tall, broad-shouldered, and had arms like a blacksmith's. He was completing his second year as a lawyer beside his serious, white-ruffled father, when he decided to return to law school to become an advocate. He was able to read both Latin and Greek, and he retained much knowledge. But every holiday found him tramping over his beloved highlands. Thirty miles of trekking a day was nothing for him, even with a limp.

Although Walter began to write poetry when he was very young, it wasn't until 1805, with the publishing of his first full-length narrative poem, that he was successful. The poem made him famous overnight, but he remained humble. Many delightful stories and poems followed, one after another. During some of the Napoleonic wars, he visited the battlefields as a journalist. He again became famous, and honors were heaped upon him.

The more he grew in fame and wealt however, the simpler and kinder he b came. He was just as happy at hon among the cottagers on his magnifice estate as he was when talking to famo men. And he was as courteous to t common people as he was to the n bility. His concern for others endear him to all; in fact, to make others hap was his supreme delight. Even t neighborhood children could play a pick nuts in Sir Walter's woods.

In his day people longed for book of which there were few. That is w Walter Scott's charming books becar so popular. People came from all ov to visit him. His wife complained th he overwalked, overfed, and overtalk his guests; but they loved it!

Though he suffered much pain f many years, he never laid down his pe Rather, his rich imagination spilled ov in one book after another. In spite

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Strategy Conferences Planned for Church Key 73 Committees

Key 73, the much talked-about evang listic thrust, was launched in Janua by both a noon prayer call and a n tionally syndicated television special.

In executive session Key 73 leadersh recently announced a series of Key 7 strategy seminars to build momentu for the Key 73 movement as it progres es and to develop greater grassroo awareness of its program objectives.

The 36 regional all-day seminar which are scheduled nationally duri March, are billed as a "festival of acti resources," with an input by area K 73 committees and evangelistic agenci with resource displays. Pastors and K 73 committees from churches and co munities are expected.

The leadership teams will be led b Mr. Robert L. Hart, chairman of Key 73 Phase Five and the Rev. John De Vrie Phase Two chairman, in addition to D Ted Raedeke, the executive director, a other selected specialists.

Seminar registration is available b writing Key 73 at 418 Olive Street, S Louis, Missouri 63102.

Pre-registration is expected of ind viduals who plan to attend the seminar The Key 73 seminar for North Car linians will be held at Holiday Inn No. (downtown), Raleigh, on Thursday, Mar 8.

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Key 73 Strategy Seminars

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	ALTA, IDA, MONT, SASK—Great Falls, Mont.	Mar. 15(Th)
	ALA—Birmingham, No. 5 (Civic Center)	Mar. 14(W)
	ALAS, BC, ORE, WASH—Everett, Wash., No. 2 (N)	Mar. 16(F)
	ARIZ—Tempe, No. 4	Mar. 30(F)
	ARK—North Little Rock, No. 2 (N)	Mar. 21(W)
	CAL (South), HAW—Anaheim, No. 4 (Disneyland)	Mar. 31(Sa)
	CAL (North), NEV—Fairfield, Cal.	Mar. 17(Sa)
	COL, UT, WY—Denver, No. 7 (SE)	Mar. 28(W)
	DEL, DC, MD, VA—Alexandria, No. 15 (Telegraph Road)	Mar. 29(Th)
	FLA, PR, VI—Daytona Beach, Marco Polo Inn, 935 S. Atlantic	Mar. 7 (W)
	GA—Atlanta, No. 7 (Six Flags) (W)	Mar. 10(Sa)
	ILL—Glen Ellyn, No. 17	Mar. 1 (Th)
	IND—Indianapolis, No. 8	Mar. 28(W)
	IA—Des Moines No. 2 (N)	Mar. 10(Sa)
	KAN—Kansas City, No. 7 (Downtown Gardens)	Mar. 23(F)
	KY—Louisville, No. 2 (NE)	Mar. 1 (Th)
	LA—Baton Rouge, No. 1 (N)	Mar. 16(F)
	MICH—Ann Arbor, No. 1 (W)	Mar. 21(W)
	MINN, MAN, W ONT—Brooklyn Center, Minn., No. 7 (N)	Mar. 3 (Sa)
	MISS—Jackson Hotel Heidelberg (Downtown)	Mar. 15(Th)
	MO—Bridgeton, No. 8 (W I-270)	Mar. 24(Sa)
	NEB—Lincoln, No. 2 (Airport)	Mar. 9 (F)
	N ENG, MARITIMES, QUEBEC—Boston, No. 9 (Peabody)	Mar. 23(F)
	NJ—Paramus (NYC), No. 15 (Parkway Exit 165)	Mar. 31(Sa)
	N MEX—Albuquerque, No. 2 (Midtown)	Mar. 29(Th)
	NY—Syracuse, No. 4 (Exit 39)	Mar. 24(Sa)
	N CAR—Raleigh, No. 2 (Downtown)	Mar. 8 (Th)
	ND, SD—Aberdeen	Mar. 8 (Th)
	OH—Columbus, No. 3 (Downtown)	Mar. 3 (Sa)
	OKL—Oklahoma City, No. 5 (S)	Mar. 22(Th)
	PA (West), W VA—Pittsburgh, No. 9 (Alleg. Valley)	Mar. 22(Th)
	PA (East)—Philadelphia, No. 5 (City Line)	Mar. 30(F)
	S CAR—Columbia, Riverland Hills Baptist Church (I-26 and I-20)	Mar. 9 (F)
	TENN—Nashville, Sheraton South Inn (I-65S and Harding Road)	Mar. 2 (F)
	TEX—Dallas, No. 1 (Central)	Mar. 17(Sa)
	WIS—Madison, No. 2 (SW)	Mar. 2 (F)

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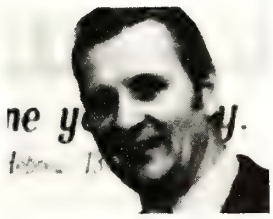

Dr. Ted Raedeke
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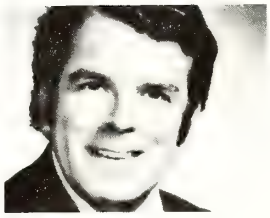

Mr. Robert Hart
Seminar Leader
Phase 5 Chairman

The Key 73 state-wide seminar is designed to create greater grass-roots awareness of Key 73 and to provide program resources and guidelines for lay witness, Bible study, Bible distribution, fair ministries, youth outreach and impact weeks. Strategy from all phases of Key 73 will be shared. It will include Key 73 mass media information and promotion ideas.

Seminar Schedule: Registration, coffee, displays at 9:00 a.m.
Seminar and luncheon 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Optional planning groups 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(PRINT) KEY 73 STRATEGY SEMINAR REGISTRATION

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Representing _____

"Yes, I'll be there and have _____ others with me for the seminar at _____. Enclosed is a check for _____ ($10.00 per person)." Groups are encouraged to sponsor their participants.

Late Registration: Luncheon is *not* included when registration is mailed less than 10 days prior to your seminar.

Seminar code letter _____. Date mailed _____.

☐ We desire to display our Key 73 resources at _____ seminars on attached list. Cost for display is $10.00 per seminar. Please reserve us table-top space and send application.

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"Key 73 Seminar," 418 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. 63102, (314) 436-1973

More Than Human Power

Lesson Text: Zechariah 31:1-6; 4

Memory Verse: Zechariah 4:6

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the first lessons any church must learn is that spiritual success and overcoming victory in a hostile world never depend upon human power or personality. This success is wrought by the Holy Spirit alone. He uses our abilities and talents to achieve His purposes, but we cannot use them successfully without the spiritual stimuli He alone provides.

Our revival meetings are an example of this fact. Our churches "hold" revivals when they should let them go. We conduct them when we should be directed by the Spirit. Souls are not saved in them because Christians are not filled with the Spirit. Setting a time for the revival, praying a little bit, doing some advertising, will not bring revival. Not even a gifted evangelist can bring one. If he is wise, he will make this clear to the people. Revivals come when the Holy Spirit has charge of the will and emotions of the people.

What is said here of revivals may be also said of any other endeavor of God's people, whether it be the building program, evangelistic visitation, or even the worship services. The Holy Spirit's power must be in all these things if we are to achieve the success we long for. Yielding to the Spirit's power is not a simple thing; it may very well involve the full commitment of our whole lives. This is what our lesson is about.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. The Prophet Haggai and the Prophet Zechariah compared and contrasted.
2. Three possible interpretations of Zechariah
   a. Having to do with time and people to whom originally written only.
   b. Having been written to church and must use spiritualizing process in interpretation.
   c. As being apocalyptic and dealing with the Jews for all time.
3. The main divisions of the Book of Zechariah.

B. God's Displeasure (Zechariah 1:1, 2)
1. The time of Zechariah's prophecy
2. The objects of his prophecy.
3. God's displeasure with their forefathers.

C. God's Offer of Mercy (Zechariah 1:3)
1. They were in their present condition because of the sins of their forefathers.
2. God offers to deliver them in mercy if they will repent.

D. The Candlestick and the Two Olive Trees (Zechariah 4:1-5)
1. An angel awakened Zechariah and spoke to him.
2. This is the fifth vision recorded in the Book of Zechariah.
3. The vision of the candelabrum.
4. The vision of the two olive trees.

E. The Explanation Given by an Angel (Zechariah 4:6-10)
1. Zerubbabel would be successful in rebuilding the temple.
2. He was not to depend upon his own strength by the Spirit of the Lord.
3. He was not to despise the day of small beginnings.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Someone once asked a farmer what time he went to work. The farmer replied, "Man, I don't go to work. I'm surrounded by it." The Christian who cares has the same feeling. We are literally surrounded by work that needs desperately to be done. There are so many souls to be won in our own community, and so many lands that need missionaries, and so many worthy causes that need support, that we feel frustrated and confused by the enormity of th task.

One solution to our confusion may b to consider the power of God. We ar not going to accomplish anything by hu man power. We are not wise enough t draft a plan nor strong enough to ex pedite a program that will save even on soul, let alone the world. Thank Goc we do not depend upon human powe Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "And brethren, when I came to you, came nc with excellency of speech or of wisdom declaring unto you the testimony of Goc For I determined not to know any thin among you, save Jesus Christ, and hir crucified. And I was with you in weak ness, and in fear, and in much trem bling. And my speech and my preach ing was not with enticing words c man's wisdom, but in demonstration c the Spirit and of power: That your fait should not stand in the wisdom of mer but in the power of God" (1 Corinthian 2:1-5).—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. The abiding faithfulness of God i a precious truth. Even when the peopl of God are chastened by Him, He doe not forget them. He continues to lov them and invites them to return to Hir The plan of God is such that He need His people. He has ordained tha through human beings His will and wor will be accomplished.

Zechariah, whose name means Je hovah remembers, was led by the Spiri of God to call the exiles who returne to Jerusalem to repentance and to en courage them with hope in the comin of the Messiah.

Of all the Old Testament prophet Zechariah says more about Christ an the nation Israel than do any others i such a short space. The editors of th New Scofield Reference Bible correctl note that Zechariah "predicts the secon coming of Christ, His reign, His pries hood, His kingship, His humanity, Hi deity, His building of the temple of th Lord, His coming in lowliness, His bring ing of permanent peace, His rejection an betrayal for thirty pieces of silver, Hi return to Israel as the crucified One, an His being smitten by the sword of th Lord" (p. 964).

All these prophecies and the entir message of the prophet are designed t show how God indeed works for, witl and through His people.

The Scriptures we study today, a though dealing with Israel, will also r mind us of God's love, faithfulness, ar concern for us. We, too, are His peopl

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HOW TO BE HAPPY WHEN RETIRED

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r a comfortable living and are able to elp our son and his family as necessary. he arrangement has been a happy one r all concerned during the eight years at I have been retired from my main b.

If you cannot secure a job, maybe you n start a small business of your own r pleasure and profit. Here are some ssibilities:

1. Start a fix-it shop in a corner of ur garage or a workshop in your backrd.

2. Build and sell birdhouses from your rage or in a workshop in your backrd.

3. Buy, repair, and sell antiques, such antique clocks. Two senior citizen uples I know do this from their mes.

4. Make, buy, and sell gift items from ur home.

5. Many senior citizen wives teach usic for pleasure and profit in their mes.

A little imagination, ingenuity, and pital can help you start a business of ur own for pleasure and profit. In ct, as mentioned, my wife happily and ofitably teaches music in our home, hile I keep books for a small firm just k blocks away. This not only gives me mething to do in my spare time but ovides extra income.

Hunting, fishing, golfing, vacationing, d the like are great helps in being ppy when retired. Most of us never d time for very much of this during e hurried years of making a living and ising a family. As senior citizens let's more of it.

Keep a clean, neat, beautiful home th a lawn, flowers, shrubs, and a rden spot in your backyard. Have a rd feeder, several birdhouses, and at st a few trees in your backyard to atct the singing birds and the frisky uirrels. If at all possible, have your ning table in front of a picture winw overlooking all this. From this vange point as you leisurely dine, you will t a maximum enjoyment from your ckyard. My wife and I greatly enjoy rs.

Above all else, keep God as your silent rtner in all of life. Have an active, rking part in the church of your oice. There is always service for the rd to be done in your church. There e Sunday school classes to be taught, prospective church members to be contacted; and also ill, shut-in, or lonely people who need to be visited. There are youth groups that need adult helpers. There are church funds to be planned and raised and church programs to be scheduled and put into action. Another happy and important part of church life is the social and fellowship side of it, and senior citizens can certainly have rewarding parts in this, too.

Try to be like Jesus Christ. Just as the master Teacher and Preacher enjoyed going "about doing good" (see Acts 10:38), so we as senior citizens should enjoy going about and doing good. This outgoing life will help us to be happy when retired.—**Gospel Herald.**

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Change of Address

The Rev. Edgar Benton announces that he now resides at Route 1, Box 395, Fremont, North Carolina 27830. His former address is Route 3, Box 192, Elm City, North Carolina 27822.

Church Finance Association, Incorporated

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ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 1973

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will be held at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina, Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m. Directions to the New Bethlehem church are as follows: Take Highway 55 out of New Bern and turn right at Grantsboro on Minnesot Road. After the turnoff, travel two and one-half miles to Parker's Store. Inquire at this store for further directions to the church.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 336, Pintops, North Carolina. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
HUBERT BURRESS, Secretary-Treasurer
Church Finance Association, Inc.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION for _____
Name of Member

Amount of Membership Fees, $_____; Number Votes, _____

REGULAR REPRESENTATION

I hereby register as the official representative of the membership of _____

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Date_____ Signed_____

PROXY, IF UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., February 13, 1973, at 10:30 a.m., at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church near Grantsboro, North Carolina.

Date_____ Signed_____

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Sunday School Lesson

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through personal faith in Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah, as Saviour from sin. He wants to work through us today.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

C. We saw in last Sunday's lesson that Haggai urged the people of Judah to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. The prophet who speaks to us in today's lesson did the same thing. Zechariah wanted to see the work finished, but his concern was not with materials and who would do the work but with the power back of the labor. His message stressed, among other things, the necessity of depending upon the power of the Holy Spirit in the work of the Lord. To him, human power was far too insufficient. But the Spirit's power was what would do the job.

It is one thing to build a church with wood, stone, cement, glass, and other materials. It is another thing to build a church of people. We must win the people to the Lord and then to the church. Yet the task is not finished. We must teach the people to rely upon the Spirit of the Lord to build the church.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

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Questions & Answers

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on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2, 7, 14-16).

That we shall have false teachers imposed upon us by the devil, the archenemy of Christ and of our souls, is a foregone fact, but that we cannot help being made to sin by them is one of the archenemy's lies. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry" (1 Corinthians 10:13, 14); "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (2 Corinthians 11:3, 4); "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 1: 9-11).

Every Christian that finds it possible is responsible to God to obtain and study the Bible, to win souls to Christ, and to live a separated life from false teachers, regardless of denominational or local church affiliations. See 2 Timothy 2: 15-19; 3:16, 17; and 1 Timothy 4:14-16; 5:6-8.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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his troubles, neither his books nor his life expressed complaint.

Near the end of his life, he lost his fortune. Because he felt that he himself was much to blame, he refused help. He became a slave to his pen as never before and earned twice as much money in a year for his creditors as he did when he wrote for his own profit. The world watched the sickly man struggle under the terrible burden and emerge triumphant.

Sir Walter was good at descriptive writing. His stories of Scotland cast their charms in such lively, lovely language that they made his homeland famous.

During his last illness, he was wheeled to his library where he could look out at his beloved country side. He longed for his pen, but it would drop from his hand, and he would fall back weeping on his pillow. He could do no more.

He glanced at the shelves containing his many thousands of books. "Read to me!" he would exclaim to his son-in-law Lockhart.

"From what book shall I read?" Lockhart would reply.

"Need you ask? There is but one!"

Then Lockhart would take down the Bible and open it to the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel.

"This is a great comfort—a great comfort," murmured the great man. In his last days, this man of letters repeatedly found the beloved book of Psalms and other portions of the Bible "a great comfort—a **great** comfort."— My Pleasure.

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Mr. Gurney R. Chase, Route 4, Box 11, Kinston, North Carolina, is available to do supply work or to pastor a church on a part-time basis. Mr. Chase is a licensed Free Will Baptist minister. He may be reached by writing to him at the address above or by telephoning 523-3429 after 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Responsibility

A pastor friend of mine who was recently preparing for the marriage of his second daughter, the older daughter having already married, said to me, "I am beginning to realize how little time I gave to my children," and he added, "If I had to do it all over again, I think perhaps I would spend a little more time with them even if a few details of my official responsibilities had to be neglected." We are reminded of that verse in the Song of Solomon where the author said "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept."—Edward Hughes Pruden.

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AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1973

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Have you perhaps ever attended a church like the one pictured here? Read the editorial and see if it brings back memories for you.

Country Churches: Do You Remember When?

You used to be able to walk in and sit down whenever you wanted to —day or night—just to be alone or because something about the place calmed you, and you were able to relax, reflect upon bygone ages, or just muse over the happenings of this particular day, the past hour, or some precious moment to which you wanted to cling for awhile longer.

You could sit by yourself, if you chose to go alone; but it would not have been beyond the realm of possibility that while traveling there you could have met a friend who was going for just the same reason—and you were glad to share this time of quietness with him or her in this special place.

People used to walk for miles, according to this writer's mother, just for the opportunity of entering—whether alone or not. "Some of the fortunate," she mused, "went by horse and buggy or surrey; but most of the people walked, if it happened not to be any special occasion—if they wanted to go just for their 'own good.' And go they did! That was the place where they faced their problems and found the solutions to them. Sometimes they would read; and sometimes they'd just sit quietly, thinking, listening, and just resting their minds and bodies and souls.

"If there were some special occasion, like a conference, whole wagonloads of people would come. A whole group of young men and women would gather at one house and ride together on the horse-drawn wagon. The boys would have chairs placed on the wagon for the girls; and the boys would stand behind sort of like country gentlemen—and the girls were so pretty with their long, flowing dresses with sashes at the waists, their wide-brimmed hats and parasols. Some people came on horseback; others walked a great distance down the dusty road, just to come. The older people were usually already inside by the time the young people got there. I remember so well . . ." her voice drifted off.

This was the era of country churches, unpretentious in their architecture, but warm in their atmosphere, well attended, and most treasured. This was the time when time moved slowly for most people. Lives were not too cluttered up with activities for people to be neighborly, to help each other with various chores, to talk and walk together. This was the time when there was no air conditioning; there was no central heating; but this was a time when churches were packed and crowded with people who found church attendance the most important facet of their living. This was the time when the ladies would bring little copper pots filled with warm coals with which to warm their feet in the winter. This was the time when hand fans were used and lacy handkerchiefs filled with the crushed petals of roses or sweet betsys would emanate sweet odors and thrill the boy who happened to be lucky enough to claim the charm of some lovely miss and merit a seat beside her. This writer's mother remembers how it was. . . .

"Now," she wonders, "why have they locked the doors? I've heard lately that many of the country churches are locked on Sunday night after the service is over. You couldn't do like we used to do—go at just any time you felt like it—if the doors are locked. You'd have to wait for a particular service." She continues to wonder, and so do many of our generation, "Why have so many churches been torn down? Why are so many empty? Why is it so hard for many of them to get pastors?" Again she dwelled on the "empty" part. "Why I remember the time. . ." she mused again for a moment, a smile crossing her face at the memory of some nostalgic, but happy moment, "when the windows and doors would have to be opened so the people standing outside could hear the preacher. Oh, the people that would **come** to the services—and from miles around. . ." her voice drifted off somewhat sadly. She was again thinking how it was when she could go alone if she so desired.

To say the least, it is disheartening for a minister to look out at the beautifully carpeted sanctuary adorned with its handsome pews and light fixtures and see only a few complacent faces staring back at him or see people flipping through their songbooks or impatiently shuffling in anticipation of his closing statement that will cue the organist to begin the closing hymn. It's sad too, to agree with his mother, that when one wants to be alone he cannot get inside the Lord's house because vandalism has necessitated the locking of the doors. . . .

Is your church filled with people when its various services are available for them? Hardly. Does your church remain unlocked during the week because perhaps yours has not suffered the fate of others which have been abused by uncaring or vicious people? If your church is unlocked, by all means visit it once in awhile when no one else is there except God.

A man died last week on the porch of a country church. He had tried to get in, but the door was locked. Who knows the reason for his being there? to steal, or to find God? If we must risk either possibility, in this writer's opinion it would have been better to have left the door unlocked; and even should the man's intentions have been dishonorable, perhaps—just perhaps—something about the place could have spoken to him and maybe he could have found God before death came. Anyway, there were windows there that could have been broken, and none were. . . .

"You used to be able to walk in and sit down, but now. . . ." Well, things do change. . . .

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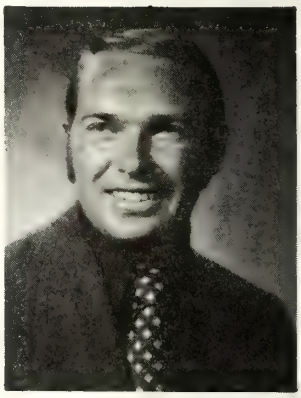

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WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE . . .

A MESSAGE TO TEEN-AGERS

by MRS. HERSEL BOWEN

elieve it or not, I once was a teen-r. Let me go back in years for just ttle while.

can remember how I thought that I w more than my mother or father; y were, I thought, just some old es who didn't know what the times e all about. Yes, I thought that I w it all. And I ran headlong into y problems by being "Miss Know-It-" Now, I did not come over on the **rflower,** and neither was I a "cave ." "My time" was not too much erent from that experienced by teen-rs of today.

f course, fast dope, fast cars, and living were a little slower. Parents't give their offspring everything. had to earn our own way a little. As call, each child in my family had a cial job each day. My mother and er worked out at times, as do most ents today, but our maid was in-cted carefully on the things we chil-n could and could not do. My mother d to teach us right from wrong. We ened, but sometimes we did not hear. l look back, I wish that I knew now much as I thought I knew then. As live longer, we find out how much mothers knew, because they had en there," too. Yes, mothers (and ers) have been teen-agers, too.

o, teen-agers, as you look at your parents, remember that they've n right where you are today. They ry about you, **not** because they don't t you—but because they love you. They know that it is so easy to get into trouble, but so hard to get out; sometimes the scars will linger throughout life, if they are too deep. Please don't say—until you really try—"I can't talk to my parents." Most of them will stand by you even when it hurts to the "nth" degree. When you are in trouble, so are we parents, because you are a part of us. No matter how old you get to be (and even when you become a parent yourself), your mother and father will still worry about you—hoping and praying that you will keep your life in the right path.

Soon all the worrying will be over for us. God has promised us peace; and I won't have to worry anymore. As we read in Matthew 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

O children, children, how often have your parents tried to help you, and you wouldn't listen and understand! Yet, as we see a hen keep calling even when her little chicks are stubborn, so will parents respond likewise. If only children would realize that parents are people, too! Surely, I'd be the first to say that we as parents are **not** always perfect or right in every situation. But as we love you, have faith and trust in us. Help us to be the **good** parents you want.

Someday, as you stand alone as parents (with your own parents gone so far as this world is concerned), you'll realize the great gift that you had and what you have lost. If this sounds as though I am praising myself, the answer is **no**—far from it. I know now what **I** had and what I've lost, for so far as parents are concerned, I stand alone: They are gone.

Blest be the tie that binds us as a family! When we all get to heaven, walk through the door and see Christ, I won't have to worry anymore. So, may all of us—children and parents—clasp our hearts and hands together, work, play, love, and put all our trust in God. Then will we meet in heaven to be forever with our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

We love and need you. Try to love and need us, too.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CHAPEL PROJECT

The donor of $60,000 toward the construction of a chapel at Mount Olive College plans to attend the groundbreaking service on Tuesday, February 27, at 11 a.m. and her identity will be disclosed at that time.

"This will be a great day in the history of our College and we invite all our friends to be present," President W. Burkette Raper announced.

"Gifts and pledges to the chapel project now exceed $130,000, but we are praying and working to reach our estimated goal of $195,000 by the time of the groundbreaking service," President Raper added. Churches and individuals are encouraged to send their pledges in advance and then to be present on February 27.

Sunday, February 25, has been designated as Mount Olive College Chapel Sunday, and the College is calling upon Free Will Baptists everywhere to use this day as a day of prayer and a time of giving to the chapel fund.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 8:12

DOLEFUL DRUMS FOR AN OUTCAST

Sometime ago a youthful United States marine was court-martialed for larceny. He was found guilty.

The disgrace of public banishment began when a sergeant major read aloud the bad conduct discharge and snapped the order, "Escort this man from the confines of this United States Navy reservation."

After being led from his quarters by a pistol-armed "chaser," the bareheaded, degraded outcast trudged slowly past rows of marines, standing at attention, while the drummers beat the rogue's march, music played in a jeering manner when a soldier is dishonorably discharged from the service. As the disgraced marine passed each platoon, the men turned from him in an about-face.

The stern, merciless custom of "drumming out" offenders from the service dates back to the English army of the seventeenth century. It was used in the Civil War by both the North and the South to punish deserters and shirkers, as a warning to others who might be tending in the direction of a bad-conduct discharge.

Though military discipline must be maintained, we rejoice in the fact that anyone degraded and discharged by man may turn penitently to God for His mercy and forgiveness. God forgives and forgets our guilty past and gives all who will turn from sin to Him the grant of a new beginning, the opportunity of a new start.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Life has many trials and tribulations that follow us all the days of our lives. We should be thankful to God for forgiving and forgetting our sins day by day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:11

A FIRM STANDING

For years Dr. Joseph Parker faithfully proclaimed the Word of God in the great City Temple in London. Then he began to give much time and thought to modernistic literature. He studied the theories of the day, which were causing some to undervalue the Bible and lose faith in portions of it. He began to question the doctrine of salvation through the atoning death of Christ for the sin of the world.

One day a great sorrow came to Dr. Parker. His wife, to whom he was devoted, was stricken with illness, and in a few hours she was gone. He sat, brokenhearted, alone in his home. He learned that no comfort could be found in the theories which had caused him to question some of the eternal verities of the Bible.

In time, the clouds of sorrow began to lift. Later he testified, "In those hours of darkness and anguish, I thought of the gospel of redemption only through the blood of Christ—the gospel I had preached in the earliest years. I put my foot down on that, and I found firm standing."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sorrows are difficult to take, especially if they concern our loved ones, but in the end we know that God is the One and only true Source to which to turn. He alone is divine help.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Scripture Reading—Psalm 139:14

ONLY GOD COULD HAVE CONCEIVED IT

In relating the change in a woman physician's attitude toward God, the *Atlantic Monthly* quoted her thus: "In an anatomy room, a dead body meant nothing at all to me. I could not visualize the man or woman it might have been. Life left few records on the immobile face. For weeks I worked, and each day the wonder grew. Then, one day, I was working on an arm and hand, studying the perfect mechanical arrangements of the muscles and tendons—how the sheaths of certain muscles are split to let the tendons of certain muscles through, so that the hand may be delicate and small and yet powerful. I was alone in the laboratory when the ov whelming belief came: a thing like this not just chance, but a part of a plan plan so big that only God could have c ceived it.

"Religion had been to me a matter form, a thing without conviction, and n everything was an evidence of God— tendons of the hand, the patterns of little butterfly's wings—all was a part a purpose."

PRAYER THOUGHT

God saves our souls in the most pecul way. It isn't the "how," "when," "where" that counts, but the staying the righteous path once one gets on it.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 31:35, 36

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

William Gladstone was asked to tell reason for believing in the inspiration the Bible. He replied, "The Jew."

There are in the world today 12,000,0 Jews. They trace their genealogy b nearly four thousand years to Abraham, Middle East nomad.

Their continuance through forty cen ries as a self-conscious entity, unassimilat into other races, makes the Jews a uni people.

Through the centuries, the Jews h been savagely persecuted and great nu bers of them have been liquidated. Hea less tyrants have sought their extirpati from the earth. Genocide, or their rac destruction, was the avowed fiendship p pose of Hitler when six million of th perished in his incinerators.

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NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Treasurer's Report—End of Third Quarter—January 31, 1973

Balance in Bank October 31, 1972		$2,048.
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 19.20	
Promotional (CSF)	173.24	
Denominational Enterprises	4,639.80	
Total Receipts		4,832.
Total for Which to Account		$6,880.

Disbursements

vention Expenses and Allocations	$ 264.69	
ominational Enterprises	4,639.80	
Total Disbursements		4,904.49
ance in Bank January 31, 1973		$1,976.45

Summary of Bank Account Balances

eral Fund	$1,650.48
erest	325.97
Total	$1,976.45

nch Banking and Trust Company, Wilson, North Carolina	
Checking Account	$1,150.48
Savings Account	825.97
Total	$1,976.45

Denominational Enterprises Report

	Itemized	Received	Disbursed
ne Missions		$ 212.71	$ 212.71
eign Missions		174.68	174.68
sions Designated			
Timmons	$ 52.04		
Mexican Missionary	135.00		
Diane Baines	15.00		
Vance Link	150.00		
Central Conference	25.00	377.04	377.04
Sandra Jones Fund		701.65	701.65
unt Olive College			
General Fund	160.97		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	21.00		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	13.00		
Memorial Organ	123.00		
Chapel	15.00		
Books	15.00	347.97	347.97
e Will Baptist Children's Home			
General Fund	560.24		
Clothing	220.00		
Van	276.00		
Christmas Gifts	85.00		
Linens	347.91		
Thanksgiving Offering	183.62		
Repairs	20.00		
Allowance	21.00	1,713.77	1,713.77
perannuation			
General Fund	231.23		
Widows and Ministers	8.00		
Pastor's Retirement	20.00	259.23	259.23
gmont Assembly, Inc.		123.65	123.65
e Membership Fees (Cragmont)		20.00	20.00
na Phillips Loan Fund		6.15	6.15
urch Finance Association		5.00	5.00
mp Vandemere		5.00	5.00
ristian Service Fund*			
Mount Olive College	173.24		
Missions	173.24		
Children's Home	129.92		
Cragmont	129.92		
Superannuation	86.63	692.95	692.95
Total Receipts		$4,639.80	$4,639.80

*0% Christian Service Fund retained for Promotional—see receipts, $173.24.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
Treasurer

Shortwave Radio Aids In Earthquake Disaster

Far East Broadcasting Company's shortwave radio station KGEI with studios and transmitters in Redwood City, California, has initiated an international campaign of mercy dedicated to determining the health and welfare of the survivors of the Nicaraguan earthquake on December 23. With special permission from the FCC in Washington, KGEI has dropped its regular programming to carry on this international communication "bridge," sending messages from concerned friends and relatives in the United States, Canada, Central and South America to victims of the Nicaraguan disaster. Calls have come from Florida, Massachusetts, Panama and Mexico in Central America, and many other locations in America. The Organization of American States, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Nicaraguan Embassy, and the House of the Americas in Washington, D. C., faced with an almost total communication black-out to the Central American country, have sent hundreds of names via telecopier to KGEI for transmission.

Local authorities in the San Francisco Bay area have donated time and services to KGEI to assure that the effort is successful. KGEI is offering its services of health and welfare to anyone in the Western Hemisphere desiring communication with Nicaragua. Responses to KGEI's special broadcasts from Nicaragua are received from amateur radio operators in Managua and then are relayed by telephone to the interested persons in the United States, Canada and Latin America.

KGEI, the Voice of Friendship, is a non-profit, non-commercial radio station owned and operated by the Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, California. Broadcasts include educational, cultural, and religious programs to all of Central and South America.

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Inspiration

The great composer does not set to work because he is inspired, but becomes inspired because he is working. Beethoven, Wagner, Bach, and Mozart settled down day after day to the job in hand with as much regularity as an accountant settles down each day in his figures. They didn't waste time waiting for inspiration.—Ernest Newman.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Mission Service Planned at Floods Chapel, Vance Link to Speak

A mission service sponsored by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Missions will be held at Floods Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Spring Hope, Notrh Carolina, on Sunday, February 11, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Vance Link will be the guest speaker.

You are cordially invited to attend this special service.

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Arapahoe FWB Church Reports On Extensive Remodeling Program

An extensive remodeling program is underway at the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, Arapahoe, North Carolina, where the Rev. C. R. Etheridge serves as pastor. The church, which is over 100 years old, is being renovated fully both on the inside and outside. Inside, carpeting is being laid throughout the building. All eight Sunday school rooms are being paneled. A double-end baptistry is being installed; two dressing rooms will service it. Outside, the walls are being bricked and new windows are being installed.

Throughout the program of renovation, church members have been most cooperative in helping: putting up lighting fixtures, nailing, cutting, planning—all to add to the beauty of the Lord's house. In addition to remodeling plans, the members have made other additions to the church that will provide service for many years to come. The Young Adult Sunday School Class has purchased an intercom system, and the choir members, a new piano.

For the renovation, the church was fortunate in being able to borrow $30,000 at a very reasonable interest rate.

The spring revival for the Arapahoe church will be held March 11-17, with the Rev. Vance Link as guest speaker. A mission rally will be held on Sunday, March 18. All friends of the church, especially those particularly interested in mission work, are invited to come for the revival services and the rally.

The Arapahoe church and its minister, Mr. Etheridge, feel that the Lord has blessed them greatly in the work that is being undertaken at the present time. They look forward to many more blessings, for, in Mr. Etheridge's words, "We seek to do many things through faith in His promises." He adds, in speaking to members of the denomination, "We ask your prayers upon all that we undertake."

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"Great Things Are Happening at Pine Level," Reports Church Clerk

Revival fires are burning at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina, according to Mr. Rupert E. Peedin, church clerk. He writes, "Souls are being saved, people are rededicating their lives to God, church attendance is doubling and tripling, Sunday school membership is increasing each Sunday, and the youth work of the church is an inspiration to behold."

The Rev. Robert Langley recently accepted a call to serve as pastor of the church. He and his family moved into the church parsonage on November 13. Since that date, the church has gained seven new members (four converts and three by letter).

The youth of the church are very active; the congregation as a whole is proud of the part the young people are playing in denominational work. Forty-seven attended the youth rally which convened with the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, on January 27, 1973. The attendance banner and the banner for the greatest percentage of increase in attendan were both awarded by the youth rally Pine Level.

Mr. Peedin concludes, "Yes, we gi praise, honor, and thanks to God for t great things happening to the 'Friend Church on the Corner' in Pine Lev North Carolina."

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Perfect Attendance Awards Made For S. S. at Pleasant Plain Church

Perfect attendance awards were ma Sunday, January 28, by Mr. Treat Brow superintendent of Pleasant Plain Fr Will Baptist Sunday School, to the f lowing people for the specified numb of years:

Two years, Letty Best; four years, Da Parker; five years, Jo Ann Radford, Pat Best, Jamie Jones; six years, Kelvin Bo kin, Eva Boykin; seven years, Linwo Radford, D. G. Jones Jr., Fonda Jone Brenda Radford, Peggy Jones; eight yea Jimmy Radford, Annie Taylor; nine yea Durwood Jones; ten years, Tammy Jone Wenly Parker; eleven years, Artie M Brown, Charles Brown, Shelly Jone David Jones, Pearl Newsome; twel years, Hilda Pace; fourteen years, Wa Pace, Lois Jones; seventeen years, Ali Faye Parker, Laylon Boykin; twenty-thr years, Eddie Brown.

The Pleasant Plain Free Will Bapti Church is located on Route 2, Selm North Carolina.

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Coming Events . . .

March 10—State League Convention, Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

March 24—Western District Youth Convention, Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina.

Attention: Western District Youth and Youth Leaders

We are all looking forward to Mar 24, 1973. This is the date of our We ern District Youth Convention, whi we plan to hold in the Selma Free W Baptist Church.

Those who have written declamatio on "Prayer Is . . ." or essays on "Pow of Prayer" should send a copy to yo Western District Youth Chairman, M Charles Sullivan. The address is belo

All youth leaders will receive a lett shortly concerning our meeting. Plea reply so that our host church can prepared for you.

We look forward to seeing all of y there for a good day of fellowship a fun.

Mrs. Charles E. Sullivan
Western District Youth Chairm
1109 Meadow Street
Wilson, North Carolina 27893

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

RAGMONT HONOR ROLL

he Cragmont Honor Roll consists of se who have given $50 or more. They be churches, businesses, or indiuals. This is a report of the Rev. and . Herman A. Grubbs (past managers three years) who were captains in kitchen fund drive.

's Chapel Auxiliary	$ 150.00
unt Tabor Church	150.00
erside Church	100.00
verton Grove YFA	100.00
verton Grove Church	50.30
's Chapel Prayer Group	50.00
's Chapel YFA	50.00
H. A. Grubbs Family	136.00
cellaneous Gifts	462.70
otal	$1,249.00

Mr. Grubbs is to be commended for good work. The captains are not sing in their efforts after they reach r goals. Many are going far beyond t challenge of $1,000 which they acted.

he gifts of every person who has en, whether it be 1¢ or $150, are ply appreciated. Let's all continue he good work.

Yours in His service,
De Wayne Eakes
Promotional Secretary

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ragmont Treasurer's eport for January, 973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of gmont Assembly, Inc., reports as fols for the month of January, 1973:

ance January 1, 1973		$17,520.37
Receipts		
rches	$1,058.66	
day Schools	94.67	
day School Convention	18.00	
ons	58.83	
gues	30.00	
ts	990.10	
Total Receipts		2,250.26
Total for Which to Account		$19,770.63
Disbursements		
Insurance	$ 344.00	
Principal on Note	9,500.00	
Social Security	249.60	
Operating Expenses	280.63	
Total Disbursements		10,374.23
Balance February 1, 1973 (Checking Account)		$ 9,396.40
Savings (Earmarked Funds)		2,366.17
Grand Total		$11,762.57

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Notice to Kitchen Fund Captains

Please turn **all** money that has been raised on your $1,000 challenge to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574. We need to have this money so that we can begin construction of our kitchen and dining hall as quickly as possible. We are now making preparations for beginning to build. Either publish yourself or send a list of your contributors to De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851 for publication.

De Wayne Eakes
Promotional Secretary

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ATTENTION: EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH

The Third Eastern District Youth Fellowship Convention will meet at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church out from Beulaville, North Carolina, on Saturday night, February 17, at 7:30. All youth and youth leaders are asked to be in attendance for this most important meeting.

Marsha Gray
Corresponding Secretary

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

New College Selects Mascot And Team Name

Mackinac Island, Michigan — Students at Mackinac College have selected a mascot and team name for the new liberal arts institution that embody a symbolic theme.

In a recent campus election students overwhelmingly chose the American eagle as their mascot. Many other choices were offered by the student government senate, but students took the eagle over the rest by two to one.

Their major sentiment was that the eagle best related the college to its unusual historic American setting at what was at one time a vital defense island outpost for the young nation. Mackinac Island was once called the Gibraltar of the Lakes. Other views defended the choice on the grounds that the eagle depicts determination and courage. The spirit of the eagle better expresses the attitude of winners in sports, according to others.

The students have chosen also to call their teams the "Patriots." They suggested that the American eagle as a mascot coupled with the college colors of red and blue dictated this symbolic theme. When teams represent Mackinac College in the field or on the floor they will be cheered on as the "Patriots."

College officials have asked an artist to draw up several poster ideas combining the eagle mascot and the theme of patriot. The concept that best suits Mackinac will be displayed by the college in its publications and on its uniforms and large give-away posters.

Mackinac College on Mackinac Island was opened this fall by the ministry of world-renowned television evangelist Rex Humbard of Akron, Ohio. The young interdenominational Christian College has its sights set on a coeducational student body of 1,000.

The 1972 freshman class of 150 was recruited after the Rev. Humbard announced the school's opening last April. The class represents more than 30 states of the Union.

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A modern mother and her young son were shopping in a supermarket. The child, trying to help, picked up a package and brought it to her. "No, no honey," protested the mother, "go put it back. You have to cook that."

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

KEMP FOUNDATION PRESENTS GIFT OF EAGLES NEST CONFERENCE CENTER TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

The Kemp Foundation has purchased Camp Tuscarora site, used for nearly one-half a century as a Boy Scout camp, and on January 29 presented this property as a gift to Mount Olive College. The site consists of approximately fifty acres, including a beautiful five-acre lake, and was purchased by the Kemp Foundation at a price of $75,000. It will appropriately be renamed "Eagles Nest Conference Center." This is a truly distinctive gift and it reflects both the wisdom and generosity of the W. P. Kemp family. The camp is located seven miles east of Mount Olive.

Boy Scouts throughout eastern North Carolina and friends of Mount Olive College will be glad to see this beautiful and valuable property remain available to serve the people of this area.

Under the ownership and management of Mount Olive College and with the assistance of the Kemp family, plans are being made to develop this site into a leading conference and retreat facility—not only for the College, but for business, industry, educational organizations, church groups, scouts, and youth groups who need accommodations of this type for a day or week. A blue ribbon advisory committee, composed of leading citizens and representatives of the College, will soon be appointed to formulate a master development plan and to recommend policies for the operation of the center.

An early priority for the center will be a building which can be used year-round for conferences.

A caretaker is already living on the site and a director for the center will be appointed later. Meanwhile, Charles Harrell, College business manager, will be in charge of operations and may be contacted by groups interested in using the center. Four weeks during the summer have already been reserved for one religious organization for use as a youth camp.

Mount Olive College would like to pay special tribute to the W. P. Kemp family for this outstanding gift. The Kemp Furniture Industries is one of our great native industries of Wayne County, and the Kemps are truly one of the distinguished families of this state.

Gift Is Significant, Lasting, Appropriate

The following editorial by Eugene Pr editor of the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, peared in that newspaper on January It is reprinted in *The Free Will Baptist* permission of Mr. Price.

This latest gift of the Kemp family Mount Olive College will be one of l ing and increasing significance.

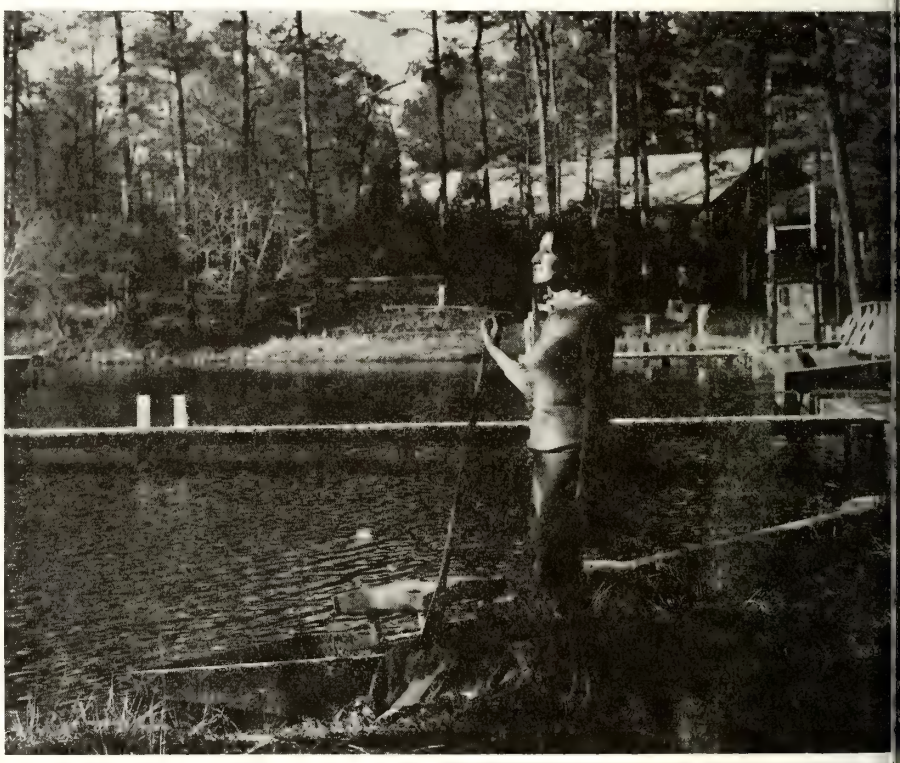
You read where the Kemp Foundat is giving Eagles Nest—formerly Ca Tuscarora—to the college.

Through the college, the 50-acre will be developed into a conference c ter serving eastern North Carolina.

Quails' Roost near Durham is a sim facility today.

Just how the property here will developed will be decided by a spe committee. . . .

But the Kemps and Dr. Burkette Ra of the college envision a place where college can bring together students prospective students for orientation p grams, for spiritual retreats, and field studies.



Eagles Nest Conference Center

Shown above is a partial view of the fifty-acre camp site presented to Mount Olive College on January 29 by the Kemp Foundation of Goldsboro. Formerly known as Camp Tuscarora, the property was purchased last summer at public auction for $75,000 by the Kemp Foundation. Mrs. Jennifer Smith, secretary in the College Public Relations Office, shown viewing the five-acre lake.

Mrs. W. P. Kemp Sr., whose fam made the gift, is a member of the Boa of Trustees of the College and is cha man of the Landscape Committee for t new campus.

Faculty members will meet there for scussions and outings.

But far beyond that, the facilities will rve the public. Business and indus-al seminars will be able to assemble ere in a relaxed atmosphere.

Church groups and youth organizations ll be able to use it by the day or by e week.

The center will meet a great need and ovide a unique attraction for our part the state.

It will be of tremendous help to ount Olive College in the exposure the llege will receive through the use of e center.

Through plans not yet made public, e Kemp Foundation is taking pains to e that the gift and its development ll be a real asset and not a financial rden to the college.

William P. Kemp Jr., standing with his rents and his wife as he made the blic announcement, spoke of the great as and dreams that might be born to ose young people and adults alike as ey sit around a campfire in the future Eagles Nest.

Bill Kemp Jr., who earned his Eagle ut badge at Camp Tuscarora, perhaps ows of the dreams that come as a boy ditates before a campfire.

The dream coming true today at Eagles st surely had its beginning years ago. As the dream is being born today ough Mount Olive College, the Kemp nily and those whose labors over the rs made the Foundation gift possible take great satisfaction.

t is a gift becoming the genuine good-s and selflessness of the Kemp family. And it is a compliment to Mount Olive lege that it was chosen for this, an-er milestone gift, that could be the eshold of unprecedented develop-nt.

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OYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts made to Moye Library at Mount ve College during the month of De-ber totaled $77. Observe the fol-ing list:

In Memory of

s. Ruth Everton, by Mrs. J. T. Liver-nan, Columbia, North Carolina.

s. Callie Hines, by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. lart, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

James I. Mason, by Mr. Eugene L. askill, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Woodrow Mitchell Sr., by Selma Woman's Auxiliary, Selma Free Will aptist Church, Selma, North Carolina.

Music Scholarship Auditions

Mount Olive College

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 A.M.

For further information write or call:
Mrs. Viola Hilton
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365
Telephone: (919) 658-4933

Mrs. Fannie Harper Rhodes, by Young Adult Sunday School Class, Gray Branch Church, Deep Run, North Carolina.

Mrs. Florence Peedin Styron, by Mr. Garland Hinnant, Selma, North Carolina; Mr. Tom Hinnant, Selma, North Carolina; Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lottie K. Sutton, by Mrs. Sue B. and Mary Beth Kelly, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Fred Herman Wainright Sr., by Youth Fellowship Auxiliary, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary K. Wellons, by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Godwin, Micro, North Carolina.

Jackie Winstead, by Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bryan Jr., Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Gifts

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina

Gifts during the month of January totaled $325.50.

In Memory of

Mr. Willie H. Banks, by Mr. and Mrs. Rom W. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Laura Barefoot, by Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary, Robert's Grove Church, Dunn, North Carolina; the Oscar Tew family, Dunn, North Carolina; Mrs. Thelma W. Jackson, Dunn, North Carolina; Warren Jackson Class, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina; Ladies Class, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Randall Albertson, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Vanguard Class, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina; Mrs. Mary W. Cowan, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. Gene B. Mercer, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Max Jackson, Dunn, North Carolina; Mrs. Maude W. Outlaw, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mr. Nathan Briley, by Woman's Auxiliary, Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Callender, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Robert L. Cox, by Mr. Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. Gene B. Mercer, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Julia E. Dixon, by Celia Hart Garris Woman's Auxiliary, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina.

Mr. Harold Elmore Sr., by Mrs. Verdie Davenport, Deep Run, North Carolina.

Mr. William K. Glover Jr., by Mr. Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. J. R. Grady, by Mrs. Ethel Kornegay, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the Larry W. Harper family, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Vance Gray, by Ethel Alvester and Ella Willoughby, Ahoskie, North Carolina; Sudie May Auxiliary, Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jewel Sutton Grimes, by Mr. and Mrs. Rand Montague, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jewel Sutton Grimes, by Carolina Tractors, Inc., Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mr. B. Coy Hinton, by Mr. J. R. Strickland, Middlesex, North Carolina; Friendship Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Mr. Robert Johnson, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Selby Kornegay, by Mrs. Ethel Kornegay, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Lumas B. Lee, by Youth Fellowship Auxiliary, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina.

Mr. Thomas Mallard, by Mr. and Mrs. Murray W. Boyette and family; Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Rom W. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lorraine D. Malone, by Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference, New Bern, North Carolina.

Mr. Michael Perrett, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. Gary Fenton Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Roy Rowe, by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Jr., Lucama, North Carolina.

Mr. Gray Smith, by Deep Run Exten-

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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As a race, the Jew has placed an ineradicable mark on human history, especially in the moral and religious life of mankind. From the Jew came the world's great theistic religions—Judaism and Christianity.

PRAYER THOUGHT

In an age when conflicts of every kind disturb the peace of the world, Jews and Christians alike would do well to search for new paths of understanding in the spiritual realm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Scripture Reading—Luke 12:21

A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE

Some years ago a well-known businessman in the Northwest died. Shortly before his death, he said to his son who was holding his hand, "Son, you are holding the hand of the greatest failure in the Northwest!"

"No, no, father. You have been a most successful man. You have amassed a great fortune, and the business world holds you in great esteem," said the son.

"That may be true, my son, but I have lived as though this world were all. Now I am dying and I'll go out into a Christless hereafter—unprepared! All is dark! I am a monstrous failure, having lived only for the perishing things of this world."—*Adapted from Baptist Standard.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If one spends his entire life working for earthly riches, he has missed the greatest treasures of all—the heavenly riches which one can receive from God.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture Reading—Amos 6:1

AT EASE IN ZION

The eagle is a stately bird, noted for its sharp eye and powerful wings. It is shown on the national emblem of the United States.

With his binoculars, an ornithologist watched two eagles building their nest high up on a rocky crag. They made it of sticks, branches, and twigs, covering them with soft leaves. The nest became a comfortable home where the mother eagle could hatch the young eaglets.

The comfortable nest was not destined to remain the permanent home of the eaglets. The time would come when the mother eagle would "stir up" the nest to discomfort the eaglets and force them to learn to fly and forsake their life of ease.

How prone are God's children to lapse into an existence of ease, thus incurring God's displeasure and necessitating His discomforting them.—*Told by Alice M. Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's love will shine brightly for each of us if we, His children, praise His goodness at all times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:35

GIVE ALL

Years ago, as Sister Abigail sat in a church service, God seemed to say to her, "Give all."

She thought, But, Lord, I have only three dollars and that is at home.

God seemed to say, Go home and get that three dollars.

She said in her heart, Yes, Lord. I will obey thy voice, but I don't understand the meaning of it.

Quietly Sister Abigail left the service. As she returned to the church, she saw an old woman shivering in a doorway. A troubled look was on the woman's face.

"Why are you out on such a cold day? Are you ill?" asked Sister Abigail.

The woman replied, "I have been sick, but I am better now. As I waited for my bus, I came into this doorway to pray. Recently my husband died. My daughte who lives in a distant city, wants me come and live with her. I am poor. Aft I sold the few things I had, I found th I am short three dollars of the price the railway ticket to my daughter's hom As I stood here in the doorway, I ask God to somehow supply the need."

Now Sister Abigail knew why God h called her out of the church service. Sl gladly gave the woman her three dollars.

What wonderful opportunities for servi God reveals to us when we are sufficient close to Him to hear His voice speaking us in our hearts.—*Told by Roy O. McCla*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does it not make your heart feel b ter to give to a friend in need? Do y have the true Christian spirit of giving, that you may be blessed by God one da

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

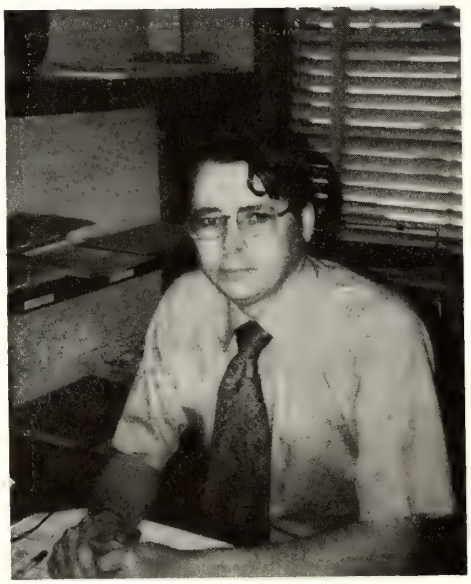
"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent dent

Meet the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey

Director of Campus Life
of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home



The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey

The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey is a native North Carolinian, born in Greene County near Walstonburg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphrey of Rou 2, Walstonburg. Mr. Humphrey is m ried to the former Linda Bailey of W stonburg. They have one fine son, To Anthony, age four. Mr. Humphrey a his family live on campus.

Mr. Humphrey graduated from t Walstonburg High School in 1962. Wh there, he was Senior Class president a a member of the Honor Club. He c tinued his studies, received an A.S. gree in liberal arts from Mount Ol College, and on campus was president Kappa Chi. He received his B.A. in r gion and was on the Dean's List Methodist College, Fayetteville, No Carolina. Better to prepare for chosen field of service to mankind, completed the chaplain's interim cou at Dorothea Dix in the mental health s study program on counseling techniq as a pastor.

In 1964 Mr. Humphrey was licensec preach by the Free Will Baptist Chu he was ordained in 1966. Since be ordained he has pastored three churcl all in North Carolina: Hillsberry chu in Clinton, Roberts Grove in Dunn,

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: I believe all that the Bible aches, but have many friends who ink themselves to be too intelligent believe such stories as the one giving e account of the flood, the one giving e experience of Jonah, and others that quired a miracle. Please give me riptures to clarify these.

Answer: Our Lord while here upon the rth verified the historicity of each of ese events. "Then certain of the ribes and of the Pharisees answered, ying, Master, we would see a sign om thee. But he answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generon seeketh after a sign; and there all no sign be given to it, but the sign the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was ree days and three nights in the hale's belly; so shall the Son of man be ree days and three nights in the heart the earth. The men of Nineveh shall e in judgment with this generation, d shall condemn it: because they reented at the preaching of Jonas; and, hold, a greater than Jonas is here. The een of the south shall rise up in the gment with this generation, and shall ndemn it: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the sdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12: -42).

Jesus freely admonished and derided believers of His time for their lack of th, especially those who claimed to religious, but who lived contrary to se teachings of that part of the Bible which they had access. He also adnished those who continued to act trary to His message, which was in ry way biblical or in keeping with Old Testament. See Matthew, Chap- 23.

hen there is the fact that Jesus told se of His hearers who derided Him t such religious people had less nce of going to heaven than the then, who worshiped false gods. rily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city" (Matthew 10:15). "Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom, in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matthew 11:20-24). See and compare Luke 11:28-32.

Jesus told His disciples to go only to Israelites, and they did this. Jesus himself spent almost all His time persuading the Israelites. "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:5-7, 16). The fact that the Word is made available to one who refuses to obey brings double condemnation upon him. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16); "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).

Jesus tells how unbelief will continue with the majority and increase as we advance in time toward the end of this age. "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14); "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter it, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:23, 24); "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14); "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:12, 13); "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

These circumstances are gradually coming upon the world of ungodly people when they are unaware, but we who are Christians should be able to read the signs of the times. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37-39). Note that here our Lord gives full recognition to the authenticity of the Bible's account of the flood that come in Noe's day. It is also regarded by some so-called "scientists" as a myth.

The apostles have given credit to the account of the flood as found in the Old Testament. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Hebrews 11:7); also note, "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (2 Peter 2:5).

Both archeological finds and legends of ancient peoples prove that the ancients knew of the flood, even though many of the stories handed down from

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STORIES

for our youth

"WATCH OUT FOR LIONS!"

by RAYMOND L. COX

GEORGE'S father was sick and needed a doctor. Back in America it had been an easy thing to get to a doctor. But now George's parents were missionaries staffing a remote station in Africa. The nearest help was several miles away in a neighboring village where a medical missionary ran a small hospital.

"We must get word to Dr. Rogers," George's mother exclaimed anxiously after taking her husband's temperature. "I will have to hike through the jungle to see whether he will come back and treat you."

"No! No!" gasped the stricken missionary. "There are lions."

"Let me go!" volunteered the couple's eleven-year-old son.

"It's too dangerous, George," his mother replied. "Perhaps your father's fever will break soon."

Two hours later, the missionary's moaning grew louder. His wife slipped the thermometer into his mouth. When she withdrew it and looked, she cried out in alarm. "It's 104 degrees! We **must** have help!"

"I'll go," George offered again. His mother now felt that she had no choice but to allow her son to go.

"I'll write a letter for you to carry to Dr. Rogers," she declared, sitting down at the desk and slipping a sheet of paper into the typewriter. "How I wish we had that radio outfit that's coming from back home," she said.

After she had finished describing her husband's symptoms and pleading for Dr. Rogers to come as soon as possible, George's mother handed him the letter, patted him on the back, and warned, "Now watch out for lions."

"I'm not afraid of lions!" the boy replied bravely.

But it is one thing to say you're not afraid when lions are very far away. George found it to be quite another thing when you are actually tramping through grasslands and jungles. He shivered as he heard an occasional roar in the distance. Then George remembered to pray. "Lord, You promised to be with me always," he began. "Please help me to get to Dr. Rogers safely." Then he remembered his sick father, and he added, "And please, Lord, help Dad to get better soon."

After praying, the boy felt safer. The occasional roar of wild beasts did not terrify him as much. Every few dozen yards he would repeat, "My Lord is with me. He will take care of me."

George walked for another half-hour and heard no menacing noises. He figured he had covered about three and a half miles. "Two more miles to go!" he muttered aloud. "I hope the lions are all behind me now." He was growing tired. I hope Dr. Rogers is at the hospital and can return home with me, he wished to himself. I'd rather ride back in his jeep than walk.

Ten minutes later George turned a corner and stopped suddenly. Not fifty feet ahead of him on the path stood a pair of large lions! Slowly the boy turned around and walked back around the corner. He waited, hoping the beasts would leave the path. After what seemed to be an eternity—though it was only a couple of minutes—George peeked around the corner. The lions were still there.

What shall I do? the eleven-year-old wondered. He remembered how he had bragged to his mother, "I'm not afraid of lions." He wasn't afraid then, bu now it was a different story.

Maybe I ought to go home, the bo pondered. This was what his paren would want, but then he thought of h suffering father. "My dad's gettir worse," he said slowly. And then wi more resolve, "He **must** have help."

George peeked around the curve in th path a third time. The lions had move —closer—just twenty feet from the co ner. George slipped off the path in the underbrush; he knelt. "Lord," I prayed, "You are the only help I hav I must take this letter to Dr. Roger Please help me to forget my fears ar protect me from those lions."

George stood up and returned to th path. Again he repeated out loud, "Go is with me. He will take care of me Timidly he started to walk ahead. Nea ing the corner beyond which he had se the beasts, George felt a tremor of fea His heart pounded, but he kept walkin

George mustered as much calmness he could command and pressed forwar The lions glared at him as he approac ed. Then, as the boy came closer, th turned and stomped off into the jungl

"Thank You, Lord, for helping me the missionary's son exclaimed, elat with relief. He met no further peril route to Dr. Rogers' hospital. There found the medical missionary, and t gether they rode back over the path in jeep to George's home.

Oh, yes, the Lord answered George other petition, too! He helped the boy father to get better!—My Pleasure.

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THE LONGEST DAY

by the REV. JOSEPH INGRAM
Director-Treasurer
rth Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

On January 15, 1973, I experienced e of the greatest joys of my life in t I left the Raleigh-Durham Airport at 0 a.m. for a visit to our mission field the Philippines.

As the plane surged with power, lift- off the ground for the first part of at was to be the longest day and trip r taken by this writer, I began to nder about what I would find in the lippines. I flew for almost two hours, iving in Chicago. There were almost o hours of layover in Chicago before Northwest Orient flight was sched- d to leave. The distance necessary walk in O'Hara Airport made me feel t I was taking the trip by foot, but n I approached the gate where I was board the flight. As I looked out the ndow of the terminal, I saw the giant 7 jet awaiting to be boarded. Soon announcement was made, and I made way to the entrance of the plane. en I reached the door, a surprise came to the size of this monster. I soon nd my seat and a few minutes later s airborne and headed for Seattle, shington. After about two hours lay- r there, I again boarded and left for re than ten hours flying time over the ific Ocean. Finally at 5:30 p.m. on sday, January 16, I reached Tokyo. s was about twenty-two hours travel, yet the sun had not gone down. This s a long day.

After staying in Tokyo a short time, again took to the air on our way for hour flight to Manila. We arrived in nila about 12:10 a.m.

here is martial law in the Philippines h curfew hours between 12 midnight 4 a.m. During this time nothing ves. If a taxi is driving at 12 mid- ht, the driver will pull over to the b and sleep in his car until 4 a.m. So see that in getting in at 12:10 a.m., as faced with a problem.

rother Harold Jones met me at the airport. He had already received a special pass from the military so that he could go to the Christian guest house from the airport; but now it was necessary for me to get a pass. Harold went to the officials, requested a pass, and after a few telephone calls, they granted us permission to travel to the guest house. This was where we were to stay for the night before taking our flight the next day to Palawan. Well, now with our passes in hand, we were about to leave and someone asked how we were traveling. We replied, "By taxi." So then it was necessary to get a taxi driver, bring him in; and he, too, must have a pass. You can imagine how tired I was. This was after some 30 hours of travel. Well, about 1 a.m., we made it to the guest house. With only a few words, we went to sleep for the night, the night that was at this time about over.

(This article will be continued in **The Free Will Baptist** of next week, giving full account of the work in the Philippines. The director has slides of this trip and will be glad to show them to the churches upon request.)

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Available Dates For the Links

If you have been planning to have the Rev. Vance Link and family in your church for a mission service, but have not yet made arrangements for such a service, you should contact him for one of the following dates: March 25 (p.m. service); April 15 (p.m. service); April 22 (a.m. and p.m. services); and April 29 (a.m. and p.m. services).

The Links also have two Wednesday nights available, if you would like them for these times. The dates are February 14 and March 28.

Arrangements for these services can be made by either calling or writing the Rev. Vance Link, 1229 Charlotte Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina 27870. His telephone number is (919) 537-3593.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Mr. Graham Rodney Wilson of Route 1, Box 223, Cove City, North Carolina 28523, is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work. He is a licensed minister, 29 years of age, married, and the father of two children. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing to the address above, or by telephoning 638-1765.

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Mr. Gurney R. Chase, Route 4, Box 11, Kinston, North Carolina, is available to do supply work or to pastor a church on a part-time basis. Mr. Chase is a licensed Free Will Baptist minister. He may be reached by writing to him at the address above or by telephoning 523-3429 after 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Church Extension Financial Receipts

The Rev. Taylor Hill, secretary and treasurer of Free Will Baptist Church Extension for the North Carolina State Convention, reports the following receipts as of January 31:

Eastwood FWB Church, Fayetteville	$200.00
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The mailing address for the Church Extension Department (home missions) is as follows: The Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary and Treasurer, Free Will Baptist Church Extension, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 25

The Shape of Things to Come

Lesson Text: Zechariah 8; 13; 14:9

Memory Verse: Zechariah 13:9

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the most amazing revelations of the Old Testament is the way things of the future are so clearly pictured. One of the best examples of this is the prophetic revelations as given in the Book of Zechariah. Especially is this true of the eighth chapter. The value of the study of future prophecy is strikingly displayed in this chapter.

Reference is made particularly to the kingdom age which will follow the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of the present Age of Grace. Zechariah was privileged to receive many visions of and authorized to give many prophecies on the kingdom age. They were to be passed on to the remnant of Israel who had returned to Jerusalem in the hope that they would have something to hold on to, something to inspire them to faithful obedience to Jehovah. They would not live to see these things come to pass, and probably neither will we, but they were given that their faithfulness might be reflected in their descendants.

God not only gave the Scriptures for the benefit of those who at the time received them, but also for the benefit and inspiration of us of the church age. We, too, shall enjoy the blessings of the kingdom, and in a special way be associated with the King of kings as He reigns upon the throne of David for a thousand years. After the thousand years are over, redeemed man will be ushered into eternity and evermore be with God.

Our lesson today is concerned with some of the prophecies of Zechariah concerning conditions on earth during the kingdom period.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. There are immediate and indeterminate prophecies in the Bible.
2. Today's lesson has some of these two types mixed together.
3. The biblical proof that there will be a millennium.

B. The Jealousy of the Lord (Zechariah 8:1, 2)

1. The repetition of the phrase "**the word of the Lord.**"
2. The meaning of the word "jealousy" as applied to God.
3. Note the increasing intensity of God's jealousy.

C. The City of Jerusalem (Zechariah 8: 3-5)

1. God allowed Jerusalem to be destroyed to punish the people.
2. God promised to restore Jerusalem and make it safe.
3. This was partly restored after the captivity, but will be completely fulfilled in the millennium.

D. The Restoration of Israel (Zechariah 8:6-8)

1. The Lord promised to take care of the "remnant."
2. God promises to regather the Jews before the millennium.
3. God will give the land back to the Jews before the millennium.

E. A Present Promise (Zechariah 8:11-13)

1. This is a promise that applied to Israel at the time it was given.
2. God promises to deliver His people at the present time.
3. God promises glory for His people in the future.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Israel's future is envisioned in Chapter 8 of Zechariah. But the problems facing the nation at that time are not overlooked. At the time Zechariah prophesied, the people were experiencing many hardships in their partial restoration to their homeland. The prophet's words of encouragement and promise from God were to encoura the people in their days of trouble well as to strengthen their confidence their future millennial hope. What t Lord of Hosts here promised His peo through Zechariah has yet to be co pleted.

Only extreme spiritualizing of t words of Zechariah can make them re to the church. The church and the m lennium both have the same basic pr ciples: God's love and grace and ma need of repentance and trust in Chr for salvation. Yet the two groups ways must be kept separate as two tirely distinct peoples of God. Ze ariah's prophecy concerns Israel—h status at the time of his writing and h future when God will bring her to t place of full blessing.

How different the troubled city Jerusalem is today from how it will in the glorious future that it shall ha Today the city is not characterized the true worship of Jehovah. It cou hardly be called the city of truth or place from which the holiness of t Lord emanates. But when He wh right it is to rule comes, Jerusalem w indeed be a holy city.

"And it shall come to pass, that as were a curse among the heathen, house of Judah, and house of Israel; will I save you, and ye shall be a ble ing: fear not, but let your hands strong" (Zechariah 8:13).

Here was another tremendous sou of encouragement for the people of G They had been a curse among the natio in the sense that the judgments th brought upon themselves made them c temptible in the eyes of the Gentil They will become a blessing to the tions. What will bring about this dr tic change? The saving hand of the L in their midst, His fulfillment of the n covenant with them, and His very pr ence to them will be the reasons for change from curse to blessing.

The earth was cursed because of s In the millennium, that curse will be moved. Although God's chosen peo became a curse because of their sin, th will become a blessing to all people the future. It is significant that b parts of the nation are mentioned—Ju and Israel. Both were included in partial return from Babylon, and b will also be parts of the final regath ing.

The word "save," as used in Zec riah 8:13, refers both to delivera from Israel's external enemies and

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Questions & Answers

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tory and legend are perverted accounts of the Bible's record.

Surely the reasonable man who would ieve that God is the Creator of all ngs would not likely deny any of the aculous occurrences the Bible tells us ut, whether past or future. It is the aved man who exalts man and for practical purposes dismisses whatr thoughts he may have concerning omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent and those things the Bible associates h Him as being miraculous. Our whole istian faith is based on the miracus. We Christians believe in the God o can do anything He wills to do. We eve He can save a poor hell-bound l, that He who made the world can will burn it with fire, then make a world and a new city that will never e sin in them. All who have not been eemed by the blood of Christ, bese they have rejected Christ's mes- e are to be excluded eternally.

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unday School Lesson

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t work of grace by which God will nse, regenerate, and glorify His peo- The "curse" has to do with the oval of God's abundant blessing as l as the punishment of sin. The enbled and failing life that results brings tempt from those nations who obe it. In brief, departure from the d brought about the curse (Deuteromy 28:15-62).

hese truths are applicable to indials as well. When we as individuals from God and refuse His control our lives, the result is always the e. Fellowship with God is lost bese of sin and so is the believer's efiveness in witnessing to others. To iving out of fellowship with God is rrible condition. A person in such ate cannot practice what he preachand therefore his life falls into conictions, hypocrisy, and the many eties which such inner confusions nder.

t if we listen to the Holy Spirit, se message through prophets of ment and hope we have studied this ter, and turn from our evil ways, will share in God's promise of a betlay.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield (for nearly four years).

Mr. Humphrey has been very active in civic and community programs. He is past president of the Association for Retarded Children, past president and secretary of the Smithfield Ministerial Association, and in addition, has served in other organizations.

Mr. Humphrey has served on many boards and committees of the Cape Fear Conference, of which he is a member.

Mr. Humphrey's duties as director of campus life are many. He works very closely with Mr. Weeks, the superintendent, in coordinating the entire program of child care. He supervises the religious life of the children and staff, plans and supervises the work programs of the housemothers, makes dental and medical appointments for the children, sees that the appointments are filled, and, to put it mildly, does anything that needs to be done.

Mr. Humphrey is a qualified Christian for this work and is doing a marvelous job. Our children's lives have been enriched and blessed by his dedication and service. Please pray for him and his family as they continue in their field of service, helping to make possible a Christian home for boys and girls.

—A. Graham Lane.

TESTIFY, FOLKS, TESTIFY

I've heard testimonies as long as sermons and some just as boring, and I know you have too. They tell how the Lord saved them 30 years ago down by the brush arbor and how much they love him. You think to yourself, "Why, he's just the person to go over and visit that new family that moved in, the one with three children who aren't attending church anywhere." So, after services you pop the question. "Will you go over to see them and give your glowing testimony and invite them to church?"

"I sure would like to, Preacher, but I work late and I'm usually too tired to get out much at night, 'cept for prayer meeting and you know I do love to come and testify."

"Well, what about Saturday?"

"I've got all that grass to cut and some errands to run and the big game in the afternoon."

"Well, there's always Sunday afternoon."

"Well, Preacher, we usually go to the relatives on Sunday and we get back just in time for church, so, we can't testify."

Frankly, I wouldn't give a plug nickel for all his testifying.

SERMONS WE SEE

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

—Edgar A. Grust.

Don't tell men how much you love the Lord. Show them. Jesus didn't merely say he would do God's will no matter what, He went to the Cross—and the eyes of the centuries have witnessed his undying love for mankind.

—J. Stewart Humphrey.

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Would you hazard a snowstorm to help a stranded fellow? Just how much of a good Samaritan are you?

GOOD SAMARITANS STILL EXIST!

Would you hazard a snowstorm, help a stranded fellow, push his car into your driveway, and with a neighbor friend, begin on what might prove to be a hundred-mile journey to take him home? Would you risk getting stuck four times, creep along at ten-miles-per-hour speeds because of the wind gusts that blew snow across the highways, making it impossible at times to see where you were going?

Would you keep insisting that this was no imposition, even when your brand new car was skidding from side to side every few minutes and was having its undergirding caked with dirt and frozen snow? Would you smile cheerfully and reprimand the stranded fellow for being so concerned at the trouble he was causing? Would you stop and have chains put on your tires and then think it ridiculous that the fellow whom you were helping insisted on paying for their installation and for a meal while the work was being done?

Would you refuse to take any money for doing this deed? Would you continue to insist, at the stranded fellow's dismay, that this is what life is all about—helping a person in need? Would you give up a day—and a night—of your own time to the doing of something of this nature for one of your best friends, to say nothing of doing it for someone you hardly knew? Consider this, if you will: Would you not, as did so many others, look toward the stranded fellow sympathetically, but because of your own concerns and possible problems and perhaps your lack of time, do as did the priest and Levite in the familiar Bible story and "pass by on the other side"?

The stranded fellow was "passed by" by some, but a good Samaritan happened to be in the area. This "Samaritan" was an American, one of the best sort to be sure, with compassion and a deep-rooted concern for a person in a situation necessitating help. Good Samaritans still exist. Don't let anyone ever tell you anything to the contrary. Granted, they may be few—but still they exist; and it is our conviction that God still favors them and blesses them. As Christ asked in the New Testament (see Luke 10:36, 37), "Who was a good neighbor unto the one who needed help?" And those who were listening to the discourse—the lawyer in particular who had posed the question to begin with—answered, "He that showed mercy." Then Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise."

When conditions are favorable, when the sun is shining, and when there is no particular danger involved, it requires no real effort to do a neighborly deed for someone who needs assistance; but the true test of "good Samaritanism" is to do this kind of thing when it is dangerous or when it may prove to one's disadvantage, when it could prove costly, and when one does it out of desire rather than duty.

This writer thought good Samaritans only took the needful one a few miles, perhaps bought him a meal, or maybe gave him lodging somewhere—but to think of driving him ninety miles or more to his home because the person had some duties which required his attention the next day—well, it was just inconceivable in this writer's mind; that is, it was until Saturday, February 10, when a person well known by this writer found himself in need of a good Samaritan, and one came along. To be sure, the "Samaritan" and his minister friend-neighbor will be properly thanked for risking personal and property damage for a mere acquaintance. To be sure, someday the "helpee" will be able to be the "helper."

How foolish, some would think, that two men in their right minds would consider giving a person a "lift" to this extent! Our only retort would have to be that a person "in his right **heart**" would. Surely, as goes the old saying, "Their hearts were in the right place," even if it seemed, psychologically speaking, foolish and unadvisable.

Be that as it may, dear reader, this editor will never forget the experience, nor will he ever lose faith in the Christianity of man which compels him to befriend the friendless and to offer assistance to those in need at the risk of inconveniencing himself to a great danger. If this editor ever had an inclination to lose faith in neighborliness, this inclination will no longer be a part of his makeup. Christianity still lives and good Samaritans still exist. We found this to be true in the most genuine form. You see, this editor was the stranded fellow.

"Thank you" seems so inadequate in view of the magnanimous deed, but the beauty of it all is that "Thank you" was not even required. These "Samaritans" were happy to be of help. One could search for days and months and years and never find such a rarity. So far as this writer is concerned, his faith in humanity has been recharged.

Of a truth: Good Samaritans **do** still exist!

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'Bible Valid for Life Today," Says Duke University Senior

'The Bible can be banned, burned, ig-ed, or denied. But it won't go away, it is a living book with a timeless ssage that has bridged the generation for countless centuries. It still re-s the power to change lives so that unusual seems normal and only in rospect does one observe God work-"

he speaker was tall, 21-year-old nde and bearded Mark Taylor, the h of Kenneth and Margaret Taylor's children. Mark stopped between ior classes at Duke University to dis-s how "The Living Bible, Paraphras-has affected his life.

is father was with Moody Press, the lishing arm of Moody Bible Institute hicago, and first began to paraphrase Bible when Mark was about four or years old.

Dad had tried to read the Bible to during family devotions," Mark said. ter he finished the passage for the and questioned us children, it was n obvious that we didn't understand t the Bible passage had to say and ecially what it had to say to us.

So he experimented, working first ll to put Paul's letter to the Romans easy-to-understand modern English. read that to us during family devo-s and our interest sparked consid-bly. That encouraged him to work the entire Book of Romans and it published by Moody Press.

Friends urged him to work on some he other New Testament letters. Fin-, after seven years, he had finished n all. They were published as 'Liv-Letters' (by Tyndale House Publishers, ompany Taylor had formed for just publishing venture) and have re-ed pretty wide recognition.

"The entire family became involved in Tyndale House," Mark explained. "My responsibilities were in what is now the shipping department. Each day, after school, I rushed home and wrapped, packed, and mailed books to stores across the country. It never occurred to me that it was an unusual way to spend my spare time."

After "Living Letters," Taylor's next step was to paraphrase the Old Testament's minor prophets.

"Dad felt strongly that that was a part of the Bible people simply weren't reading because it was too difficult to understand," Mark recalled. "As each new book was finished and published, we still didn't realize that eventually the entire Bible would be paraphrased, or that it would become such a widely accepted paraphrase.

"As the work progressed and more and more volumes were published in 'The Living Bible' series, I began to be excited, as were many others who felt that someday the whole Bible would be finished. I think, by the time Dad had finished about half the Bible, he began to see that his job was to bring the whole Bible to the people of the United States, and the world, in a new and readable translation.

"I honestly think this has been God's task for him in these years of his life and I think it will continue to be his task as he oversees the distribution and translation of this work.

"I know, of course, that Dad could be a multimillionaire as a result of 'The Living Bible, Paraphrased' but he isn't, and people sometimes question me about this.

"But I feel, as Dad does, that he hasn't done this work on his own energy, his own effort, and his own intellect. God has worked through him to do this, so Dad feels he can't take any of the credit.

"For that same reason, he feels that all the money that comes in should be channeled back into the work of God. That was why Tyndale House Foundation was established. It finances the translation of 'The Living Bible' into other languages and supports other Christian work in many different areas of the world."

Mark calls the timing of the release of "The Living Bible," "God's time." "It took Dad seven years to finish 'Living Letters,' the epistles of the New Testament, and then only another seven to finish up the rest of the Bible, so I can only believe that there was some sort of divine time schedule involved.

"Just a few years ago, really, the Revised Standard Version was introduced to the public. In some circles there was much outcry because the King James Version had been popular since 1611. But as several other translations have recently been published, there has been more ready acceptance each time.

"So when 'The Living Bible' was released there wasn't the same kind of animosity toward it that there might have been earlier. It doesn't pretend to be 'The Only Bible.' It is merely a translation, as is each of the others. But in these 1970's a whole new understanding of what it means to be a Christian has awakened. For that reason I think there are more people reading the Bible now than there were ten or twenty years ago."

As Tyndale House has grown, Mark's own involvement has expanded.

"There are now several full-time employees doing what I used to do after school," he said. "I also have worked with Dad on the editorial end of 'The Living Bible.' After he did the basic paraphrasing, he gave the manuscript to me to read for style, spelling, and grammar.

"Then I returned the manuscript to him and he went over it again to be certain that I hadn't inadvertently changed any of the meaning. Finally, the manuscript was submitted to Hebrew or Greek experts, as the case required, and they scrutinized it with a fine-tooth comb to be certain none of the basic truths had been affected."

Determined to make "The Living Bible, Paraphrased" relevant to everyone, Tyndale House has recently published "The Living New Testament" in a con-

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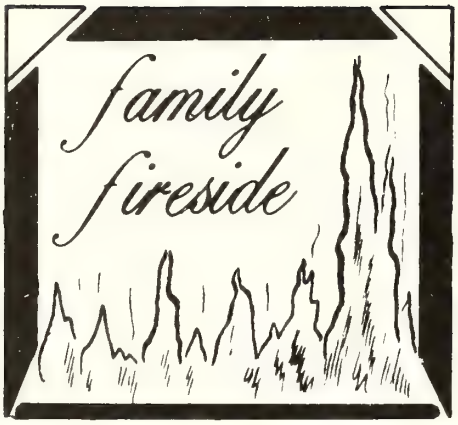

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:18, 19

"I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE FOREVER"

Years ago a procession of captives passed before a powerful chief in Africa. Suddenly he observed one who had wronged him years before. He ordered his men to put their arrows to their bowstrings and avenge the wrong with the blood of the captive.

An English officer, seeing what was about to take place, implored the avenging chief to spare the captive's life, offering a sizable sum of money and costly gifts as a ransom.

The chief was adamant. "I don't want gold or costly gifts. I want blood."

As the executioners made ready to send their arrows to the heart of the captive, the Englishman suddenly thrust himself in front of the condemned man. Several arrows pierced his arm. As he removed the arrows, the blood flowed from the wounds. To the astonished chief he said, "Here is blood. I have given it for this helpless captive and I now claim his life."

The chief said, "The white man has bought the captive with his blood. He shall be his."

With tears of gratitude in his eyes, the ransomed captive knelt at the feet of the Englishman and said, "O white man, you have bought me with your blood. I shall be your slave forever and ever."

PRAYER THOUGHT

A brave man this Englishman was! A brave Saviour who gave His life for the salvation of our souls is called to mind.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

TRY HIM—YOU'LL SEE

Charles Dickens and William Makepeace Thackeray, English novelists, were intimate friends. A misunderstanding occurred. They quarreled so bitterly that their friendship ceased. They would pass each other on the street without speaking.

One day Thackeray chanced to meet Dickens's daughter on the street. He greeted her cordially and said, "It is ridiculous that your father and I should have positive enmity toward one another. Do you think Charles will meet me half-way if I make the approach?"

"Oh, I can answer for him," the daughter joyfully said. "Just try him, and you'll see."

Two days later, Thackeray called upon Dickens and said, "We have been foolish long enough! Let's be friends again!"

Instantly Dickens extended his hand. They joyfully embraced each other. As they parted, they both said, "Thank God! We are friends again!"

Thirteen days later, on Christmas Eve, Thackeray, the peacemaker, died unexpectedly!

PRAYER THOUGHT

God forgives constantly. Why is forgiveness of our neighbors such a great task?

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture Reading—Daniel 4:35

"THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE"

Political wrangling and the Civil War delayed for a long time the completion of the partially constructed Washington Monument. When the work was resumed, the question arose, "Will the foundation, laid years before, be sufficiently strong to support the enormous weight of 81,120 tons of stone required to complete it?"

Strong cords were fastened high up in the incompleted structure with markers tied on the downward ends of the cords. The markers rested lightly on a large pan filled with soft wax. Any movement of the massive structure, or any give in the foundation, would be registered on the soft wax.

Later the wax was examined. It was crisscrossed with markings. "The foundation is giving away!" said the builders.

Upon further investigation, they discovered that an owl had flown into the top of the monument and had gotten tangled in the cords. The flapping of its wings had set the cords in motion and caused the markings on the wax.

Some of God's children today are unduly alarmed. They are fearful for the foundations of God's eternal kingdom and the thwarting of His changeless purposes. How needless are their fears. God is still on the throne. His plans and purposes will triumph.—*Told by George W. Truett.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's children are the ones who should be duly alarmed about their shaky foundations. God's foundation is completely "cemented."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture Reading—Matthew 13:31

LATE-RIPENING FRUIT

Many years ago, a lonely traveler stopped one Sunday morning for the worship service at the Andersonville Methodist Church in Georgia. At the close of the service, he was warmly greeted by the people. Then he left and was never seen again.

Recently in Washington, New Jersey, Robert B. Brown, age ninety, died. Sc commented, "He was a thrifty man v kept to himself."

Mr. Brown bequeathed his entire es to the Andersonville Methodist Church! estate consisted of 2,100 shares of Am can Telephone and Telegraph Comp stock and 740 shares of Continental Company stock. At the time of Brown's death, the stocks were w $178,302.50. The dividends from th will bring about $5,000 annually to Andersonville church.

The descendant's attorney, Martin Bry-Nildsen, informing the church of bequest, wrote: "My client told me that a Sunday morning years ago, when he traveling through Georgia, he felt sad lonely. He stopped at your church. friendly welcome was accorded him. never forgot the kindness you showed He did not have any church affiliation said, 'I want to give what I have to little church!' "

The lawyer added this personal c ment: "This is a good example of parable of the mustard seed. Just loo the fruit borne by a tiny seed of kind sown long ago!"

How surprised were the Rev. W. J. S ford and the members of the Anderson Methodist Church! No one could r Mr. Brown's visit to the church.—*Cons tion State News Service.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just a tiny speck of kindness shown ward one's fellowman could be the be ning of salvation for that man or wo

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture Reading—Mark 10:24

RICHES OF NO WORTH

It is said that Mrs. Owen Robe Cheatham and her husband own $5,000 worth of Salvador Dali jewelry. The lection consists of thirty-six pieces. fabulous jewels bear revealing names as "living flower," "honeycomb he "the bleeding world," "eye of time" "the persistence of memory." When jewels are not being displayed for ch they are kept in a New York bank vau

Asked if she ever wears any of jewels, Mrs. Cheatham said, "Goo gracious no! I never wear them."

Though these jewels are dazzl beautiful and of great value, they are ishable, and will be of no worth to owners after they enter the valley of d

PRAYER THOUGHT

No matter how many material rich person has here on earth, he can carr more of them with him at death than a poor person. Think on this.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

"I TRIED TO SAVE HER!"

During the World War II blitz in

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Minister of the Week

This is the first in a series that will feature tributes to our Free Will Baptist min- who have been especially outstanding in their service to the denomination and in furtherance of God's work.

E REV. E. C. MORRIS

e Rev. E. C. Morris, of near Walston- North Carolina, is a kind of modern dox. He is perhaps the "youngest" ur oldest ministers in the active try of our denomination today.

you worship at Spring Branch on or third Sundays, or at Howell p on second or fourth Sundays, you see him tenderly leading his flock— e preached over eighty sermons last If you attend sessions of the h Union, or the woman's auxiliary entions, or the State Finance annual ings, or the Press Foundation annual ings, or sessions of the Central Con- ce—or any other denominational ing, you will always find him there, ng or following, as God calls—for ver misses a meeting.

you visit one of the rest homes or tals in our area, or if you stop to in one of the homes of a member s congregation, you may see him— e made 334 sick visits and visited 3 homes last year. In other words, aveled 15,900 miles for Christ in A predawn visit to the bedside of tient who is to undergo surgery is abitual practice of him and his dedi- wife, who walks by his side wher- he goes.

you visit his study on Thursdays, will find him preparing his detailed h bulletins for his two pastorates. u visit his home in early morning, will find him studying the Bible— e has read it all the way through mes, and he interprets it and preach- with depth and insight and practi- pplication. If you visit him in the ng, you will find him reading the or watching the news on tele- n to keep abreast of the latest hap- gs. Or you may find him partici- g in one of the church activities— adult choir, the youth choir, the an's auxiliary, the layman's league, FA, or a meeting at one of the rest s. Or you may find him planning ecial Lord's Acre Day, a Fourth of service, or services for a Gideon speaker, or a special missionary ce, or homecoming when the Chil-

The Rev. E. C. Morris

dren's Home visits—for he is devoted to every facet and activity of our church.

Mr. Morris, who was born near Rock Ridge, North Carolina, received his ministerial training from Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and from Ayden Free Will Baptist Seminary. He holds a teacher's diploma from Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

He has pastored over 44 churches in North Carolina, Texas, and Georgia, and has held evangelistic services in many southeastern and midwestern states. Also, he has assisted in establishing 12 new churches during his ministry. For 14 years he served as secretary of the Georgia State Convention, and for 12 years, he was secretary of the National Association as well as secretary of the National Board of Publications and Literature. While he was foreign and national mission secretary, he visited the mission fields of Cuba and India, and made surveys for the mission cause in Lebanon and Palestine. A manuscript of his travels in the Holy Land has been prepared for possible publication.

This man of God—devoted, dedicated, and determined—though in his late seventies, still seeks to serve God through active service after 58 years in the ministry. His faithful, beloved companion and wife is the former Eunice Tingen of Roxboro. Their devotion to each other and to the work of the kingdom is an example to emulate.

On February 4, the people of Spring Branch honored Mr. and Mrs. Morris with a special "In Appreciation Day." (A more detailed account of this event will follow in the near future in the "Baptist.") In nominating him for Minister of the Year in North Carolina, where he became first runner-up in the state, the nominating committee of Spring Branch wrote: "More than anything that he does in acts or deeds, we feel the Spirit of God as it radiates from his life—for he is surely a man who walks with God, every moment of every day. And he is unto us not only a preacher and a minister, but also a pastor and a true shepherd of his flock. . . . He truly loves his people—and he truly loves his God!"

—submitted by
Mrs. Joyce Proctor Beaman

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SPECIAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Because of the severe weather conditions on Sunday, February 11, our designated "Perfect Heart Sunday," which made it impossible for many schools over the state even to have Sunday school, the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention is rescheduling "Perfect Heart Sunday" for SUNDAY, MARCH 11. Some schools have already rescheduled the project for a Sunday that they have chosen, which we appreciate. We urge that all schools that have not made their own arrangements for a chosen Sunday to plan and promote "Perfect Heart Sunday" on MARCH 11, following plans suggested in publicity sent out earlier.

North Carolina State Sunday School Convention
L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary
Taylor Hill, Publicity Director

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ANNOUNCING:

The Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop located at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina, is now open all day Saturday–9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cape Fear District Youth Raise Funds for Children's Home

The Rev. Graham Lane (left) receives check from Kenny Hill.

According to an announcement by Mrs. Francis Garner, Cape Fear district youth chairman, the Cape Fear District Youth Rally, composed of the youth auxiliaries of the churches in the Cape Fear Conference, had a most rewarding year in 1972. The project for the year was the Children's Home, and a drive was held by each participating youth auxiliary to raise money for the Home. The goal for each church was set at $100, with a trophy to be presented to the youth group which raised the most money. Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Youth Auxiliary, Erwin, North Carolina, won the trophy with the amount of $285.50.

Also receiving recognition was the First Free Will Baptist Church Youth Auxiliary (location not given), which raised $282.15. Mrs. Garner presented the trophy to the Rev. Billy Nowell and the youth of Pleasant Grove church. A total of $2,222.87 was raised by all the churches. The treasurer, Kenny Hill, presented the check to the Rev. Graham Lane, who was at that time the acting superintendent of the Home, as the other officers looked on. The other churches contributing were as follows:

Johnston Union	$184.12
Wooten's Chapel	135.00
Palmer Memorial	125.00
Saint Mary's Grove	111.10
Bethel	100.00
Hopewell	100.00
Tee's Chapel	100.00
Yelverton's Grove	100.00
Riverside	100.00
Eastwood	100.00
Youth Rally Treasury	500.00

The Cape Fear District Youth Rally meets the first Saturday in each month. All youth auxiliaries in the area are invited to participate. The next youth rally will meet with the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, on March 3, 1973, at 7:30 p.m.

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Central Conference Youth to Hold Convention at Aspen Grove Church

The spring convention of the youth of the Central Conference will meet on Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m. at the Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina. The church is located off Highway 222 between Saratoga and Fountain.

Essays and declamations should be sent to Mrs. Ruth Taylor as soon as possible. The names of the candidates for the various offices should be sent either to Mrs. Taylor at 1719 South Elm Street, Greenville, North Carolina, or to Mitzi Corbett, 405 Terrace Drive, Ayden, North Carolina, who is president of the Central Youth Convention.

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The Rev. W. L. Poythress Reports On Progress at Peace FWB Church

The Rev. W. L. Poythress, pastor of the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, recently recalled some of the main evidences of progress at his church during the past year and a half. In doing so, he quoted from Paul's words, "I can do everything God asks me to do with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power" (Philippians 4:13)—**The Living Letters.** Mr. Poythress says, "We at Peace church believe this and know that all things are possible with God's people."

When Mr. Poythress became pastor at Peace church about 18 months ago, he found a wonderful group of Christians, small in number (about 32), but w loved the Lord and were willing to wo for Him. Today, he reports, God is ble ing the church, for there are 107 me bers—all happy Christians, because th know that God is going to bless and ta care of them. They give Him all praise and glory.

Peace church has a growing Sun school with good Christian teachers. a recent Sunday, there were 107 peo present, compared with 88 of that S day a year ago. The Sunday school doing very well, and the people of Pe church have a willing mind to wo therefore, they look forward to do even better in days to come.

The youth group in the church nu bers about 30. These young people m each Wednesday night at 6:30 for ch practice. During the busy summ months, they did not miss a practi and stayed for Bible study followi each practice. Now there are appro mately 60 in all taking part in the Bi study sessions.

Sometime ago a lady asked the p tor, "Where are all these young peo coming from?" Mr. Poythress repli "The Lord sent them. And we are pro of everyone of them." She continued saying that she thought that they sa better than any group of young peo that she had ever heard. These you people recently bought an organ for t church. They are making plans for t Easter program at this time.

The laymen's league numbers 19. D ing the past 18 months, they have wo ed diligently for the church, and ha as a result, saved the church over $2,0 They enlarged the parking area of t

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Coming Events . . .

February 24—Western District Youth F lowship, Marsh Swamp Free Will Ba tist Church, 7:30 p.m.

March 10—State League Convention, Gr Branch Free Will Baptist Church, De Run, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m. (reg tration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

March 17—Eastern District Youth Co vention, First Free Will Baptist Chur Kinston, North Carolina.

March 24—Western District Youth Co vention, Selma Free Will Bapt Church, Selma, North Carolina; Cent District Youth Convention, Asp Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Rou 1, Fountain, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

n Open Letter to Free Will Baptists Regarding e Mount Olive College Chapel Project

n: W. Burkette Raper, President

/e are just a few days away from of the great moments in the history Mount Olive College—the building of apel on our new campus!

n Tuesday, February 27, at 11 a.m., roundbreaking service will be held, we cordially invite every church to epresented. As of February 13, gifts pledges to the chapel project totaled 3,000, which means that we need on- 41,500 to reach our goal of $195, With your prayers and help we thank God for victory on February

ebruary has been designated as "Edu- on Month" for Free Will Baptists, we are asking all churches and Sun- schools to observe Sunday, February as "Mount Olive College Chapel Sun- " Please encourage your people to to this important project. If your ch has not made its pledge to the el fund, please let us know how h we can depend upon from you on project during the next four years. order that we may have an up-to- report on our chapel fund at the ndbreaking service, we invite any nd of the College or church to call us ect—658-2502) Sunday afternoon, uary 25, between 2 and 4 p.m. or day night between 9 and 10 p.m. to e or to report a pledge or contribu-

ne donor of $60,000 to the chapel ect plans to attend the groundbreak- service, and I am sure you look for- d to meeting this fine Christian lady. cannot let her or our Lord down by having our part of the chapel fund plete.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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ACTING REGISTRAR APPOINTED AT MOUNT OLIVE

Mrs. Marie G. Glenn

Mount Olive College recently announced the appointment of Mrs. Marie G. Glenn of Goldsboro as acting registrar.

Mrs. Glenn served as secretary to the previous registrar, Robert H. Black, also of Goldsboro. He resigned to take a management position with Bluebell Corporation in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Glenn attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Before coming to Mount Olive two years ago, she served as secretary to the treasurer at Duke University and as a substitute school teacher.

Her husband is the Rev. Earl H. Glenn, a former member of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees and the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Mrs. Glenn is quite active in the church. She serves as assistant Sunday school teacher, choir director, youth sponsor; and she writes **The Little Folk's Quarterly** for the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, North Carolina.

Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean for the College, remarked on the appointment of Mrs. Glenn by saying, "We are delighted to have the services of Mrs. Glenn in this role of acting registrar. She and her husband have been loyal supporters of Mount Olive College for years, and we are most pleased to be able to extend her this promotion."

CHORALAIRES TO VISIT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

The Choralaires, a musical group from Oakland City College, will visit Mount Olive College on February 27 at 7:30 p.m., and will render a program of Christian folk and gospel music. The group is composed of thirteen young people

The Choralaires

who are students at Oakland City College. They have traveled over the eastern part of the United States, presenting programs of folk and gospel music.

The group is hosted by the Rev. Douglas Skinner, who is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

The public is invited to attend the concert, which will be of particular interest to young people.

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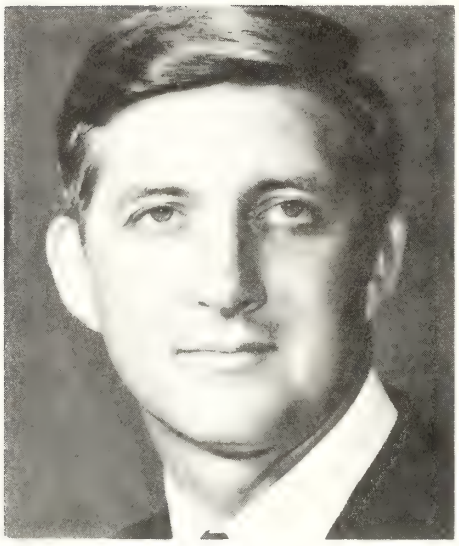
A Good Name

Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls;
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing;
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed.

—Shakespeare.

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION RALLY



Rev. Vance Link

Rev. Joe Ingram

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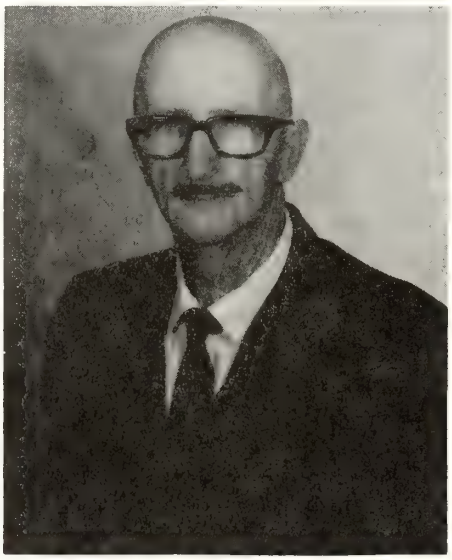

Rev. J. E. Timmons

LITTLE ROCK, Lucama, N. C.
REEDY BRANCH, Winterville, N. C.
HOLLY SPRINGS, Newport, N. C.
UNION CHAPEL, Plymouth, N. C.
BEAVER DAM, Clarendon, N. C.
STONEY CREEK, Goldsboro, N. C.
LEE'S CHAPEL, Dunn, N. C.
SANDY PLAIN, Pink Hill, N. C.
EVERETT'S CHAPEL, Clayton, N. C.
PEACE, Pinetops, N. C.

Each Rally begins at 7:30 p.m.

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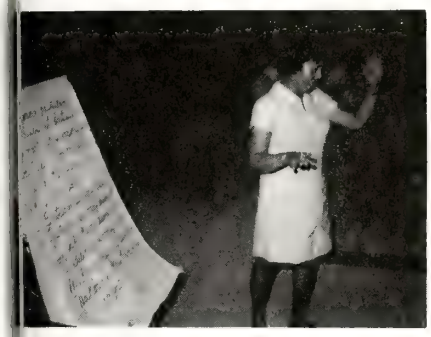
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

A TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES

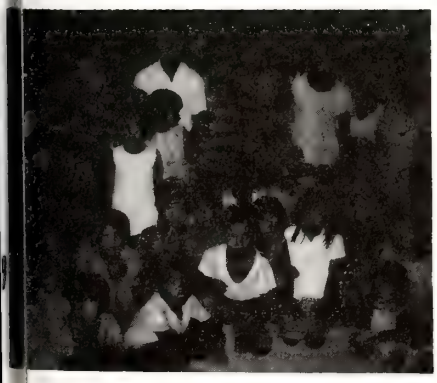
by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

As described in last week's article, I ok the flight from the Raleigh-Durham rport, and after several stops on the ay, arrived in Manila about 12:10 a.m., ally getting to bed about 1 a.m. Har- d Jones and I were sleeping in the om with another missionary. This fel- w had to leave early that morning, so out the time we got to sleep, he had get up about 5 a.m. Of course, this ke us and we began to talk about ngs back home, so that was the rest the night.



Mrs. Perocillo leads the choruses in the ning service.

Early the next day we went to eat akfast and then to look at a couple of ces of interest in Manila. We checked our flight and then Harold wanted to by the grocery store to purchase some ns not available in Palawan, or, if so, re expensive there. About 3:30 p.m. boarded the plane for the two-hour ht to Puerto Princesa, Palawan.



art of the group waits expectantly for service to begin.

Upon arriving at the airport in Puerto, a welcoming committee awaited us. This included all the missionaries' families, and many of the nationals from the church area. All traditional formalities were given. There was a sign made which read, "Welcome Brother Ingram." Three little girls had brought a necklace of flowers. This was presented and a time of rejoicing was had by all.

From this time on, we began to pick up speed because it was now after 5:30 p.m. and we had to rush to the house, which was only a few hundred yards from the airstrip. We enjoyed a fine meal prepared by Mrs. Jones and had a few minutes to love the children, Wendy and Misty.

About 6:15 I was issued my transportation for the week. Harold let me use his bicycle, and he used his wife Sandra's, because hers was smaller. A few minutes later Brother Perocillo, Brother Dela Rosa, and Mrs. Perocillo came by, and we were off to the first service that we were to attend. Four nights per week this team will go to a different location and give instruction to the new converts that have been won to Christ on their visits in the daytime. Surely this is what Christ meant when He said in Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. . . ." Jesus was not only concerned with our winning people to Christ, but also teaching them after their conversion. This is the purpose of the meetings in different locations.

Mrs. Perocillo leads the groups in choruses. These are sung both in English and Tagalog. The choruses are written on a large sheet of paper, and these are taught to the people out in the yard where they gather. The bicycle not only furnishes transportation, but here also serves as an easel for the choruses and flannelgraph lessons. This is the follow-up to the professions of faith made earlier; this is the making of disciples of the believers. These lessons will be taught from three to six months, and then through prayer it is desirable that a spiritual leader can be selected from the group and trained more extensively. This person will then be charged with the ministering to the spiritual needs of this particular group.

Each of these groups will number from about 40 to 60 people. With four such groups held each week, you see that the total ministry through this particular portion of the program is about 200 in number—not bad for a six months' program. Praise God for His blessings!

A LONG-AWAITED HOUR

by Marjorie Manning

Mrs. Manning is a graduate of Ayden High School where she, as an honors student, was salutatorian of her graduating class. She married immediately after graduation, and for eighteen years devoted herself to the duties of housewife and mother, having five children, the youngest of which is seven. She has been an editorial assistant at the Press since September, 1972, and proves to be a real asset to the work. She is presently enrolled in an evening class in creative writing at Pitt Technical Institute, Greenville, North Carolina.

Her brief article is pertinent and thought provoking and merits our attention, especially in view of its relevance to a present-day situation which is much on the mind of many concerned individuals.

Saturday morning, January 27, very early, news blasted from all sources of communication. The peace treaty had been signed by all concerned: the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, the Viet Cong. Saturday evening at seven o'clock, the cease-fire between the two sides took place. If you listened very carefully, you heard church bells ringing, firecrackers popping, car horns blaring away, and fire whistles blowing. Finally, after many bloody, miserable years of fighting, the war had come to an end. The boys would soon be on their way home. Many will not return as they left, but their families will welcome them still with open arms. Of course, to our sorrow, some of the men will not return at all. They fought a seemingly senseless, endless war, and they lost their lives in doing so. We leave much heartache, hardship, and destruction behind in this small, heretofore unknown country, but with thanks to God we hope that our part in the task is over.

INFORMATION ABOUT

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

JULIE IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

It was a very dark cloudy day in February 1972 when I came to the office of our Children's Home to apply for a job. At that time my health wasn't very good and I didn't know how long I would be here. The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. was

Mrs. Sallie Renfrow

our superintendent then and he hired me to do associate work, which I did for one month. On March 15 Mr. Humphrey, our director of campus life, asked me if I would accept the job as housemother for Deans Cottage. I was shocked at first. Really, I didn't think I was qualified to take a cottage of nine girls, but I accepted. We both got on our knees and asked God to help me with these girls. I wanted to be sure and do the right thing, and now I know that God was leading me.

I began my work in Deans Cottage everyday by asking God to stand by me and to help me do what He wanted done here for these children. Their ages are 10-13. On our first night together, during our devotion, each one expressed some of her problems and we got acquainted. We have lived together now eleven months and we are a happy family. They are near and dear to my heart, much more than they realize now. I thank God everyday for blessing me to be able to witness to the girls and try to show them that God loves them and that they should love one another as He loves us.

I want my life here to be an example before them, so that when I have to leave them, they can follow. We go places together, and do things together, just as any large family without a father. I am thankful we have a very nice Christian man, Mr. Weeks, our superintendent, and also Mr. Humphrey, with whom we can talk at any time about our problems.

On January 11, 1973, God blessed us again here at the Home with a new girl, Julie King. She came to live with us in Deans Cottage. Julie is a very sweet girl and loves to live here. All the girls love her very much. Her sweet smile causes everyone she meets to love her,

Miss Julie King

and we all thank God for sending her to live with us. Most of all Julie is a Christian and she united with our church Sunday. Please help me pray for all my girls.

Our mission work here is great an we need your prayers and support b hind us at all times so that we may c what God wants us to do for our chi dren. We want them to be Christia boys and girls when they leave us and g out on their own in a world that's fu of sin, so that they can be witnesses others.

I say again, it's been a blessing to m in having a small part in witnessing ar in helping with child care work here **our** Children's Home.

We want you to come and visit us ar time.

Mrs. Sallie Renfrow
Housemother

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NEWS NOTES

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church by moving trees, filling stun holes, and covering the area with grav Next they installed a much needed hea ing and air conditioning system in t church, doing all of the work of inst lation themselves.

The ladies' auxiliary of the church, a cording to Mr. Poythress, can be deper ed upon to help whenever called upo "because they love the Lord and th church." The group at the prese numbers a little more than 20.

Mr. Poythress says, "The Peace Fr Will Baptist Church is a church that l lieves that we must stand for the fa that gave us our birth or we shall peri as free men." As a church, the me bers believe in Key '73. They belie that everyone should know about Chri and Mr. Poythress concludes, "We a going to do everything we can in '73 see that everyone hears the wonder gospel of Christ."

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Question: How do you evaluate the odern versions of the Bible? I do not ve in mind the American Standard Ver- n or the English Revised Version, but e Bible in modern speech.

Answer: Whenever this subject comes , I am reminded of a Bible conference once attended, the Moody Bible Insti- te Founder's Week Conference. I be- ve that it was the one which convened 1923. The Bible and its versions (or mething similar) was the theme of the nference. Among the speakers were, hink, some of the greatest of all Bible holars; such as, Dr. Griffith Thomas, Reuben A. Torrey, Dr. James M. Gray, P. B. Fitzwater, and Dr. John G. Page. of the speakers at the conference re great defenders of the fundamental ctrines of the church. During this he, however, there were a number of e men such as Dr. Harry Emerson Fos- k, Dr. Shaler Matthews (then dean of Chicago University), Dr. L. Richards Birmingham, England, and a great ny others who were blazing the trail the so-called "modernistic movement" t questioned and even defied many damental doctrines that the church d held dear since her conception. se doctrines included the virgin birth Christ, the infallibility of the original iptures, the deity of Christ, etc.

The speakers at the conference voiced incere concern that this atheistic move uld result in much evil. They feared t the many institutions of the church t were being led by such men as se modernistic exponents would mselves become modernistic. This, y felt, was the same kind of philoso- that foreran the world war then not y settled. They predicted that since se modernistic teachers had become violent in their attacks on the funda- ntals of the faith and of the Scrip- es that the move was endangering ools of higher education. By review- church history and the history of ny such schools, these speakers show- ed in regard to the schools that their first purpose for coming into being had been the teaching of the Bible and the training of missionaries, other Christian preachers, and teachers to propagate the faith according to the Great Commission given by Christ to His followers.

These speakers, saints of God as they had well proven themselves to be, said that not only would these so-called "modernists" continue to publish false literature, but that they would tamper with the Scriptures—putting out versions that would reflect their own views rather than acting as honest scholars, who would translate and interpret as nearly as possible to reflect Christ's view. I remember Dr. Gray clutching his Bible, pressing it as tightly to his heart as he could, and with a bowed head committing himself to God anew, promising to give all his energies to the defense and propagation of God's precious Word. Students and other attendants of the conference so dedicated themselves in a public meeting that followed. And this conference resulted in a great revival, the kind that sent the students and others who experienced it out on the streets, and into the homes, the missions, some of the business places, and many of the jails and benevolent institutions for the purpose of winning souls for Christ.

That was a wonderful and worthwhile conference, but it did not stop the representatives of the old devil, the arch-enemy of men's souls. He had, as Jesus warned us when He was on earth, begun to sow tares in the wheatfield (which Jesus said was the earth). That same devil, in doing what was predicted in that conference, has taken over most of the schools of our land and has encouraged the publishing of false literature that conflicts with the Bible and with Jesus' teachings. This includes the putting out of questionable versions that pretend in some cases to make the Bible "easier to understand."

Dr. L. T. Talbot has a paragraph on Page 17 of his book, **Bible Questions Explained,** that quite well reflects what I understand as being an authentic view on this vital question. He writes, "While some orthodox ministers and Bible students like certain modern versions, yet I do not. I much prefer going to an analytical commentary for any clarification of the text. Perhaps my reasons are not acceptable to all; but the modern translations have, to me, lost a certain beauty and sacredness that I am loathe to give up. Moreover, some of the versions are definitely dangerous, in that they omit many priceless portions which have to do with our Lord's work on Calvary's Cross. I refer to 'The Shorter Bible,' particularly. And, knowing the theology of other translators, who deny the virgin birth of Christ, His atoning work on Calvary, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and many such doctrines—knowing how some of these men take their stand against orthodox Christianity, I should be very skeptical of their interpretation of these sacred truths. Personally, the King James and Revised Versions are 'good enough for me.' "

(**Editor's Note:** Readers this week will be interested in comparing the remarks of Dr. Barrow with those of Mr. Mark Taylor in the article on page three. It is the policy of **The Free Will Baptist** to print varying views by different writers, views that may conflict, but that we feel are pertinent to religious life and to our denomination in the present day. As indicated in our masthead, the responsibility for each article is given the person whose name appears under the title or to the person submitting said article.)

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STORIES

for our youth

THE FABULOUS MONARCH

by DOLORES PARSONS

"LOOK, Kevin!" called Chris Montgomery, pointing to a maple tree in his friend's backyard. The boys were racing home from track practice when the tree caught Chris's eye.

Kevin Baker's pace quickened in an effort to catch up with his buddy. "What is it?" asked Kevin, trying to see where his friend was pointing.

"Look at that maple sapling in your yard. It's bent almost to the ground," said Chris.

"Well I'll be—the tree is covered with butterflies! They're all monarchs, too. It must be the time of year for them to migrate to the South," said Kevin excitedly. "My dad was talking about them just last night. He said that the monarchs migrate from Canada southward every year. Other monarchs join them along the way until there are great swarms of them. Often thousands gather in the same tree at night during their trip south. That's probably what they're doing now."

For some time the boys watched this unusual scene in silence. Chris finally broke the spell by saying, "Mr. Emery said in science class that monarchs eat only one thing, and that's the milkweed plant."

"I guess these science and biology teachers know what they're talking about," admitted Kevin. "According to Dad, the female, after she mates, lays her eggs on the bottom side of a milkweed leaf. That way there will always be food for the larva or caterpillar after the eggs hatch."

"That's right! I've seen caterpillars around," said Chris. "In fact, we used to catch them and put them into jars."

Perhaps you, too, have caught caterpillars and kept them in jars. If so, you may already be aware of the fact that there are three stages each butterfly must go through before it reaches adulthood. The first stage is the egg, which hatches into the larva or caterpillar. This creature is very small when it is first hatched. It eats continually and grows fast. In fact, it grows so rapidly that it sheds its black, yellow, and white striped skin four or five times before it reaches its full growth of about two inches. At this point it is ready for another complete change. It is the cocoon stage. Scientists call this the pupa or chrysalis stage. The caterpillar spins a cocoon completely around itself. During this transformation period, it remains in this cocoon, hanging with its head down. The temperature and weather determine how long it will stay in this stage; the time usually averages from six to ten weeks.

When the adult butterfly comes forth, it emerges from the bottom of the chrysalis. There it hangs, pumping fluid from its body cavity into its wings. This fluid causes the wings to expand. Finally, when its wings are dry, the monarch flies away.

Judging from the caterpillar's stripes, you might imagine a lovely black, yellow, and white butterfly. Surprisingly though, when the monarch emerges, it is brownish-red with black-veined wings. Because of these strong wings, it is known as a powerful flier. These butterflies have been seen on almost every continent. They have crossed oceans, and have been found in jungles and deserts.

Here in the United States, scientists have been studying them for a long time. In one experiment, they caught man thousands of monarchs and placed a pa per tag on one of their wings. Eithe the tags came off, or something els happened to them, but the scientist reaped very few results from their tes ings. However, they did agree on on thing. The young monarchs that m grated to the South in the fall seldor completed the entire round trip. Sinc they return north individually, it is be lieved that the older butterflies sto along the way to mate. The older one lay their eggs and begin a new gene ation. When the four stages are con pleted, the young generation continue on the trip north, leaving the older bu terflies behind.

Protection from other insects and birc has never been a very big problem fo the monarch. Because of their exclusiv diet of milkweed plants, they are strang ly bitter to the taste. This provides pr tection for them from their enemie Who wants a bitter lunch? Certain not other insects and birds. Man is th only one who might harm them.

In the beginning when God created a things, He looked at each creation an saw that it was good. Man was mad in God's own image and given a soul. A God's creation was placed under man care, including the monarchs. It b came man's responsibility to prote them rather than to destroy them. O example of man's attempt to do this seen in Pacific Grove, California, whe there is a law that protects monarc during the winter months.

During their migration south in th fall, these monarchs have been seen far inland as Indiana. Perhaps you ha seen this unusual event as Chris a Kevin did. If so, don't you agree th this remarkable creation of God is deed fabulous?—**My Pleasure.**

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Spanish Bibles Distributed in Cuba

It was a red letter day for ma Christians in Cuba late in 1972 when government granted a special permit the United Bible Societies to send 2,5 Spanish Bibles into that country. Th were quickly distributed among rep sentatives of 35 to 40 denominatic The United Bible Societies is a fell ship of 55 national Bible Societies, which the American Bible Society is c with work in more than 150 count and territories.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers
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DREAM, PLAN, AND DO!

n the January 1970 meeting of the rd of Stockholders for Cragmont As-bly, a set of very ambitious and ch needed plans for future develop-nt was adopted. The plans called for building of from two to four new tages, the construction of new kit-n and dining facilities, construction a chapel, replacement or renovation the main building, and improvement the recreational facilities. Many peo-felt that this was only a dream—or best a set of plans which looked good paper. The Board of Directors and ckholders, however, had different s. This was a dream of many who the Cragmont ministry; the plans look good on paper; but the Board ed the word "do" to its dreams and s!

n 1970 many repairs were made in ous buildings. In 1971 two cottages e constructed and furnished at a cost $40,000. This debt was completely red as of January 31, 1973. Now ther giant step forward: The con-tor has said that he feels the kitchen-dining hall unit will be ready for use before the 1973 camping season begins. The approximate cost of this building, plus a new roof and bathroom on the "green house" (which is now tan), will be roughly $37,000. This is not a contract bid, as all of the details have not yet been worked out, but rather an estimated cost. Construction will begin as soon as we have a contract bid and the Board of Directors gives its approval.

All this is because Free Will Baptists have decided to **do** instead of dreaming and planning about Cragmont's ministry. Thirty people, made up of members of the Board of Stockholders as well as interested ministers and laymen, have been working on our $30,000 kitchen fund since July 1972. The results thus far are great! One church has already agreed to furnish completely our new dining hall with new furniture. Rally to the cause! Help us to make this ministry at Cragmont as good as we possibly can!

Send all funds to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574. If you send $50 or more, send your name, the name of your church or organization to De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

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Promotional Secretary

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"Bible Valid for Life Today," Says Duke University Senior

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temporary edition called "Reach Out."

"Reach Out" has been especially well received among young people. It features pictures of today's youth with captions that help them begin to understand what the New Testament has to say. "Reach Out" enjoys a circulation approaching the 2,000,000 mark. Because of its success, the same format has been followed with the entire "Living Bible" and it will be released in paperback with the title, "The Way."

Mark feels strongly that Christianity is not an inherited belief. Like many Christians away from home for the first time, he spent his first year at Duke in a period of serious questioning before accepting, as valid for his life, the faith taught him by his parents.

"In a Christian society like ours many people feel that because their parents attend church or a grandparent was a minister or something, that makes them Christians, too," he said.

"To really become a Christian, one must come to grips with God's personal love for each one of us. He must decide for himself how he's going to respond to that love. I'm glad I questioned because I'm now convinced that my own Christian life is that—my own and not my parents'. It's something that God and I had to struggle through."

Young Taylor feels that daily Bible reading has helped him in his growth. "Dad wishes every person in the world would read the Bible daily. I try, but it was especially difficult when I was young. It hasn't been until just the last year or so that I've come anywhere near being a regular reader.

"One reason is because I've been able to see more and more that the Bible really has something to say to me, today. Reading it is pleasant and very helpful to me. I'm constantly amazed at how timeless the Bible message seems to be.

"Right now I'm studying the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. It's really exciting to see that the prophecies spoken to

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Mr. Graham Rodney Wilson of Route 1, Box 223, Cove City, North Carolina 28523, is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work. He is a licensed minister, 29 years of age, married, and the father of two children. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing to the address above, or by telephoning 638-1765.

This Is God's World

Lesson Text: Genesis 1:1-26, 31; Psalms 24:1, 2; 104:24-30

Memory Verse: Psalm 24:1

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for this Sunday is designed to answer the question: To whom does the world belong? The lesson text is composed of selections from Genesis that are designed to show that the earth belongs to God as a product of His creative work, that this work was good and perfect when it came from His hand, and that man, who was made custodian of this work, is also responsible to God for his life and for his stewardship.

In dealing with this question concerning the ownership of the earth, we will also take into consideration such vital questions as the relationship which God now holds to the world and its inhabitants, and especially that relationship existing between God and man and between man and the rest of creation.

That portion of our lesson text that is taken from Genesis is designed to set forth God as the Creator of the earth, the heavens, and all which they contain; the portion of the lesson text that is taken from Psalms is designed to show that God is not only the owner and sovereign of the universe, but that He is the sustainer and the provider that makes it possible for all things to continue and unfold to future ages the beauty and the order of creation.

—**The Teen-Age Teacher** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Introduce the lessons for the entire quarter.
2. The Bible does not prove the existence of God; it assumes His existence.
3. The first verse in the Bible states the fact of God and His creation.
4. Discuss the cataclysmic theory of the earth using Genesis 1:1, 2.

B. God Is the Creator (Genesis 1:1)
1. God brought the earth into existence out of nonexisting materials.
2. The time of the original creation is not given.
3. The Hebrew word for God in this verse is **Elohim,** which is plural and may be a reference to the Trinity.
4. The Hebrew word for "created" here is **bara** and indicates that God brought the world into existence out of materials that had not existed before.
5. Show that God as the Creator is sustained by the whole of Scripture.

C. God Created Man (Genesis 1:26)
1. This settles the matter of evolution.
2. The image of God in man could not have been physical.
3. God is a Trinity; man is a tripartite being.
4. God is eternal; man is immortal.
5. Man was created with a will and the exercise of this will determines his destiny.

D. God Finishes the Creation (Genesis 1:31)
1. The days of creation were regular 24-hour days.
2. List on your blackboard the days of creation and what took place each day.
3. Man is the climax of God's creation.

E. The Earth Belongs to God (Psalm 24: 1, 2)
1. The character of God—He is the Creator.
2. The worshipers of God.
3. The Lord's welcome.

F. God's Might (Psalm 104:24-30)
1. God's might manifest in the creation of the earth.
2. God's might manifest in the creation of the sea.
3. God's might manifest in the creation of things in the earth and the sea.
4. God's might manifest in sustaini His creation.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.I

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Strength and power of soul co to the man who realizes that our u verse is not a cosmic accident, but expression of the creative will of mighty God. The heavens and the ea and all that are therein including o selves, exist because God willed th they be. The universe did not just h pen. How, indeed, could it! We a not simply the product of blind char any more than we are the product of continuous series of mutations and genetic adaptation of organisms to th environment. The person who so co siders himself must surely have an ov powering feeling of frustration as seeks to find a purpose—any real p pose—in his existence. But the one w looks upon life and upon the universe the result of the activity of God realiz that there is a divine reason for bein And when he finds that he himself m enter into the plans and purposes God, he discovers that life does ha meaning after all. The activity of Go so far as the world is concerned, H been and is for a purpose, and man fin himself at the very heart of that p pose, in the position of highest honor the recipient of God's attention. T activities of God center around man.

This fact is seen in the creation. N until God had made the heavens and t earth, the oceans and the land, the fi the birds, and the animals, did He ma man. Man alone was made in the lik ness and image of the Creator. And man dominion over all the earthly cr tion was given. It is commonly sa and rightly so, that man (and woma represent the crowning act of God creation. A creature with an intell that can weigh worlds, split atoms, a chart a course to Mars or Venus, with love of beauty and harmony that c produce a great symphony or beauti works of art or stately architecture, a with a heart of compassion that can moved to the unselfish giving of on very life for others—truly the making man in the likeness of almighty God w the greatest act of creation.

But that was not the last act of Go nor the greatest. The Bible conta the record of God's dealings with m through many centuries, and through all we can see reflected His concern Adam and his seed. Finally God ca down to earth in the person of Je

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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, a woman stood by an open window in top story of a blazing building. An ape ladder was quickly run up. A brave man made his way to the top. He ed with outstretched arms to take the an to safety, but she retreated in ter- The flames enveloped her, and the le fireman returned without her. Weep- he said, "I tried to save her, but she ldn't let me."

you are eternally lost, it won't be be- e God failed to make provision for your nal safety and salvation in Christ.—*Hy- J. Appelman.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

an you compare yourself to the woman he story who struggled against her res- ? Don't struggle against God when a ision has been made for an everlasting God is your rescuer from sin!

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

cripture Reading—Psalm 19:7

"I DARE YOU TO GO FORWARD"

wo boys sat together in church during evival meeting. When the invitation given to the unsaved to confess Christ, of the boys said to the other, "I dare to go forward." It is hard for a boy to take a dare. So the boy went for- l. Later he was baptized. He did not rience any change of heart, however. his teens, the boy decided to enter time Christian service. Yet in his t he knew that he had never experi- d the miracle of regeneration. God's it seemed to say to him, "You have not the main things."

hen nineteen years of age, the boy re- ed to the church during another revival ing and sat in the same pew where he sat as a lad of nine. There he was icted of sin and was gloriously saved.— *by George W. Truett.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

true believer who has confessed his to Christ will feel guilt free at his do- o. If this feeling is not present at his ession, seriousness of purpose is prob- lacking.

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t to dwell among men, to become as we are in order that we might to be as He is. This act of incar- n, God's coming in the flesh, was elous; but even this was to be sed by that still greater act seen e crucifixion. That God would suf- or the sins of man is the wonder of wonders. The activity of God in creation reveals His almighty power. The supreme act of God as manifested at Calvary reveals His unfathomable love!

—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Strange as it may seem, many people find it difficult to believe that God's greatest attribute is love, and that His love is extended to all people. Many think of Him as a harsh, sometimes cruel deity who hates them because of their sins. Indeed, God hates sin, but never the sinner.

The lessons this quarter take us inside the heart of God and reveal to us the truth about His concern and love for us. Not only will they show His love for man, the highest of His creation, but also His love for all of His creation. As a result of these studies we hope to experience a deeper and better understanding of the Christian faith.

—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

WHAT A SLING SHOT!

by J. Stewart Humphrey

We talk about one's talents and talk often about one's making the best of his or her opportunities. All the while we exhibit so little faith in the ability of modern man to succeed in the face of modern day foes and earthshaking problems. Man has in his possession the implements to wage war against insurmountable foes. The problem lies in that man doesn't realize his potential.

There was a small boy in the Old Testament who watched his brother and an entire army stymied by a giant. This boy was shaken by the fact that strong men showed such cowardice. Why be afraid? God was on their side, wasn't He?

He used his implement, his talents, his small ability, and with a sling and a tiny stone he did what an entire army could not do. How? Because he used what he had and exercised his faith.

Someone said, "God helps those who help themselves." This adage is so true. God wants people who are willing to venture beyond the realm of possibility and win battles that no one else can win.

What kind of man is this? Just any man—you maybe: a man who is willing to put himself on the line; a man who is willing to give his implements, his talents, his opportunities to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; a man who is willing to be used and willing to let all he possesses be used of God. Are you that kind of man?

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the people of Judah in 600 and 700 B.C. were applicable then but are also to the point for me, right here in Durham, North Carolina. . . .

"I recognize that we're in an age of religious revival, or renewal. Many people carry Bibles wherever they go and they witness. The emphasis some people put on sex and drugs is misplaced because whatever highs they give are temporary. But when you come to know almighty God through Jesus Christ, that is a permanent situation.

"I get very excited when I realize that many of my peers are beginning to understand what the love of God is all about and to understand that Jesus Christ was not just a good man who lived nearly 2,000 years ago but a man who has something to say to us now.

"I'm also excited that young people are as open and honest as they are about their religious beliefs and that they share those beliefs. I do think some are religious because their friends are, but for the most part I feel that those who are on the streets telling everyone what it means to be a Christian are really sincere.

"And as these people grow through reading what God has to say to them I am glad they can read it in 'The Living Bible, Paraphrased.' That's what it's all about."

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Have you perhaps, while searching for a church into which you could enter for solitary worship, found in its stead a parking lot? Read the editorial and see if perchance you have had a similar experience.

"PARK HERE? SURE–JUST WAIT UNTIL THEY MOVE THE CHURCH OUT OF THE WAY."

City churches are moving out of town. Hardly anymore can one round a corner to find a church, unless it is a landmark and is being preserved for posterity by supporters and advocates of historical restoration and preservation. Hardly anymore can one sight a wood or brick steeple among the high-rise apartment and office buildings. Hardly anymore can one find on a city block a church—a church which he can enter just any time when he feels a particular need for one.

This writer, while visiting in a city some distance away, felt an urgent need for meditation in one of the Lord's houses; but upon searching for such-and-such a church, he was told that it had been demolished and that a new structure had been erected outside the city limits. "Why?" asked this writer.

"More parking space needed for the office building next door," was the reply.

Upon being directed to the parking lot formerly occupied by a house of the Lord, this writer, upon viewing the closely parked cars and their yellow space markings, couldn't help but ponder in his mind again, "Why?"

After spending sometime asking for and seeking for a church—just any church—this writer did find one; but sad to say, it was unkept, possibly bespeaking its unimportance to its members or their lack of funds to keep it up. A mental picture of a sign flashed across his consciousness in connection with this church: "Soon to be demolished. More parking space available soon." This is sad, for so *many* churches are being demolished, as we touched upon in an editorial two weeks back; and many, because of dying memberships, are not being rebuilt. This is a tragedy, to be sure.

"Churches leaving the city. . . churches leaving the city"—a silent cry, but one heard with the hearts of those who find it hard to understand and who shudder to think that possibly the day will come when not a single one will be left. . . .

How long will it be before the noises of the city completely drown out the chimes that this writer, as a little child, used to love to hear—those chimes that called men to worship and prepared their hearts for a conversation with their God? We wonder. . . .

The everincreasing need for space, the everincreasing need for more office buildings, apartment complexes, and motels make it profitable for churches to give up their "city dwelling" and move to the outskirts of town or to suburban areas. It is as though they were moving the Lord out of town. . . .

One retort would be that the Lord dwells in hearts, not in buildings. We concede to this. Also, churches who move voluntarily say that one reason for their moving is *their* need for more parking space. We concede to that also; yet, we cannot help but reflect upon the calming effect it has on us when we round a corner and see down the street a church standing like a sentinel, guarding and giving much-needed security to the alone and lonely—a quietness, even overshadowing the noise of traffic: horns, shouts, whistles.

Does your city church face the possibility of having to be moved for the sake of progress? Does your city, perhaps, boast many churches (which, except for some unforeseen reason, will retain these)? If your city has within its limits churches—usable churches—be thankful and look heavenward for their protection and preservation. This writer fears the day when he or someone else, while in some distant city, will have an urgent need for a church and will be unable to find one because they have all moved out of town.

Beautiful brick churches, modest white-boarded churches, stone and cement churches—all are important in that they represent Him and are considered the houses of God. Nearly every city block used to have one. Now they are few; and as each year passes, they become fewer, yet, more parking areas are being constructed. Parking decks, stories high, now stand where once stood a humble but mighty church with its spire pointing toward heaven and to God.

Likely, we shall drive up to a cleared area soon in a distant or perhaps a nearby city and ask if we will be allowed to "park here." In our mind is amplified this reply: "Park here? Sure—just wait until they move the church out of the way."

A parking lot preempting God's house! Can you imagine this? Perhaps ours is a case of oversentimentality; but to our way of thinking, it is awfully sad. . . . How does it strike you?

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Children Ask Serious Questions

by G. WEATHERLY

HAT is death?" asked a young visitor. To make it more disconcert- he posed the question just as his ess was tucking him in for the night. n eyes shining and all agog to stay ke a bit longer, he waited for her y.

he truth of the Apostle Paul's words death is "the last enemy" (see 1 nthians 15:26) echoed in her heart. he silence that followed the ques-, she saw as in a flash the sorrow suffering, the separation, and the edy which that enemy deals out to sorts of people. How could she ex- and not see the little face clouded bewilderment or even fear? Then remembered that the Christian has her name for death. In another let- Paul spoke of Christians as those "sleep in Jesus" (see 1 Thessa- ns 4:14).

Well, David," she answered slowly, s very much like what you are going o now—just going to sleep. Only it ery much better, because those who the Lord Jesus will wake up in the enly Father's home. They will see s just as the people we've been read- about saw Him when He lived down . Won't that be wonderful?"

Oh, yes," came the eager reply, and young boy snuggled down between sheets.

Sometimes," the woman added, en people are very ill, death is God's rise way of making them better. fall asleep weak and tired, but wake up perfectly healed and will r be ill again."

s she went downstairs, once again was supremely grateful for a Guide- that is infallible and that tells truth imply.

f it were possible to bring up our ren ideally, we would present them their earliest years with the story ife—of which birth and death are parts." These words, written by Helen Steer Burgess, a member of the board of directors of the Child Study Association of America, underline an essential part of a Christian parent's teaching.

The death of a relative or a friend is an experience children must meet sometime. They need preparation for it. True, death is not pleasant, but there is little point in trying to isolate a child from the knowledge of all life's sadder experiences. The child is not likely to suffer psychologically because we tell him of death. What is more, it will cross his path sometime, and the mental shock will be lessened if the child has learned the meaning of death before the person dies.

Furthermore, death is a subject that can come into the child's thoughts without its striking someone he knew. Indeed, the subject can intrude without any special reason. Finding a dead bird in the garden can bring the subject to a child's mind. An unusual happening or accident could focus his thoughts on death. Then we must be ready with an explanation which is both true and satisfying to him.

A growing child often realizes that death can come to him personally. Helen and Lewis Sherrill wrote: "Between the ages of about five and nine it was found that a child tends to personify death, not yet accepting it as a final process. Not until around the age of nine did a child first begin to recognize death as inevitable for all persons, and as something that can come to him."

It is, therefore, essential that we teach a child the meaning of death. But how shall we do it? We begin with the general preparation of assuring him of our love for him and sharing our own experiences with him. We also seek to promote his love for and confidence in God. As we help to build his confidence in himself and in us, he is better prepared to listen to new topics and to accept our explanation of what is unknown.

Our own reactions to critical events will influence him enormously. If he sees that though we are hurt we are not overcome by grief, he will begin to understand the right way to deal with sorrows. As we explain that we have the comfort of our loving Father in heaven, he will learn where to find help for himself when he is troubled. Moreover, if by the way we live, as well as by what we teach, we stress the goodness of God in all the happenings of life, we will help to build a solid faith in our children. In this way, neither the death of a loved one nor any other calamity will throw them off balance.

The child's capacity to receive instruction will determine the language we use and the picture we draw. Also, we should try to link our explanation with any previous experience of death that he has had, whether it involved a pet or a person.

One essential in our teaching is to tie all explanations firmly to the Christian faith. We need to show that death, as well as any other situation, is in the hands of the Lord.

One woman, reminiscing about her childhood experience, told of how she was helped when her grandfather died. They had lived in the same house, and she had become very fond of him. His death was sudden, and at first she was very disturbed.

At the funeral service, the minister said that the woman's grandfather had been tired by his long illness. God had now given him rest in this way. She said, "I did not mind so much because God helped him. In this thought, I found my comfort."

When death occurs, we should try to avoid confusing our children with thoughtless words and phrases that contradict our Christian beliefs. We should refer to death not as a tragedy but rather as a triumph. We should not speak of an untimely death because the Lord's timings are always right.

At what age shall we teach our children about death? Often it is the occurrence of this event or a question that makes it essential for us to teach them the meaning of death without further delay. Otherwise, the mental as well as the chronological age of the child is a

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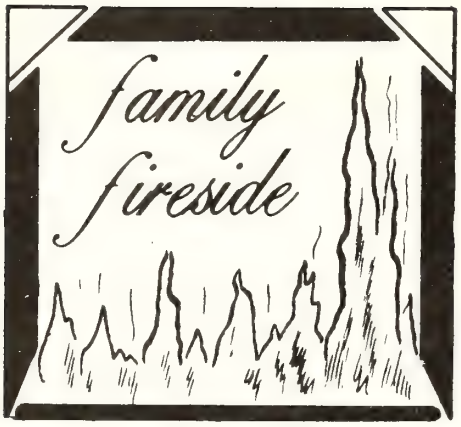

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture Reading—Psalm 73:24

"Which Way Shall I Take?"

The daughter of an arrogant and defiant unbeliever was critically ill. The girl's mother was a devout Christian. Often she had prayed for the daughter's conversion. The daughter weakened progressively. As she neared death, she said to her father, "Daddy, Mother has often tried to get me to become a Christian, but your influence has kept me from trusting Christ to save me from sin. I know I am going to die, and I am not ready to die. As I to follow your infidelity, or am I to take my mother's God, and trust her Saviour to save me?"

The father was deeply moved. He greatly loved his daughter. Weeping, he said, "Daughter, my infidelity holds out no hope for you in this dark hour. In God's name turn from it. Take your mother's God and your mother's Christ and your mother's Bible."

Prayer Thought

God's truth will shine through to the nonbeliever if he is shown the true road to salvation. If this is your problem, seek God today.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture Reading—Mark 14:9

The Indestructible Word

God's Word has been published, in whole and in part, in 1,216 languages and dialects. More than 3,000 translators are currently working in 130 countries. William Tyndale was among the pioneer translators of God's Word into the language of the people. He was banished from England as a heretic. He fled to Wittenberg, Germany. There he translated the New Testament from the Greek into English. His New Testament was printed in the city of Worms. When the New Testaments were smuggled into England, Henry VIII decreed that all of them be confiscated and burned. The tyrannical king had Tyndale arrested in Antwerp, Belgium. After sixteen months' imprisonment, Tyndale was tried for heresy and judged guilty. He was burned at the stake on August 6, 1536.

The burning of God's Word kindled a glowing love for it in the hearts of His children.

Prayer Thought

God's Word will endure trials and tribulation aplenty, but His Word will always be the victor in all battles. It is the one true Word.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 28:13

Nails Digging into Conscience

In a sermon a pastor said, "We cannot get right with God until we confess our sins to Him and to others against whom we have sinned."

A troubled young man said to the pastor at the close of the service, "I build boats. My employer is an unbeliever. I have talked to him about his need of Christ, but he scoffs and ridicules it. In my work I use copper nails. I've been carrying home quantities of them to use on a boat I am building at home. The nails are digging into my conscience. I know that I cannot have peace until I confess my theft of the nails."

"That's right," said the pastor to the young man.

Later he joyfully said to the pastor, "I confessed my sin to my employer, and he looked oddly at me and said, 'I always did think you were a hypocrite. Now I am beginning to believe there's something real in Christianity. If it makes a dishonest workman confess that he has been stealing copper nails and settle for them, it's worth having.' "—*Adapted from Christian Index.*

Prayer Thought

Our confession of sins to the One of love and faith will set our hearts free and pave the road to heaven for us.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 24:24

Doing the Difficult Thing

How different it is for us to part with things to which we are sentimentally attached, and around which cluster hallowed, cherished memories!

A friend of mine, Mrs. Bertha McHenry, who is one of the most dedicated and Christlike Christians I have ever known, told me, "As I prayed one day, I said, 'Dear Lord, I want to give you my best, my very best!' The Lord seemed to say to me, 'How about your diamond ring?'

"Momentarily the thought came into mind, How can I part with the diamond ring which my beloved doctor-husband, who has long since been with you in glory, gave to me?

"As I waited before the Lord, I wept silently. Presently my sorrow was displaced with the peace of God. Joyously, I exclaimed, 'Dear Lord, I have committed myself and all that I have to you. Until I awaken with your likeness in glory, I want you always to make me willing to fully follow you!' "

Joyfully my friend gave her diamond ring to build a church for the Christian natives in a faraway place where Satan long held souls in spiritual darkness fear.

Prayer Thought

The good Christian deed that this d lady did for Christ will reap rewards her on that judgment day coming.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture Reading—Acts 16:9

Indifferent and Unconcerned

In Cleveland, Ohio, a burly man thr ened with an ice pick Miss Gina Arsena, attractive twenty-three-year-old Cuyah County Welfare Department caseworke

In the midafternoon, as she entered car, her attacker jumped into the seat side her and pressed the ice pick to neck! In terror, she broke her assaila grip, slid out of her car, and fell on icy street.

The strange and inexplicable thing ab the frightful incident was this: Five standers watched—indifferent and unc cerned.

Miss Arsena said later, "I lay th screaming, and I noticed one woman pecially who merely looked on impass ly."

Her attacker fled on foot with her pu containing five dollars and seventy- cents.

Miss Arsena commented later, "Whe took the welfare position, I was also sidering joining the Peace Corps. I my position with the Welfare Departm but I don't believe I can go back t again." Later she resigned.

How calloused and reprehensible those unconcerned, unpitying bystander

Prayer Thought

There have been many similar incid in which bystanders have watched so one's life being held in danger and h not rendered their help. Have you been in this predicament?

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 7:19

God's Unfailing Laws

"What's the trouble?" a mother asked boy, whose look revealed deep distres

"Well, Mother," the boy began gloom "I'm thinking about my silkworm e Spring is here, and the silkworms will s be coming out. I have no food for th The buds on the mulberry trees are beginning to swell. It will be awhile fore the leaves for the silkworms come. don't know what I will do."

"You silly boy," replied mother. you suppose that God manages His w so badly as that? If the mulberry le will be some time yet in appearing, so the silkworms. Depend on it. They come together."

So they did, and the boy learned life is not a game of chance. God's un ing laws are constantly at work.—*Told F. W. Boreham.*

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

nisterial Students ceive Practical perience

e Rev. Stephen Smith of Beulaville is n discussing a passage with Carlton s, a participant in Mount Olive Col- s supervised field work program for terial students. Mr. Smith has termed program "possibly the most important ncement in ministerial training in the ge's history."

the fall of 1971 Mount Olive Col- began a new program for minis- l students, one that would provide tical experience as well as a small unt of financial assistance. The Col- calls it the Supervised Field Work ram. It is entirely voluntary and it s like this:

student applies for a grant in the unt of $125 at the beginning of the ster. The conditions for receiving grant include his being placed in a church where he can obtain first- experience in the work of a min- He can work either under the rvision of an experienced pastor or, ses where the student is himself a or, he works under the supervision member of the Department of Reli- Once the student has been invited local church or its pastor to work r this program, the student is intro- d to a variety of experiences which designed to be a learning situation ell as a ministry to others.

e student may work in such areas as stian education (Sunday school, youth ities, etc.), pastoral calling, preaching, or church administration, depending on the needs of the church and the time and interests of the student. The supervisor will have occasional sessions with the student to discuss any problems or to make helpful suggestions. Each month the student submits a written statement concerning his assignment to the Department of Religion and at the end of the semester the supervisor is requested to give an evaluation of the student's work.

Comments from those who have participated in this program as well as from supervisors have been very favorable. In describing his experience one student said, "I think the supervised work program is one of the best things for new ministers that could ever happen. I believe that practical experience is the best teacher anyone can have and that is exactly what this program offers."

A young student pastor spoke with obvious pleasure of the renewed interest in the life of the church on the part of young couples in the community. Another student pastor has started a visitation program and reports three decisions for Christ and two new members by transfer of letter. One student, who has been given the title of "youth minister" by the church in which he is working, reports that a total of twenty-nine young people are participating in youth activities sponsored by the church.

One of the great values of this program is that it offers students an opportunity to serve Christ and the church while they are studying and preparing themselves for more effective service. At a time when many students have difficulty in relating their college studies to

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Presentation of Eagles Nest Conference Center

Members of the Kemp family of Goldsboro, North Carolina, are shown presenting to President W. Burkette Raper (center) of Mount Olive College the title to a fifty-acre camp site near Mount Olive which the family purchased for $75,000 and then donated to the College. From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kemp Sr., President Raper, and Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kemp Jr.

A general visitation day along with a gospel music festival is being planned for Saturday, April 14, and all Free Will Baptists and other friends of Mount Olive College are cordially invited. Lunch will be served on the camp site.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Valentine Court Crowned in Youth Party at First FWB Church, Wilson

Pictured are (left to right) Randy Starling, Kent Howell, Susan Matthews, and Sandra Howell.

The young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, were entertained at a valentine party on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. The festivities were hosted by the youth chairmen of the church, Mrs. J. D. Skinner and Mrs. Howard Whitley.

The decorations in the hall and the refreshments carried out the valentine theme with a color scheme of red and white. After refreshments, the youth selected a valentine court. Chosen were the following young people: Kent Howell, king; Susan Matthews, queen; Randy Starling, prince; and Sandra Howell, princess. These young people are all members of the local youth organizations and participate fully in the activities of the church.

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Reedy Branch FWB Church Plans "Family Month" for March

The Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, plans special Sunday evening services for the month of March, designated "Family Month." The Rev. Willis Wilson is pastor of the church.

On the first Sunday night, March 4, the "Southernaires" from Clayton, North Carolina, will be featured in song and testimony. On a previous engagement at Reedy Branch church in November, this group was well received by those in attendance. Their method of presenting the gospel is indeed unique, and makes for a real spiritual experience on the part of their listeners.

The second Sunday night, March 11, is reserved for a special program to be presented by the Couples' Class of the Sunday school. Their programs of past years have been especially inspirational, and the church looks forward to another good presentation this year.

The youth of the church will be responsible for the entire program planned for the third Sunday evening, March 18.

Fourth Sunday night, March 25, will feature as speaker the Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board. He will present slides of his recent trip to the Philippines.

One fourth of the church roll will be called each Sunday night in order to stimulate attendance. These family months, which have become a tradition once each year at Reedy Branch church, have proven to be entertaining as well as spiritually uplifting.

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Revival in Progress at Holly Springs FWB Church, Boling Speaking

Revival services are being held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Johnston County this week. The services began Monday, February 26, and will continue through Saturday, March 3. The speaker is the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. He is being assisted by the pastor of the Holly Springs church, the Rev. Royster Martin.

The Men's Chorus of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, was scheduled to render special music on Monday night. Other special groups are expected during the remainder of this week.

The public is invited to join with the congregation in this series of revival services.

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Weekend Revival Set at Sidney Church, Ministerial Student to Be Speaker

Mr. Marvin Waters, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, will be the speaker for a weekend revival to be held at the Sidney Free Will Bapt Church on Friday-Sunday, March 2-4, p.m. Mr. Waters is from Williamstor

The services are designated as f lows: Friday night, Sunday school nig Saturday night, ladies' auxiliary nig and Sunday morning, Master's men a deacons.

The public is cordially invited to tend this series of services.

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Cape Fear Youth to Meet at West Clinton FWB Church on March 3

The Cape Fear Conference Youth F lowship will meet at the West Clint Free Will Baptist Church at 7:30 p. on Saturday, March 3.

The youth of all Cape Fear Conferen churches are urged to attend.

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Young World Singers to Appear At Milbournie FWB Church

The Young World Singers will pres a program of music and testimony Sunday evening, March 4, at the M bournie Free Will Baptist Church n Wilson, North Carolina. This group known throughout eastern North Ca lina for their inspiring presentations the singing gospel.

The church welcomes all visitors.

Coming Events . . .

March 3—Cape Fear Conference Yo Fellowship, West Clinton Free W Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

March 10—State League Convention, G Branch Free Will Baptist Church, D Run, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m. (re tration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

March 17—Eastern District Youth C vention, First Free Will Baptist Chu Kinston, North Carolina; Piedmont I trict Youth Fellowship, First Free W Baptist Church, Durham, North Ca lina.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's A iliary Convention, Macedonia Free W Baptist Church.

March 24—Western District Youth C vention, Micro Free Will Bap Church; Central District Youth Con tion, Aspen Grove Free Will Bap Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Ca lina, 10 a.m.

March 31—Piedmont Conference W an's Auxiliary Convention, Beth Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesb North Carolina, 10 a.m.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

he boy learned that God's physical laws at work, unfailingly, in our world. Are just as aware that His spiritual laws are lly as unfailing?

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

cripture Reading—Revelation 2:10

DOG AWARDED VICTORIA CROSS

ck was a mixed breed, a homeless pup- Imploringly he trotted up to a sentry ide Saint James Palace. The ground covered with snow. The dog was cold hungry. The sentry picked him up and him. The dog became greatly attached the sentry whose regiment—the Scots rd—adopted the dog as a mascot. The went through the Crimean War with master, always at his side on the field battle. When his master fell, mortally nded, the dog stood faithfully by until were removed from the battlefield.

earing of the splendid service record he noble dog, Queen Victoria was deep- ouched. She had a miniature Victoria s made which she placed on the col- of the dog.

od rewards faithfulness.—*Told by Alice ie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

ou too will be rewarded if you have cated your life to God and served Him .

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world of work into which they hope nter after earning a degree, this pro- n introduces the student to the work minister while he is gaining knowl- e and skills that help to equip him such work. This combination of ly and work can be a significant ivating factor for many students in eving well in college.

ecause this program is voluntary, for the students and the churches, e were nine Free Will Baptist stu- s who participated during the fall ester. This is about one half of the ber enrolled as ministerial students the College. Four new ministerial lents were enrolled at the beginning he current spring semester. There be two additional students involved he supervised work program during semester.

ee Will Baptist students who par- ated during the fall semester and North Carolina churches in which they served are as follows: Frank Grubbs, First Free Will Baptist, Kinston; Scott Sowers, Northeast Free Will Baptist, Mount Olive; Jack Burnett, Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist, Mount Olive; John Williams, Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist, Kenansville; Carlton Lucas, Serecta and Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist, Beulaville; Robert Glenn Jones, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist, Albertson; Jimmy Webster, Cabin Free Will Baptist, Beulaville; Stanley Slaughter, Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist, Goldsboro; and Danny Braswell, Calvary Free Will Baptist, Wilson.

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Ministerial Students To Speak at Weekend Revivals

Mr. Royce Reynolds, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, will hold a weekend youth revival, March 2 through March 4, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina.

Mr. Reynolds is a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina, and is licensed by the Albemarle Conference. He moved to Mount Olive in the fall of 1972 to attend Mount Olive College in preparation for the Christian ministry.

He requested that the services be remembered in prayer that God may bless in a great way.

Mr. Marvin Waters, a sophomore ministerial student and a member of the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church in the Albemarle Conference, will be conducting services during the upcoming weekend at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church near Belhaven. He requests your prayers as he seeks to proclaim the Word of God.

For further information on the Sidney church revival, see "News and Notes of Denominational Interest" in this issue.

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THROUGH GATES OF SPLENDOR

"Through Gates of Splendor" is the film which will be shown during the afternoon session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues. The convention, to be held March 10, will be hosted by Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Deep Run, North Carolina.

This film is the story of God's call, a call which took five missionaries into the land of the savage Aucas who viciously killed them. Betty Elliot (wife of one of the martyrs), her daughter, and Rachel Saint were permitted to enter and live permanently among the Aucas.

Much of the photography was done by the missionaries prior to their deaths. The film is a frank and eye-opening view of some of the most primitive people of the world. "Through Gates of Splendor" is an effective and gripping revelation of God at work. It is one of the most effective missionary films of our time. The heart of every Christian will be challenged and each will receive a great blessing from its viewing.

Further blessings are in store through the experiences of the Rev. Joe Barrow, recently returned missionary from Rhodesia, and the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, now in the preparatory stage for work in Mexico, or whatever area the Lord will have them serve.

Come and enjoy these events as well as the state sword drill, the special music, and all the activities of this convention. Bring a large delegation from your church and we will make this the best convention ever.

The Rev. Raymond E. Jones, **President**
North Carolina State Convention
of Free Will Baptist Leagues

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Missionary Candidate Announces Address Change

Miss Diane Baines, missionary candidate to Zambia, announces that her new address is Route 1, Box 130-B, Wilson, North Carolina 27893. Her telephone number is 291-2596. Miss Baines plans to leave for the mission field this spring and is now doing deputation work in Free Will Baptist churches.

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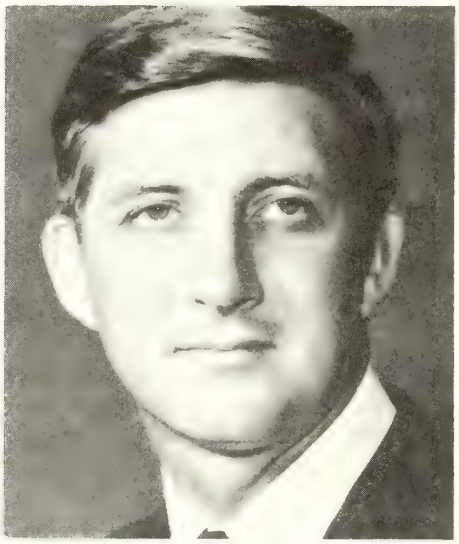

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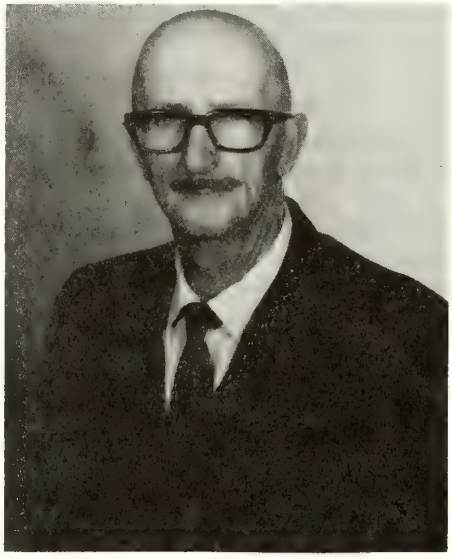

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A TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES (CONT.)

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

After a good night of sleep on Wed-day night, the sun arose early with t dawning of a new day and new ex-iences for this minister. Sometime ore the sun arose, I was awakened by t many roosters crowing in the com-nity. Everyone owns a fighting ster. This is a legalized sport in the lippines. I don't believe that I have r heard so many crowing at one time.

Ve arose and had a delicious break-f about 7 a.m. Brother Harold, ther Perocillo, and Brother Dela Rosa e at the usual task of filling the er tank. This takes about 30 utes each morning and usually is e while the wives are preparing kfast.

Vith the early task completed, about) a.m. Brother Perocillo and Brother a Rosa came over to Brother Harold's e, and there we had a short time of otions and prayer. Plans then were e for the day. After gathering the ature needed, we got the bicycles checked the air and did a little ntenance on them, and we were off a very exciting day.

Ve rode for a couple of miles to our stop. We came up to the home of an that the workers had visited be-. They had won the man's wife to Lord on a previous visit, but the man at that time away from home. We and received greetings and learned this man spoke very good English. her Harold proceeded to witness by enting the plan of salvation to him. other three of us prayed during this that he would hear and understand presentation by Brother Jones. After t 15 minutes, Brother Jones said, w will you receive Jesus Christ as own personal Saviour?" The man, a smile on his face, said, "yes." Ve had prayer with him, and it was a inspiration to hear him pray the er's prayer of confession and feel presence of the Holy Spirit. I had seen and heard one of the most exciting experiences of my life. Brother Harold had told me how great it was, but there was nothing like sharing in this moment.

Brother Harold Jones presents the plan of salvation to a retired mail clerk—our first convert for the day.

After giving this man some literature, we were off again to the next place of witness. The above situation was repeated time and time again. Soon, we looked at our watches and it was time to return home for lunch. We returned and there two little red-headed girls (Windy and Misty), along with some little Filipino children, were playing in the yard. We greeted them with a hug, and then went on into the house for a delicious lunch. After riding a bicycle for several miles, my appetite was at its peak. (Note: To ride the bicycle for me was a task, because it had been about ten years since this writer had enjoyed this way of travel.)

As soon as we had finished the meal, it was siesta time. With the sun rays coming almost directly down, it is almost impossible to do anything in the sunlight from about 12 noon until 2 p.m. So everyone takes this time for the meal and rest. It only took this writer a week of doing this really to miss the practice after returning home.

After the rest, we were up and back to the bicycles and on the road of witness again. We reached our place of witness and visited several homes with each receiving the testimonies and the plan of salvation very readily. About 4 p.m., I suggested to Brother Perocillo that we should have refreshments of coconut juice. I had heard that this was delicious and wanted to try it. Brother Perocillo mentioned this to one of the fellows living in a cluster of houses nearby and before I could get the camera ready for a picture, he had already reached the top of the tree. He threw down about four or five coconuts. The milk was every bit as delicious as was reported. With this activity going on, the attention of those living in the homes around was attracted and they gathered to see what was going on. After the refreshments, Brother Perocillo said, "Now we have had food for the body; let us have some food for the soul." The people gathered around and he presented the gospel to them. At the conclusion, there were eleven adults who received Christ as their personal Saviour. Soon our workers will begin a program of study at this place to train these converts to become disciples for Christ.

Brother Perocillo presents the gospel to the group after refreshments of coconut milk.

Soon we were to return home for our evening meal and preparation for the evening service. After reaching home, Harold was busy every moment doing something, but I found myself heading for the nearest chair so that I could relax for a moment. I knew that soon I must again take to the bicycle, and go back to the field of service.

We left the house about 6:15 p.m. for the journey to the place of worship for the evening. What a joy it was to see the people, as they gathered for the singing, Bible training, and period of testimonies. Our hearts were made to rejoice when we saw the man, whom we had won to the Lord only that morning, come walking into the service. We had a glorious time in the Lord, and soon gave our farewells to the people. We returned home for a few minutes of fellowship and then retired after a long day's activities.

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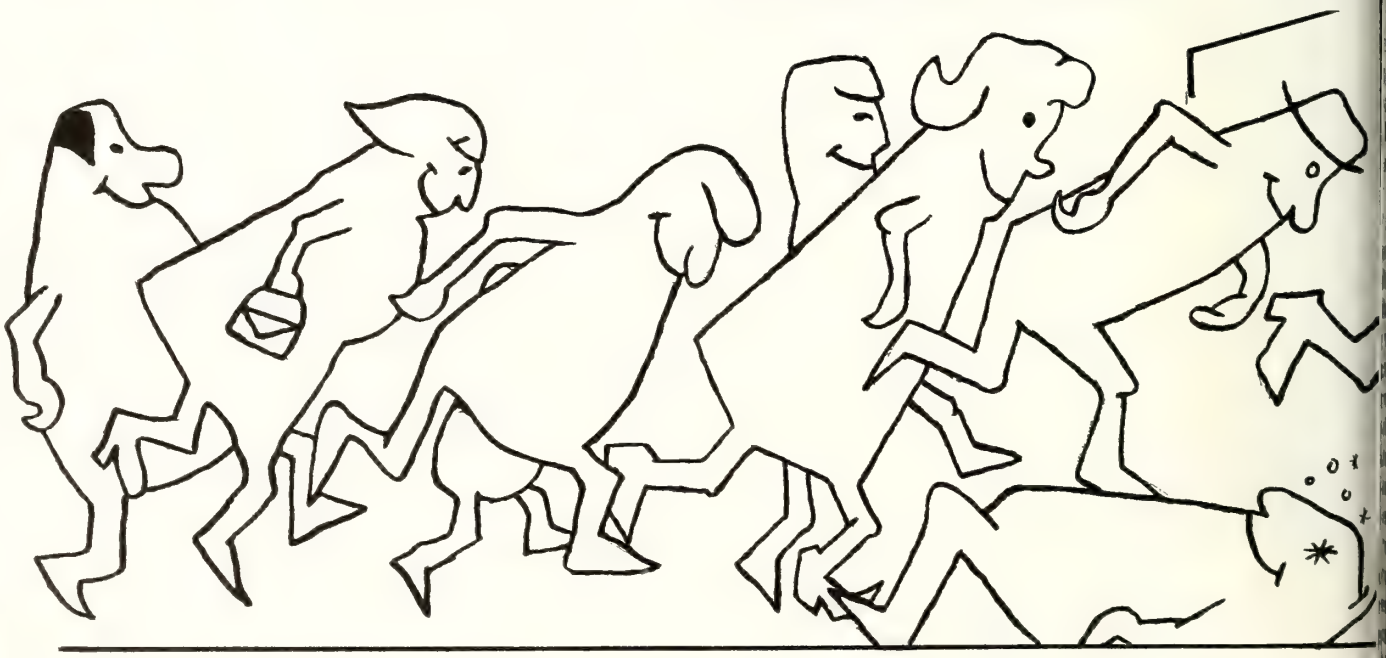

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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uestion: Who are the 144 thousand tioned in the fourteenth chapter of elation? A preacher whom I heard king on the radio said that they e from the dead at the same time s did. What do you think of such ew?

nswer: These 144,000 people are Is- tes; an equal number will come each tribe of the Children of Israel will be living and active on the h during the Great Tribulation. This be the time when the antichrist, who his power to reign from the red on or Satan presented in Revelation will empower a false prophet to car- n the religious activities of that evil dom. "And after these things I saw angels standing on the four corners he earth, holding the four winds of earth, that the wind should not blow he earth, nor on the sea, nor on any And I saw another angel ascend- from the east, having the seal of the g God: and he cried with a loud voice e four angels, to whom it was given urt the earth and the sea, Saying, not the earth, neither the sea, nor trees, till we have sealed the ser- s of our God in their foreheads. And rd the number of them which were d: and there were sealed an hun- and forty and four thousand of all tribes of the children of Israel. Of tribe of Juda were sealed twelve sand. Of the tribe of Reuben were d twelve thousand. Of the tribe of were sealed twelve thousand. Of tribe of Aser were sealed twelve sand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim sealed twelve thousand. Of the of Manasses were sealed twelve sand. Of the tribe of Simeon were d twelve thousand. Of the tribe of were sealed twelve thousand. Of ribe of Issachar were sealed twelve sand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were d twelve thousand. Of the tribe of h were sealed twelve thousand. Of ribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand" (Revelation 7:1-8). This tribulation period will take place after the church has been raptured and will precede the great white throne judgment. We, the church members, will be with Christ in His throne at that time.

Dr. Louis T. Talbot answers a similar question in his book, **Bible Questions Explained,** which gives on Pages 191-2 the view with which I sympathize.

"They will be converted Jews who will be God's witnesses in the earth during the seventieth week of Daniel, preaching 'the gospel of the kingdom,' pointing many to the coming of the King. This will be after the translation of the church. It is noteworthy that Israel is being prepared for this ministry, in that there are Jews in every land, speaking every language. When God's hour strikes, they will go out in zeal, proclaiming the crucified and risen Lord Jesus as their Messiah and coming King.

"Different cults have claimed to be the 144,000. But what is more ridiculous, in view of the fact that the very names of the tribes of Israel are given in Revelation 7:4-8? There will be 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes. And they will be Israelites, not some godless, Christ-rejecting cult of satanic origin!

"Moreover, their ministry is **still future**—all of Revelation from Revelation 4:1 to the end of the book is future. How, then, can these false cults today pretend to be the 144,000? They have no scriptural ground for such a claim."

There are quite a few, found among cult supporters, who have a different view, some more ridiculous than others. This, I think, when taken and viewed as a whole suggests the day in which we live and the day in the mind of Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, when he wrote. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:1-4). Read and compare 2 Timothy, Chapters 2 and 3.

If we in the midst of all this spiritual chaos are faithful to Christ and in the administration of His Word, He will be faithful to us." "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death" (Revelation 2:10, 11); "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister" (Colossians 1: 21-23). Read also 2 Thessalonians, Chapters 2, 3, and compare with the above.

Jesus said: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:35-38).

Perhaps the times of false teachings on a universal scale are not as far in the remote future as some might have us think—even though our Lord warned us against setting dates and against having

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STORIES

for our youth

JOHNNY APPLESEED'S MISSION

by J. L. Miller

JOHNNY APPLESEED is one of America's favorite folk heroes. Nearly everyone knows at least something about him. They know, for instance, that he devoted his life to planting apple orchards in the deep wilderness of the American frontier. Many even know that he was a real man and that his true name was John Chapman. Johnny Appleseed was a nickname. He lived and continued his work long after his story had become a legend. But unfortunately not everyone knows that John Chapman was as diligent and tireless at spreading the gospel throughout the frontier as he was at spreading his apple seeds.

Johnny was born in western Massachusetts in 1774, not long before the outbreak of the American Revolution. His parents were deeply religious, and Johnny's interest in both Christianity and the frontier began early in life. Though Johnny's home was well within the settled regions of the country, it was very near the route used by New Englanders who were moving west. Among Johnny's earliest memories was the sight of the westward-moving wagons of the pioneers.

His attachment to the woods was very deep. When he was only ten or eleven years of age, he often left home for days at a time and tramped through the forest, sleeping on the ground and eating the fruits, nuts, and berries that he found there.

Not much is known for sure about Johnny's youth and early manhood. He apparently got a good education, for those who knew him often spoke of his sharp intelligence and broad knowledge. It is also known that he lived for a while near the Potomac River and did some sort of church work there. Later, he turned up in western Pennsylvania. It was in Pennsylvania that Johnny got his first real look at the frontier. And what he saw and learned there led him to decide upon his life's work.

One of the things Johnny learned was that frontier life was hard and full of privation. It was not easy to conquer the wilderness and turn forest land into farmland. There were no nearby stores to supply the necessities of life. The pioneers had to supply their own necessities or suffer from their lack.

He also found that in areas that had been settled for a few years, one of the staples of life was the apple. Exceptionally healthful and nutritious, apples could be stored and preserved in many forms—raw, canned, or dried. Fresh or cooked, they could be used in hundreds of ways—in salads, main dishes, side dishes, desserts, or snacks. Apples were perhaps the most useful food the pioneers had.

But it took several years for a tree to grow and bear fruit. Those who settled in new lands had to wait for a long time before they could harvest their first apples.

Johnny thought long and hard about this problem, and then he formed a plan. He would go far into the wilderness. There he would plant nurseries. By the time the pioneers reached the areas where he had planted seeds, the apple trees would be ready for transplanting into orchards.

The task he had set for himself was hard, dangerous, and lonely. He would live in the woods with the wild beasts and the Indians, far from the settlements. But Johnny's faith in God gave hin strength and courage. Sometime aroun 1800, Johnny filled several deerski sacks with apple seeds, loaded them ont a raft, and set off down the Ohio Rive With that act, John Chapman becam Johnny Appleseed, and a legend had be gun.

When Johnny had traveled far enoug into the wilderness, he searched for good plot of ground where he coul plant a nursery. After he had foun one, he cleared the land, raised a brus fence to protect the young shoots fro hungry animals, and planted some of hi seeds. When he had finished on nursery, he traveled on, searching fo still other locations. During his lif Johnny planted hundreds of such nu series, returning on regular rounds t care for them.

Johnny had not misjudged the nee for his work. When settlers began pou ing into the new land, they were ove joyed at the sight of Johnny's nurserie The trees were in such demand th everyone expected Johnny to sell the at a high price. But it was Johnny goal to help people, not to become ric To those who had money to pay f them, Johnny sold the trees for a penn each. To those who had no mone Johnny traded the trees for castoff clot ing, kitchen utensils, or food. To tho who had suffered greatly from the har ships and misfortunes that were co mon to the frontier, Johnny gave aw the trees for free.

For himself, Johnny kept nothing. I wore the oldest and most ragged of ca off clothing and usually went barefoo even in the winter. He refused to spe money on himself when there were o ers who needed his help and aid. H only real expense was the money spent to buy Bibles and religious trac These, too, he gave away to the settle

Johnny continued to live most of life in the wilderness, but when he d visit the settlements, he was a welco guest.

Such evenings usually began wi good-natured joking. Then dinner wo be served, and the talk would shift crops and news of the various neighbo After dinner Johnny would often t about the land that lay farther west a of his adventures there.

But none of these evenings ever e ed without Johnny pulling his Bible fr beneath his shirt and announcing, "A now let me read you some good ne straight from heaven." When John

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

A Letter of Gratitude from the Superintendent and Family

/e would like to begin by thanking for the opportunity and privilege of ing Him here at the Children's Home. truly a mission field and the work ewarding.

he new superintendent and his wife ministers, board members, and their s enjoy dinner during "Superintend- Day" at the Home.

ur hearts were filled with excitement gratitude on Friday night, February s we looked upon the congregation Memorial Chapel. The church was , including the balcony; then 200 a chairs were brought in and still e was not sitting room.

tured during the reception are the superintendent, Mr. Weeks, and Mr. n Gillikin of the Welcome Home Free Baptist Church.

r hearts were thrilled because your dance confirmed that our Free Will st people are behind us. Because cared enough to come (and many from far distances), we feel that are caring enough to lift us up to God in your daily prayers. We feel a great need for your prayers, for numerous important decisions must be made here at the Children's Home. We realize the need and desire the guidance of our Lord in every decision.

A special offering for the Home is received during the concert by the Dixie Melody Boys.

We thank each church and individual for the love offerings which amounted to $4,472.85, and we ask for your continued support. It takes money to provide the physical needs of our children. Pray and give as God directs you. If you will do this, we do not believe the Children's Home will have to beg for the needs to be met here. God will supply them through you.

We wish to thank the Board of Trustees, the Children's Home staff, the children here at the Home, and every Free Will Baptist for making this day, designated as "Superintendent's Day," a success and a thrilling, blessed experience for the Children's Home, your superintendent and family.

—Sam Weeks and family

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, is seeking a minister to pastor the church on a full-time basis. The minister is needed immediately. Anyone who is interested in securing information about this pastorate should contact Mr. William Bailey, Route 1, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883, telephone 243-6916. If unable to reach Mr. Bailey, please contact Mr. Kinshen Walston, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina 27883, telephone 237-0909.

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The Rev. Edgar Benton announces that he has resigned his pastorate at the Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and will be available for other pastoral work, full or part-time, on the first of March. Any church seeking a pastor may contact him by phoning 242-5283 in Fremont or by writing to Route 1, Box 395, Fremont, North Carolina 27830.

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Mr. Graham Rodney Wilson of Route 1, Box 223, Cove City, North Carolina 28523, is available for supply pastoral work. He is a licensed minister, 29 years of age, married, and the father of two children. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing to the address above, or by telephoning 638-1765.

Correction: Western District Youth Convention

The Western District Youth Convention, scheduled for Saturday, March 24, will be held at the Micro Free Will Baptist Church, and not at the Selma Free Will Baptist Church, as previously published in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. We regret the error, which was due to inaccurate information received by our staff.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 11

Man Is a Responsible Being

Lesson Text: Genesis 1:27-30; 4:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30, 31; Romans 14:10-12

Memory Verse: Romans 14:12

I. INTRODUCTION

When God created man He charged him with certain responsibilities. Man was not placed in the garden of Eden just selfishly to enjoy the benefits such a secluded existence provided. The responsibilities man faced were varied. He was responsible to his Creator in that he was expected to obey Him in all things. He was responsible to the lesser creatures as God gave him dominion over them. He was responsible to others who lived with him, first to his wife, Eve, and later to his children and fellow beings. He was responsible for preserving the many natural resources God had given him. He would be called into account for the way he disposed of these responsibilities.

Are not these responsibilities also ours today? God expects us to be no less obedient to Him than Adam. We are to protect and make proper use of the creatures of God under our dominion. We are to guard and keep clean our environment, and to preserve the natural resources God has so bountifully bestowed upon us. And we are to keep in mind that we are forever our brother's keeper. As our memory selection says, we are to give account of our stewardship of God's commitments to us.

The question is not whether we are responsible beings but whether we are carrying out those responsibilities as we should. We must never assume that any man is "an island." We are never isolated to ourselves for we are a part of all things about us: people, environment, government, and all other facets of our daily lives. Our lesson today should help us see this and establish in our hearts an urgency to observe the laws of God in relation to our responsibility.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. In Genesis 1 we see how God brought order out of chaos day by day.
2. But there seems to be something different about the creation of man.
3. After the creation of man, God gave him dominion over the earth.

B. God Blessed Man (Genesis 1:27-30)

1. God created man in His own image and likeness.
2. God ordered man to be fruitful and to multiply.
3. God gave man dominion over all the earth.
4. God provided for every need of man.
5. Man fell from the position that God gave him when he sinned.

C. Man Is Accountable to God (Acts 17: 30, 31)

1. Every man will have to face the judgment.
2. Christians will face a judgment of works to give an account of their stewardship.
3. Sinners will face the great white throne judgment to be sent to punishment.

D. We Should Not Judge One Another (Romans 14:10-12)

1. This passage was written by a Christian to Christians about Christians.
2. If we weaken a person's influence by our judgment, we are responsible.
3. The fact that all men will face the judgment is again brought out.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. When God created man, there were two clear alternatives: He could make it impossible for man to sin, or He could give men freedom of choice, thus allowing the possibility of his making wro decisions. To follow the first cou meant that man would have been no ing more than a puppet who was tota controlled from above. The seco course, which our Creator took, mea freedom for the creature to guide own conduct; it also meant that the cr ture became responsible for his decisio

Man learned early to make excu for his wrong choices. Adam pointed the sin of Eve and blamed her for own disobedience. Cain disclaimed a responsibility for his brother's welfa We all are heirs of this undesirable tr finding convenient alibis for our si Traces of this inheritance may be served in our children, who soon learn say, "He hit me first. . . . It's all fault. . . . They taught me. . . ."

Although it would be a simple m ter to emphasize the negative aspect our right of choice, it is clear that ma greatest worth and dignity arise fr his very power to choose. If wr choices plunge him to depths of sha proper choices elevate him into the lowship of God. This is the legal, mo and logical basis for any system of ward and punishment.

Personal responsibility is one of clearest doctrines that the Bible prese from God to man. We tend to react this teaching in two extreme ways, some areas seeking to avoid the resp sibility that is not rightly our own. the first case we seek to judge oursel too lightly; in the second, we seek judge others too heavily.

Before man logically can be accour responsible, he must know the liber extended to him, and the restrictions upon him. The Word of God serves cisely this purpose. It acquaints us v our liberties and restrictions and info us of just judgment based upon resp sible actions. This we see in tod lesson Scripture.

For what are we held accountal Our actions, opportunities, and even very own thoughts. In all areas of our relationship with God is to be vo tary submission to His will. This we do in full confidence, knowing that wishes only the best for us and exp only the best of us.

A moment's consideration sh cause us to rejoice that the burde judgment does not fall upon us. We all sinners before the Lord, and h judging another is most presumptu Again, our knowledge is incomp hence our decree would be defec

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HILDREN ASK RIOUS QUESTIONS

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e. Also, knowing our children gh listening to what they say and hing what they do will suggest the time is ripe for us to speak on subject.

hen we explain with love and under-ding, the children will be fitted to the realities of life. Death will not o unpleasant. Their spiritual life grow stronger as they learn that has conquered death forever.—el Herald.

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nunion with those who might do so. lso warned against being compla-saying, "Therefore be ye also : for in such an hour as ye think he Son of man cometh" (Matthew 4); "Then shall he say also unto on the left hand, Depart from me, rsed, into everlasting fire, prepared he devil and his angels" (Matthew 1).

en Peter wrote: "Knowing this first, there shall come in the last days ers, walking after their own lusts, saying, Where is the promise of his ng? for since the fathers fell asleep, hings continue as they were from eginning of the creation. . . . But eavens and the earth, which are by the same word are kept in store, ved unto fire against the day of nent and perdition of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come thief in the night; in the which the ens shall pass away with a great , and the elements shall melt with nt heat, the earth also and the s that are therein shall be burned Seeing then that all these things be dissolved, what manner of per-ought ye to be in all holy conver-n and godliness, Looking for and g unto the coming of the day of wherein the heavens being on fire be dissolved, and the elements shall with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:3, 10-12). Compare, "I will therefore ou in remembrance, though ye once this, how that the Lord, having the people out of the land of , afterward destroyed them that ed not. And the angels which kept heir first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 1: 5-7).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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read the Bible or spoke of the gospel, people listened with attention and curiosity. They knew of his good works and his gentle life. His actions were solid proof of his words.

The next morning, he would leave behind him books and tracts so that the people could learn more about his religion.

There was no single heroic act that made Johnny famous. He was elected to no offices; he earned no fortune. And yet, long before his death, he was famous not only in America but in Europe as well. His fame had come simply because he had worked hard and humbly at a useful task; because he had loved, served, and been kind to his fellowman; and because of his deep faith in God which gave him courage and guidance.

—My Pleasure.

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Sunday School Lesson

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We are influenced by preference or prejudice, rendering our decision partial. We may act from inferior motives, making our judgment vindictive.

It is sufficient to say that each of us should be most concerned with fulfilling our personal responsibilities to the Lord, resting in the confidence that our accounting will be made before a gracious, just, and omnipotent Judge.

—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. God created Adam as a being with unique intellectual and spiritual capacities. God ordained that man, as God's steward, should have dominion over the other orders of creation. Stewardship carries with it implications of faithfulness and responsibility.

In both areas, Adam failed. He was not faithful to the commands of God. We are not told how many of the varieties from among God's abundant fruits Adam could enjoy, but we are informed that the one item which was forbidden immediately became an object of great interest. It was observed to be pleasant to the eyes, delectable as food, and highly desirable as a source of experiential wisdom. In the process, man gained his sense of moral values from the wrong person, at the wrong time, and in the wrong manner.

God will have achieved His divine purpose of creating man in His image when we love as He loves and when we give as He gives. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (see 1 John 3:14). We may know that God has re-created us in His image when we truly love strangers, the unlovely, and even our enemies. Such love will make us willing to part with our most cherished possessions so that they, too, may know Jesus and the eternal life which He died to provide for them.

—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

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BOOK SALE IN PROGRESS

The February—March book sale at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina, is continuing. A 50 percent discount off retail price is offered on specified books now in stock. Stop by and browse at your leisure today! Bookstore hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Note that the bookstore is now open on Saturday afternoon, a recent change that the personnel hopes will make your shopping more convenient.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

When sending in news articles, etc., in which churches are mentioned, please include the addresses of said churches. It is impossible for us to locate specific churches unless their addresses are given by the person submitting such articles. Some churches have identical names, and unless located properly by town or city, much confusion could result. If a church has no specific address, in that it is not located within the city limits, please specify the nearest city; for example, "Revival services are being held (date) at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina." Your cooperation in this matter will be most helpful and appreciated.

—The Editor.

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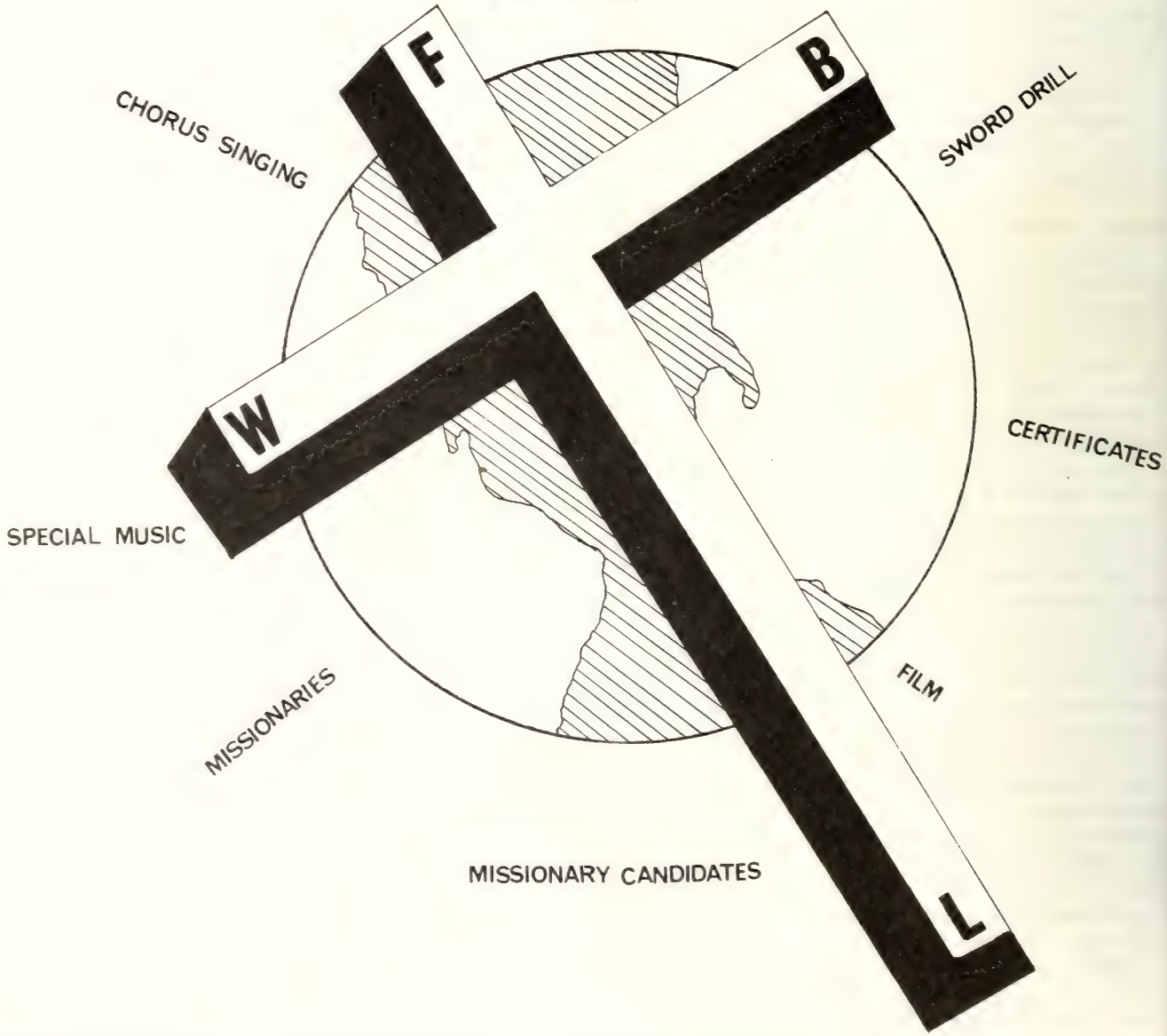

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1973

This is the day the Lord hath made. What will you do with it?

EDITORIAL...

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HATH MADE

This is the day the Lord hath made. What will you do with it? It is one more opportunity to do something good or to do something bad. It provides one more opportunity to stay at home or to go somewhere. This is another day. It could be Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday—just any day—but another day, nonetheless.

How does it fit your plans? Have they been made previous to its arrival, or did you wait for the sunrise to contemplate your activities? Did you reflect upon yesterday in the making of your plans, to improve upon, if not correct, yesterday's mistakes? Remember: This is the day the Lord hath made. Is it a happy day? Perhaps. A sad day? Probably—unless you have an especially good outlook and don't concentrate on your own problems too much. Will you be able to look at another person with compassion and put his welfare before your own? Face it, you probably will not be able to do so; but the thought is nice.

Smile today. You can breathe, can't you? Think about those who cannot, except for the assistance of some machine. You can walk, can't you? Think about those who have to maneuver themselves about in wheelchairs or hop on braces or support themselves with crutches. You can talk, can't you? Think about those who spend every minute of everyday in silence. You can see, can't you? Think about those who live in total darkness, who never see the sunrise or its setting, the flowers of spring, the snows of winter. You can hear, can't you? Think about those who can't hear beautiful music, the songs of birds, children's laughter. Just think. . . .

This is the day the Lord hath made. Feel good in it, even if your body aches, your mind is troubled, and your heart is overflowing with sorrow. Even if you have afflictions, you have this day—and this day is important. It is a gift from God. Some people didn't reach it. Some people died during the night, but by His grace you were able to feel the early morning air against your face. You were able to see the blue of the sky and the white of the clouds. Glory in it—this day. He wants you to enjoy it. He wants you to make the best of it and live it to the fullest. He wants you to share it with others. Give them a smile, a word of cheer, a pat on the back—anything to encourage those who need a little push in the right direction.

This is the day the Lord hath made. He made it for you and for everyone living. He presented it with opportunities for the enrichment of your life, for the bettering of relationships with your comrades, for the doing of good deeds, for the telling of His great love for mankind. He gave mountains to climb, rivers to swim: the possible and the impossible, lest we become too self-sufficient and think ourselves more important than we are.

This is the day the Lord hath made. Do with it what you will, but remember: He made it, and He expects you to make the best of it—despite the drudgeries of life which make you enter it not quite so enthusiastically. Surely, this is your day, but not yours alone; for it belongs to all people. So, be not selfish in your possession of it. Share this day, and yourself, with others; and in so doing, the day will be a glorious one, even should the sun decide to hide itself behind a dark cloud.

This is the day the Lord hath made. Could there be anything more meaningful? Could you possibly ask for more? To think: The **Lord** hath made it. That thought alone should cause us to rejoice.

There's always something about a day that makes you want to live another—especially when you remember that this is the day the Lord hath made. No one else could do it. Had you thought about that? Reflect upon yesterday, if you must; but live for **this** day alone. . . .

Clock by Ed Carlin
Hourglass by Harold M. Lan

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Your Final Portrait

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College, Mount Olive
North Carolina

ESE are some thoughts for the wise and prudent. You have worked and God has blessed you.

You have lived sensibly and not ed your life nor your resources. have saved and managed well, and you have reasonable financial ity. You have more than you will lly spend in your lifetime, but you ot want to throw away what you spent all of your life making pos-

t, you know that even if life is it is still short. You know that body was not made to live forever, you are aware that the years ahead ewer than those behind.

u also know that you brought nothinto this world and that you can nothing out of it. What you do se or spend, you must leave behind meone who did not earn it.

THEN WHOSE SHALL THESE THINGS BE?

Through a legal document known as a "will," we can largely determine what will be done with what we leave. In that final hour, whether we have much or little, we shall leave it all.

The final portrait of ourselves will be what we choose to do with what we leave. A will, while it is a private document while we live, is a public instrument when we are gone and through a will we tell the world what was really important to us.

Surely, we want to say "thank you" to those who have meant the most to us and we want to provide reasonable security for any who may be dependent upon us. But beyond that—that is our portrait—a portrait only we can paint.

To leave people what they do not **need** is to leave them what they will not appreciate. An elderly widow without children said recently, "As things stand now, when I am gone distant relatives will turn their inheritance into new cars; and in five years all that my husband and I spent our lives earning and saving will be gone with nothing to show for it—and we will be forgotten. I would like to do something that will last and do some good after I am gone."

LIVING BEYOND OUR YEARS

Mount Olive College provides an opportunity for those who would like for some good to be done in their name beyond their years on earth. Through a will, you can enjoy the security of all that you have as long as you live, but then when you no longer need them, your life's savings and accumulations can continue to work in your name for a cause that is worthy and enduring.

As a Christian college, Mount Olive is part of God's work on earth, and an investment in God's work becomes part of His eternity. Mount Olive College is a means whereby we can make a difference in the lives of people—a difference between young people knowing God as the greatest Reality of their lives and lives that are lived without purpose or meaning. Daniel Webster put it this way:

> "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

God does not expect people to give away what they need for themselves, but He has a way of blessing us beyond our needs, and it is in these blessings that we have an opportunity to help make life better for others.

What we use for ourselves is gone—gone forever; but what we give to God's work is never lost. In God's sight our wealth is measured not by how much we have, but by how much we have given to Him. This truth was expressed by the following inscription on a burial monument:

> "What I spent, I had;
> What I kept, I lost;
> What I gave, I have."

TWO OPPORTUNITIES

Christians have two opportunities to invest in God's eternity.

Our first opportunity is through what we give while we are living. In a country as blessed as is the United States, almost any person who is willing to work can earn more than he actually **needs** for the well-being of himself and those dependent upon him. Of course, any thriftless person or one with false values can spend more than he makes, but those who will work hard and exercise prudence can earn above their needs. The tithe may be something we **want** for ourselves but we do not need it. It belongs to God, and when we use it for ourselves, our wants become so infused with our needs that they become inseparable.

Our second opportunity to invest in God's work is through our will. In this manner, we simply say, "God, my time of service is over, but I want to return to you what you loaned me on earth that it may continue to work for you." In this way, you can

> "Carve your name high, over the sifting sand
> Where the steadfast rock defy decay,
> For all you can hold in your dead hand
> Is what you have given away."

No one else can make your will for you—you are the only person in the world who can make it. You can die without a will, and the law of the State will determine who gets what—after the government gets its share. But while you are living and in your right mind, you have an opportunity to dedicate to God's glory what He has entrusted to you, and there are no taxes on what you devise to Mount Olive College. Through your will, you can provide for Christian work to be done, in your name beyond your years on earth. The world will see your final portrait through your will and will know that

> "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 29:1

URSUS HORRIBILIS

In the summer of 1967, five carefree young people were on their way at dusk to a back-trail campsite in Montana's Glacier National Park. They passed a group of campers who warningly told them that they had just been chased by a bear. The young people went on, however.

Reaching the campsite at dark, they built a fire as a protection against an attack. As the campers lay around the fire in their sleeping bags, a huge grizzly bear was seen through the smoke! Closer and closer he came! Feigning death, the youths lay motionless and hid their heads in blankets. Snuffling at the bags, the bear began to rip them apart. As the beast reared to its full height, four of the campers bolted for trees. The fifth one, Michele Koons, age nineteen, was dragged away, screaming, "He's ripping my arm! My God, I'm dead!"

Those in the trees looked helplessly upon the horrible scene!

Later the bear was killed. Human blood was on its fur and bits of human flesh were in its claws.

The bear lived up to his Latin name—Ursus horribilis.

The night of indescribable horror and death might have been averted if the young campers had heeded the warning.

Multitudes, in failing to heed the warnings of God's Word, have brought upon themselves and others sorrow and suffering which could have been averted.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God gave us the wisdom of reasoning to know right from wrong. Do we use it? We ignore it and we will pay the price of ignoring it on God's day of reckoning.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:13

PUPIL OF JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

One summer evening, as John Philip Sousa sat in his hotel room, he heard an organ-grinder in the street below playing his famed march "The Stars and Stripes Forever." He dashed to the street and jerked the organ away from the lazy organ-grinder. "Here! Here! This is the way to play that march," he said as he turned the handle of the organ vigorously. The music came forth spirited, snappy, and inspiring. The organ-grinder listened intently. Then he bowed low, smiled and profusely thanked Sousa.

The next night, Sousa again heard the organ. His favorite composition was being played animately in right tempo. Looking out of his hotel window, he saw a large crowd gathered around the organ-grinder. Over the organ was a sizable placard which read "Pupil of John Philip Sousa."

The organ-grinder was quick to obey the instruction of Sousa, his benefactor.

How filled with melody our hearts would be if we were quick to obey the directives of God.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God has provided us with the most divine instrument of perfection there is—the Bible. It is ours; take it and use it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:1

AS YOUNG AS YOUR FAITH

General Douglas MacArthur said, "You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts, as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

"In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur. . . . and power from the infinite, just so long, and no longer, are you young.

"When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you old."

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we know, our inner beings respond according to what they receive. Always be sure that only the best of words reaches the heart and soul.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 1:17

COMPROMISING THE GOSPEL

A man was leading his donkey. His son was walking along side the donkey. When a stranger scolded the son for letting his old father walk, the father mounted the animal. When another stranger scolded the father for riding while his son walked, the father took his son up with him. Finally, when both of them were chided for riding such a small beast, they got off and carried the donkey. Then, while crossing a bridge, they tripped, and the donkey fell into the stream.

Compromising to suit enemies, we lose friends. Compromising to suit friends, we made enemies. Compromising the gospel, we lose it. Sharing the gospel with the have-nots, we keep it.—*Prairie Overcomer.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Compromising to suit anyone or anything can do us no good. We have only One to suit and He will always be there when we call on Him.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture Reading—James 2:10

WHEN ONE LINK BREAKS

On December 15, 1967, the Silver Bri which spanned the Ohio River at I Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed. awesome tragedy occurred during the hour when the structure was loaded traffic. Cars and trucks plunged into dark, murky waters, and many peris Forty-two bodies were recovered; four not found.

Dr. Thomas Stelson, head of the engineering department of Carnegie-M University in Pittsburgh, said, "The br was probably subjected to the greatest it had ever been under. It was the bridge in the United States to be const ed with heat-treated I-bars holding up roadway instead of woven wire strands. I-bars are like chains and a chain is as strong as its weakest link. The l linkage to one of the supporting pier the upstream side failed. This threw full weight of the roadway on the side, which couldn't hold it either."

Long ago God welded a chain of links—the Ten Commandments. Its " shalt" and "thou shalt nots" were desi for mankind's highest and enduring g They are as binding, in their moral i cations, as when they were first thund from Sinai's rocky crags. When one or commandment, is broken, man is ad ed a lost sinner by God—guilty of brea all of them.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Under the stress and strain of the h load the bridge collapsed; if not for faith, trust, and hope we place in God, bodies could not withstand the heavy we have to carry at times.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture Reading—Psalm 26:7

"JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL"

When Charles Wesley was preachin an open-air meeting near Killyleagh, land, he was assaulted by a frenzied Unable to withstand his assailants, he for his life. Jane Moore, the kindhea wife of a farmer, hid him in the house.

Soon Wesley's pursuers arrived. W ing to divert their attention, Mrs. M said, "May I go to the milk house and some refreshing milk for you?"

Reaching the milk house, she whisp "Quickly go through the rear window. under the hedge!" Wesley clim through the window. A little brook f ing beside the hedge and overhan branches afforded him a cool and safe ing place.

While the mob unsuccessfully sear for him, Wesley wrote on a scrap of p the words of the universally loved h "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

roundbreaking eremony Held r Chapel

n February 27 Mount Olive College d a groundbreaking ceremony which ked the first stage of the construc- of a chapel on the campus.

Mrs. Sarah Condon Rodgers was the st of honor. Ten months ago Mrs. gers made a challenge gift of $60,000 he chapel fund.

Sarah Condon Rodgers (left) is shown iving a certificate of appreciation from ident W. Burkette Raper for a $60,000 lenge gift to the Mount Olive College el fund. The chapel will bear the gers' family name.

nce then gifts and pledges have to- d over $200,000.

peaking before a large audience of nds and benefactors of the College, ident W. Burkette Raper called this e of the great days in the history of nt Olive College. It is a day that leave its mark on the generations to come. The chapel will stand as pen invitation to spiritual growth on campus.

The chapel will bear the Rodgers' ly name as a lasting tribute and memorial to them. Mrs. Rodgers and all the others who have followed her example made their gifts out of the love and generosity of their hearts.

"Speaking for the faculty, the staff, the administration, and the Board of Trustees," said Dr. Raper, "I do want to thank you for your gifts and support."

Mrs. Rodgers was prompted to give her challenge gift out of love and appreciation for her late husband, Will R. Rodgers. At the time of his death, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were living in Stantonsburg, North Carolina, where Mr. Rodgers was president of the Stantonsburg branch of Branch Banking and Trust Company, president of W. H. Applewhite Company, president of the Stantonsburg Lumber Company, president of Contentnea Farms, Inc., a Mason, and a member of the American Legion.

The brief ceremony preceding the groundbreaking was held inside the Moye Library due to the inclement weather. But as the gathering moved outside, President Raper said, "As another Will Rodgers once said, The Lord's weather should never be allowed to interfere with the Lord's work.' "

Ralph Morris, chairman of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, President W. Burkette Raper and College Chaplain Frank Harrison (left to right) are shown removing the first spade of earth in groundbreaking ceremonies for the College chapel. Guests and dignitaries who gathered for the occasion are seen in the background.

President Raper, the Rev. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College chaplain, and Ralph Morris, chairman of the Board of Trustees, shared the shovel which turned the first spade of earth on the building site. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Wilson, president of the Free Will Baptist State Convention, delivered the prayer of dedication.

Following the ceremony Mrs. Rodgers attended a luncheon in her honor. Mrs. Rodgers heard thanks from students and staff of the College. President Raper presented her with a framed certificate as a token of appreciation for her generosity. "She wanted to do something that would help others," Dr. Raper said.

In other remarks, Dr. Raper stated that, although over $200,000 has been raised and construction cost is estimated at $195,000, more money will be needed. "We won't stop here," he said, "because we still need a carillon, pipe organ, landscaping, and other items in addition to the building itself."

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Outstanding Alumni Award Presented

Miss Jean Fillingame of Mount Olive is shown above (center) receiving the "Outstanding Alumni Award" at the annual banquet and business meeting of the Mount Olive College Alumni Association.

Presenting the award are Mrs. Bruce Dudley of Beulaville (left), a classmate of Miss Fillingame at Mount Olive and a member of the Association's Executive Committee, and Mrs. Diane Riley (right) of Fayetteville, president of the Association.

The surprise award, an engraved silver bowl, was the result of nominations conducted among the alumni with the Executive Committee serving as the panel of judges.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Piney Grove FWB Church Welcomes Director of SBI on March 11

Mr. Charles J. Dunn

Mr. Charles J. Dunn, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, March 11, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina.

Mr. Dunn was appointed director of the State Bureau of Investigation by Attorney General Robert B. Morgan. He assumed the position on January 3, 1969. Under his direction the SBI has greatly increased in size and effectiveness and is today recognized as one of the outstanding organizations of its type in the nation.

Mr. Dunn's address will be of particular interest to the younger generation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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New Sandy Hill FWB Church Announces Spring Revival

A spring revival will be held at the New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Bailey, North Carolina, on March 18-24. The Rev. Frank Flowers will be the evangelist at services beginning each evening at 7 p.m.

Special music will be rendered nightly. Your presence at this series of services will be welcomed.

Pastor Announces Revivals at Pleasant Hill and Gray Branch FWB Churches

The Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church and the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, announces upcoming revivals in both churches.

The revival at the Pleasant Hill church near Calico Cross Roads on Highway 43 will be held March 5-10. The Rev. Charles Crisp will be the speaker at the services, which will begin nightly at 7:45.

The Gray Branch church will hold revival services March 26-31 with the Rev. Norman Ard pastor of the Christian Chapel church, as the speaker. The services will begin each evening at 7:45.

The pastor and the congregations of both churches invite your presence at the revival services.

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Ministers' Conference Held at Palmer Memorial Church, Raleigh

Scene from the Banquet for Ministers and Their Wives

The North Carolina Ministers' Midyear Spiritual Life Conference was held at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 25 and 26. The conference was well attended and everyone received a great blessing from it.

The woman's auxiliary of the church entertained the ministers and their wives at a banquet in the fellowship hall on Thursday night (January 25). At this banquet the Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, was named the "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year."

The Rev. R. W. Allman, pastor of Palmer Memorial church, served as host pastor for the conference.

Layman's League of Palmer Memorial Sponsors "Operation Christmas Cheer"

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Garris and son Ma shall are seen in truck loaded with gifts f the Children's Home.

The layman's league of Palmer M morial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleig North Carolina, sponsored an "Operati Christmas Cheer" for the Free Will Ba tist Children's Home. Included in th operation were clothing, food, toys, a furniture for the children and the Hom

Several of the church members we to visit with the children at the Home the Sunday afternoon that the delive was made. It was a pleasure and a j to these members to spread some Chri mas cheer.

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First Western FWB Youth Conference Raises $2,600 for Children's Home

In October of 1972, a drive was sta ed by the First Western Free Will Bapt Youth Conference to raise money for Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

It was brought to the attention of youth conference at that time that churches were participating actively the youth rallies. It was agreed t each church would raise $100 for Children's Home by the time of the n meeting in November.

In one month's time, the young p ple in the churches raised approximat $2,600 for the Home. This was done bake sales, doughnut sales, car wash and donations. Howard F. Scott, in m ing the announcement, wrote, "" shows what prayers and hard work do when you are working for the Lo

The First Western Conference yo rally meets every fourth Saturday n in the month. All youth in the con ence are urged to attend.

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Perfect Attendance Pins Presented To 37 at Black Jack Sunday School

Thirty-seven members of the B Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Sun School received perfect attendance in a ceremony on Sunday, January Those members and the specified n ber of years are as follows: one y Junior Caulder, Vickie Hinson, Jo Hinson, Judy Cenate, Tod Cenate, Ju

ate, Pete Cenate, Adam Caulder; two rs, Jo Ann Whitfield, Eric Caulder, stal Caulder; three years, Mozelle undson, Al Ezzell, Jackie Whitfield, ie Mumford, Billy Thornton, Charlotte undson; four years, Wanda Ezzell, Ann Hinson; five years, John Lee son; six years, Jo Ann Ezzell; seven rs, Randy Turnage, Bobby Jean Hinson, Warrick, Nelson Kornegay; eight rs, Mark Hinson, Johnny Hinson; nine s, W. J. Tyner; eleven years, Jasper amb; twelve years, Mike Turnage, Turnage, Jean Turnage; fourteen s, Cathy Hartley; sixteen years, Len- Capps; seventeen years, Lillian es, Sudie Barnes; and twenty years, ert Barnes.

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val Scheduled at Daly's Chapel ch for the Coming Week

evival services will begin at Daly's el Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, n Springs, North Carolina, on Mon- night, March 12, and will continue gh Saturday night, March 17. The ces will begin each evening at 7:30 the Rev. Bobby Harrell, pastor of Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist ch, serving as the guest evangelist. e pastor of Daly's Chapel church, Rev. Chris Singleton, will assist in e services. Special music will be ered throughout the week. A warm ation is extended to the public to d.

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Rev. Clarence Bowen to Speak evival Services at Dilda's Grove

revival at Dilda's Grove Free Will ist Church near Fountain, North ina, will begin on March 12 and nue through March 17. The evange- for the meetings will be the Rev. nce Bowen, pastor of the First Free Baptist Church of Wilson, North ina. Services will begin each even- t 7:30.

e pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, and church cordially invite the public to d these services.

eryone is requested to pray for a revival, one in which many de- ns for Christ will be made.

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dship Church old Revival

vival services will be held at the dship Free Will Baptist Church, e 1, Farmville, North Carolina, the of March 12-17. Beginning night- 7:30, the revival will feature the Charles Crisp, pastor of the First Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. Mr. Crisp will be assisted by the minister of Friendship church, the Rev. Walter Reynolds. Special music will be rendered nightly by local and visiting groups. The public is issued a cordial invitation to attend what promises to be a week of heart-reaching messages and real Christian fellowship.

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Ministerial Leadership for Faith FWB Church Cited by Congregation

Members of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 7, Kinston, North Carolina, honored their resigning pastor on Sunday night, February 25. The Rev. Joe Johnson of Kenly was presented a plaque in recognition for services rendered the church and its congregation. Immediately following the presentation, everyone was served refreshments at a reception honoring the occasion.

As of March 1, the Faith church will welcome as its new pastor the Rev. Larry W. Coats of Smithfield, North Carolina. The church is looking forward to a meaningful relationship with this new leader, and everyone is invited to attend the initial service and all others, whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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The Rev. David Charles Hansley to Speak at Revival at Free Union

The Rev. David Charles Hansley will conduct revival services at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, on March 11-16 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of the Free Union church, will assist Mr. Hansley in the services. In addition to the gospel message, there will also be a program of sacred music each evening.

Mr. Hansley is president of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association and was named "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year" in 1968. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all of the revival services.

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Watery Branch Church Announces Revival Services, March 12-17

The Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, North Carolina, will hold revival services March 12-17 at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Larry Coats, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, will be the evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the church members invite everyone to attend and to enjoy the preaching of this young minister. Special singing will be rendered by church and other local groups each night.

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EATING AND MUSIC

"Eating is too frequently irksome. What we need is a union of mush and melody. The day is not far distant when music and mastication will march down through the dim vision of years together.

"The Baked Bean Chant, the Vermicelli Waltz, the Mush and Milk March, the sad and touchful Pumpkin Pie Refrain, the gay and rollicking Oxtail Soup Gallop, and the melting Ice Cream Serenade, will yet be common musical names!"—Bill Nye.

Coming Events . . .

March 10—State League Convention, Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina; Piedmont District Youth Fellowship, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

March 24—Western District Youth Convention, Micro Free Will Baptist Church; Central District Youth Convention, Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church.

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Comparative Analysis of January Receipts

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, N. C. gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of January, 1973. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing, but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for January, 1973, compared with January, 1972.

Contributions Received	1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Albemarle Conference	$ 274.52	$ 475.71	$(201.19)
Blue Ridge Association	16.75	12.66	4.09
Cape Fear Conference	876.88	409.74	467.14
Central Conference	1,506.25	1,382.84	123.41
Eastern Conference	2,270.85	2,464.94	(194.09)
Pee Dee Association	351.36		351.36
Piedmont Conference	339.62	30.00	309.62
Rockfish Conference		12.60	(12.60)
Toe River Association		50.00	(50.00)
Western Conference	2,246.47	2,610.24	(363.77)
Other States	59.71		59.71
Other Religious Contributions	817.50		817.50
Total Religious Contributions	$ 8,759.91	$ 7,448.73	$ 1,311.18
Parents and Relatives	$ 836.60	$ 1,269.18	$(432.58)
Friends and Others	268.00	155.00	113.00
Farm Income	3,040.76	3,109.84	(69.08)
Canteen	105.52	163.00	(57.48)
McLeod Farm Rent	*	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Interest Income	478.22		478.22
Miscellaneous Income	90.13	2,045.38	(1,955.25)
Total Other Income	$ 4,819.23	$ 8,242.40	$(3,423.17)
Total Income for Month	$13,579.14	$15,691.13	$(2,111.99)
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$13,090.92	$14,062.21	$(971.29)
Jesse Woodard Education Fund	10.00	10.00	
McLeod Education Loan Fund	*	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Burress Endowment Fund	64.89	52.67	12.22
Winfield Endowment Fund	25.42		25.42
Church Finance Association	387.91	66.25	321.66
	$13,579.14	$15,691.13	$(2,111.99)

*The McLeod farm rent ($1,500) has since been received in February, 1973.

HONOR ROLL

Albemarle Conference

Gum Neck	$ 50.00
Mt. Tabor	75.06
S. S. Convention	89.46
Plymouth	10.00
Sound Side	50.00

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill	$ 16.75

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel	$ 10.00
Lee's Chapel	217.29
Oak Grove	19.00
Palmer Memorial	108.70
Saint Mary's Grove	5.00
Shady Grove	250.00
Tee's Chapel	13.70
West Clinton	197.31
Wooten's Chapel	55.88

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$153.[illegible]
Bethany	50.[illegible]
Community	50.[illegible]
Dawson's Grove	10.[illegible]
Dilda's Grove	25.[illegible]
Free Union	77.[illegible]
Friendship	87.[illegible]
Grimsley	200.[illegible]
Gum Swamp	5.[illegible]
Harrell's Chapel	20.[illegible]
Hickory Grove	18.[illegible]
Hugo	4.[illegible]
Little Creek	110.[illegible]
2nd Union	12.[illegible]
4th Union	125.[illegible]
Ormondsville	13.[illegible]
Otter's Creek	94.[illegible]
Peace	16.[illegible]
Reedy Branch	286.[illegible]
Rose of Sharon	10.[illegible]
Winterville	110.[illegible]

Eastern Conference

Antioch	$ 40.[illegible]
Arapahoe	10.[illegible]
British Chapel	5.[illegible]
Core Creek	58.[illegible]
Crab Point	50.[illegible]
Daly's Chapel	11.[illegible]
Dublin Grove	27.[illegible]
Deep Run	145.[illegible]
Faith	5.[illegible]
Friendship	17.[illegible]
Jackson Heights	51.[illegible]
Juniper Chapel	10.[illegible]
Kinston	10.[illegible]
Lanier's Chapel	10.[illegible]
Moseley's Creek	421.[illegible]
Mount Olive	15.[illegible]
Mt. Zion (Pamlico)	30.[illegible]
Eula Jones	5.[illegible]
5th S. S. Convention	50.[illegible]
Carteret Union	20.[illegible]
5th Union	42.[illegible]
3rd Union	50.[illegible]
New Bethlehem	22.[illegible]
New Haven	27.[illegible]
Northeast	51.[illegible]
Pearsall's Chapel	116.[illegible]
Pilgrim's Rest	25.[illegible]
Rock of Zion	68.[illegible]
Sarecta	67.[illegible]
Smith's New Home	10.[illegible]
Smyrna	50.[illegible]
Spring Hope	100.[illegible]
St. Mary's	514.[illegible]
Trent	41.[illegible]
Whaley's Chapel	50.[illegible]
Wildwood	7.[illegible]
Wintergreen	36.[illegible]

Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam	$125.[illegible]
Union No. 1	50.[illegible]

k Grove	26.36
ite Oak	150.00
ont Conference	
Rockingham	$200.00
h Point	125.00
. Olive	14.62
rn Conference	
nes Hill	$ 71.27
k Jack Grove	100.00
nch Chapel	79.43
ood Lane	10.66
rett's Chapel	158.42
endship	205.00
ly Springs	10.00
ly	65.85
le Rock	5.00
Union	100.00
rsh Swamp	73.64
morial Chapel	34.96
bournie	82.50
Zion (Nash)	100.00
v Sandy Hill	101.35
ples Chapel	55.00
ey Grove	29.09
e Level	5.00
asant Grove	10.00
asant Hill	256.81
ns Crossroads	10.50
ebud	5.00
ncils Chapel	31.47
Mary's	200.00
ney Creek	250.00
ny Hill	25.00
on Grove	80.52
tson's Grove	50.00
son	40.00
States	
rel City, W. Va.	59.71
Religious Contributions	
pel Singing Groups	817.50

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stern District Youth Give $2,600

the fall of 1972, the Western Dis- Youth Fellowship raised approxi- y $2,600 for the Children's Home. ift was raised by the YFA's of the dual churches in the Western Con- e. Such gifts as these, given by outh of the Free Will Baptist de- ation, make us much aware that people are standing for Christ. hildren's Home attempts to fulfill command to care for the orphan he homeless. The youth of the rn Conference have joined hand in with the Lord and the Children's to give the boys and girls who live Home another chance in life. The of the Western Conference can be sure that God will bless their work as they continue to seek God's will for their conference.

The Children's Home appreciates the gift of $2,600. You can be assured that God will multiply it even more so that it will prove to be a great blessing to the Children's Home.

(Editor's Note: See "News and Notes of Denominational Interest" in this issue for further information on this gift.)

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Thanksgiving Honor Roll

Listed below are the churches, Sunday schools, auxiliaries, and other organizations which responded 100% or more ($1 per member) for a special Thanksgiving offering for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. We are truly thankful for the special efforts of these organizations. A list of all November and Thanksgiving contributions will be published shortly.

Albemarle Conference	
Hickory Chapel Auxiliary	$116.18
Trinity	126.00
Shiloh	204.65
Mount Tabor Sunday School	136.49
Piney Grove	50.00
Belhaven	68.00
Mount Zion	193.34
Virginia Beach	314.18
Cape Fear Conference	
Powhatan	288.02
Faith	150.00
Oak Grove Sunday School	235.00
Palmer Memorial Auxiliary	151.54
Steven's Chapel	175.00
Lanwood Chapel	50.00
Casey's Chapel	1,115.37
Yelverton Grove Auxiliary	15.00
Yelverton Grove Sunday School	210.85
Smyrna	165.00
Riverside	125.00
Central Conference	
Otter's Creek	195.68
Walnut Creek	126.71
Williamston Sunday School	50.00
Pleasant Hill	101.35
Sweet Gum Grove Circle No. 2	28.00
Sweet Gum Grove	250.00
Peace	100.00
Winterville League	25.00
Owen's Chapel	354.25
Free Union Sunday School	349.45
Marlboro	162.70
Ormondsville	600.00
Aspen Grove Sunday School	215.00
Ayden	310.00
Black Jack	1,064.35
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	231.35
Eastern Conference	
New Bethlehem Carson Branch Class	5.50
Saint's Delight Auxiliary	20.00
Dublin Grove Sunday School	143.69
Indian Springs	100.00
Moseley's Creek	171.00
Moseley's Creek Auxiliary	25.00
White Oak Grove Circle No. 2	25.00
Vanceboro	200.00
Warsaw	30.00
Bethel	329.05
Cabin	163.58
Rooty Branch	150.00
Beulaville	300.00
White Oak Grove	214.62
White Oak Grove Auxiliary	25.00
Warden's Grove	459.30
Juniper Chapel Auxiliary	72.95
Core Creek Sunday School	82.62
Pearsall Chapel	498.38
Croatan	75.00
Wilmington Auxiliary	15.00
Russell Creek	125.00
Mount Pleasant	85.18
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	90.00
Juniper Chapel Women's Bible Class	50.00
Memorial	105.95
Core Point	36.00
Holly Springs	164.00
Pee Dee Association	
Beaverdam	713.00
Piedmont Conference	
House of Prayer	50.00
Christ Auxiliary	25.00
Durham YFA	50.00
Mount Olive	50.00
Rockfish Conference	
Sandy Grove	100.00
Western Conference	
Stancil's Chapel	308.72
Stancil's Chapel League	100.00
Calvary	321.18
Pine Level	320.70
Flood's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00
Piney Grove	253.56
Wilson Willing Workers	167.50
Wilson Fidelis Class	318.73
Wilson Ladies' Class	40.00
Wilson Intermediate Boys	12.25
Wilson Men's Class	25.00
Wilson Church	1,125.00
Everett's Chapel	238.78
Elwood Lane	127.51
Barnes Hill	211.77
Pleasant Hill Sunday School	90.43
Unity	100.00
People's Chapel Sunday School	171.84
St. Mary's (Wilson)	273.60
Sherron Acres	175.00

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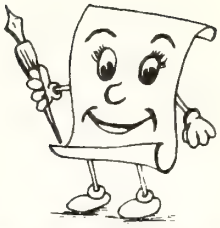
GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

The view from the kitchen window has changed.

And that's why this column has been absent lately.

On a cool Saturday in January, we moved our heavy furniture to our new home in the country, thinking we'd get small items like the sewing machine, typewriter, lawn chairs, etc., the following week.

But we got snowed in and it took three more weeks to finish moving. The typewriter (without which I can't write) was one of the last things to arrive at the new house, and for a good while it was surrounded by boxes.

The garage is still packed with unpacked boxes, and the living room looks like a disaster area. But the rest of the house is livable. Maybe we'll get settled and straightened out during the summer.

I've been told that people who move frequently get so well organized that they can pack in a couple of hours, but I doubt I'd ever get that good, even with practice. I used to know a woman who kept two barrels for packing her dishes, and in each new home the barrels served as lamp tables. She covered them with circular cloths touching the floor even before that became fashionable.

Though no one is anxious to experience the unknown, we all look forward to going to heaven. One nice thing about it is that we won't have to supervise the building nor do our own moving. Someone is building with the materials we send and decides for us what to keep and what to discard. The furnishing and decorating will be done before we get there, and we'll move quickly—like "the twinkling of an eye." No fuss, no bother. Now, that's the way to move! It even beats that well-known company which packs and moves everything for you.

Maybe there won't be any dust, dirt, and snow there, either.

When the Snow Melts

It is always amusing to me to see a supermechanized society come to a complete halt because of snow. These halts jerk our thoughts from the trivial everyday details of living to loftier, more lasting things.

A fluffy white snow covering gives the earth a clean, pure appearance, but when the snow melts, the earth is shown for what it really is. One day, the eyes of Jesus will burn through the snov our public image and expose wha actually are underneath; He will r the crevices of hidden grudges, the of petty grievances, the filthy blac of unconfessed sin. Are you read the snow to melt?

—Nancy Matthe

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

God Ventures

True Accounts of God in the Lives of Men

compiled by IRENE BURK HARRELL

If God works in contemporary society, if He is still creating in the modern world, He is doing it through individual men and women. And for God to continue to reveal Himself to twentieth-century people, they must be so related to Him that they can both hear and be used effectively as God's instruments when He calls.

The experiences related in **God Ventures** are the true stories of people with whom God has worked and who have worked with God. They are ordinary people—housewives, clerks, secretaries, doctors, soldiers, reporters, missionaries —even criminals. In ordinary and extraordinary circumstances they found God's power and presence real.

Parsonage and prison cell, burning hotel and cannibal jungle, slum streets of Harlem and newspaper office of Seattle—no place is too dark, too faraway, too terrible, or too ordinary for God. Hate, indifference, skepticism, evil, inertia—all melted in the presence of God's love.

God is still at work in His world. These men and women prove that He is.

About the Author:

Irene Harrell keeps busy as the mother of six children and the wife of a judge who enjoys gardening. When she's not cooking, canning, freezing, or cleaning, she's writing. **God Ventures,** she says, grew out of her awareness of the urgent need for exciting, true, God-with-us-here-and-now material that would hold the attention and capture the hearts of teen-agers in her church and community. To do this, she selected stories from

such writers as Catherine Marshall, vid Wilkerson, John Sherrill, and A Sanford, as well as lesser known wr whose stories are equally as grippin

Irene Harrell lives in Wilson, N Carolina. She has written a numbe books, many of which contain, like **Ventures,** the real life experience living people.

God Ventures is available now a Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, way 11 North, Ayden, North Car and at branch bookstores in New Smithfield, and Wilson, North Car Other books by her are also availab the bookstores. The bookstore in W has a particularly wide selection.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

estion: How do we know that the is the Word of God?

swer: The writings on this subject rolific. We probably have as many es written in an effort to give us t and acceptable information on subject as any we might mention. here will not permit us to go be- a mere outline of the facts avail- to us—facts that give such clear s that no one need err when con- ng this worthy and worthwhile sub- Anyone, be he an honest seeker, wishes to know that the Bible s **rightfully** to be the divine, in- H, unerring, infallible Word of God, ctly representing itself in all points, ave this information in every need- tail without reading too much trash necessary discussions concerning it. of the external reasons why we , without doubt, that we have in ible the inspired Word of God—the ntic, authoritative, infallible, and e message of God given directly to e as follows:

The ancient manuscripts now to be in the great libraries of the world us back to quite an early date. of these manuscripts of the New ment were written as early as the entury A.D. Also we have avail- o us Greek manuscripts of the Old ment of the kind Christ himself when He was here on earth and which He quoted as being the di- infallible, unerring Word of the liv- od. This translation was made no than 250 B.C. and is known to us e Septuagint version.

The translations or versions of the into many languages of the peoples e world are more numerous than n tell here. Some are older than uthentic manuscripts available to t is a well-known and widely dis- d fact that the men who made of these translations could easily been personally acquainted with postles, all of which makes it clear that these manuscripts possess apostolic authority.

3. Something like fifty of the Early Church fathers quoted from the New Testament so freely in their writings that all the New Testament might be put together, with the exception of a few of its passages. These writings of the church fathers are accessible to the Bible scholars of our day. When these manuscripts, versions, translations, and quotations from the church fathers are compared verse by verse, line by line, they are found to verify the facts that our English Bible of today is authentic.

4. Archeology has proved to be a very worthy and much needed servant in proving many, many facts of Bible history that were once questioned by liberals. Monuments and tablets have been discovered which prove beyond any reasonable doubt that they tell the story of creation, the fall, the flood, and other such events of Bible history. Abraham's early home, the city of Ur of the Chaldees, has been discovered. These are only a few of the silent testimonies from the mountains of silent testimonies standing in bold defiance of the enemies of the eternal and worthy Word of the one and only living God.

5. History has borne out the prophecies foretold in the Word of God. Could anything, pray tell me, be more striking and more convincing than the way prophecy both has been and is being fulfilled concerning the Jews? This alone should and does make an honest liberal stop and think before he proceeds further to question the authenticity of God's Word as we have it in our authorized version. Those who are dishonest are not worth the time it takes to convince the worthy ones.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Barrow's answer to this question will be continued in next week's issue of **The Free Will Baptist.**)

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, is seeking a minister to pastor the church on a full-time basis. The minister is needed immediately. Anyone who is interested in securing information about this pastorate should contact Mr. William Bailey, Route 1, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883, telephone 243-6916. If unable to reach Mr. Bailey, please contact Mr. Kinshen Walston, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina 27883, telephone 237-0909.

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The Rev. Edgar Benton announces that he has resigned his pastorate at the Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and will be available for other pastoral work, full or part-time, on the first of March. Any church seeking a pastor may contact him by phoning 242-5283 in Fremont or by writing to Route 1, Box 395, Fremont, North Carolina 27830.

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Mr. Graham Rodney Wilson of Route 1, Box 223, Cove City, North Carolina 28523, is available for supply pastoral work. He is a licensed minister, 29 years of age, married, and the father of two children. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing to the address above, or by telephoning 638-1765.

CHILDREN'S HOME

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Holly Springs Auxiliary	50.00
Holly Springs Young Adults	15.00
Spring Hill	100.00
Piney Grove Sunday School	183.39
Mount Zion (Wilson) Auxiliary	50.00
Little Rock	500.00
Oak Grove	145.76

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Paul E. Little commented, "Collapse in the Christian life is seldom a blowout. It is usually a slow leak."

STORIES

for our youth

GOOD MEDICINE

by Rosalie W. Doss

IN Palestine, Jethro and his widowed mother moved to a small town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Jethro was unhappy about the move. He said, "Mother, we have no friends here."

"Remember the words of wise King Solomon," his mother said. "'A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly' (see Proverbs 18:24). You will soon have friends if you follow that advice. You must let people know that you want friends."

"But, Mother, how will we make a living?" Jethro wanted to know next.

"There is an abundance of fish in the Sea of Galilee," said his mother. "We will catch fish and sell them. We also have our two goats to give us milk."

But Jethro was not convinced. It was easy for his mother to say that he would make friends. But he couldn't just walk up to a strange boy and ask, "Will you be my friend?"

Jethro was fishing off the rocks the day he met Simon. He felt someone watching him. When Jethro turned around, there was Simon staring at him.

Was Simon going to be his friend?

"You will never catch fish there," said Simon.

"Why?" asked Jethro.

"Your net will get torn on the rocks. The fish will escape through the holes and go back into the sea. Ho! Ho!" Simon laughed at the thought of Jethro's fish getting away.

Jethro sighed unhappily. A person who would laugh at another's misfortune was no friend.

Several days later, Jethro was tethering the two goats where they could eat grass. There he met Amos, who was bringing out his family's goats.

Was Amos going to be his friend?

Jethro smiled at Amos. He asked, "Is it all right for me to tether my goats near yours?"

"Yes," said Amos. "But don't ever tie them near Old Caleb's goats."

"Why?" asked Jethro.

"It is said that Old Caleb throws rocks at goats and kills them," said Amos.

"Have you seen him do it?" asked Jethro.

"No," said Amos, shaking his head. "I am only repeating what my neighbors next door told me."

Amos was a gossip and a talebearer. Such a person would not make a good friend. He could not be trusted.

Sadly Jethro went home with his goats.

The next day, when Jethro was bringing in his nets, a boy named Efrem came toward him, walking along the shore.

Would Efrem be his friend?

Efrem's brown eyes sparkled merrily. There was a big smile on his face. He said, "Let me give you a hand with that heavy net."

The two boys heaved and eventually pulled in the net.

"You have a good catch," said Efrem. "Hiram the Fishmonger will be pleased to get such a fine haul of fish."

Later Efrem and Jethro sat down on some nearby rocks to rest. Efrem took out a little reed whistle. He began playing a merry tune. The gay music lifted Jethro's spirits. He could not remember when he had felt so happy.

"Efrem!" he cried. "What a fine whistle you have, and you play it so well."

"Would you like to learn how to play a reed whistle?" asked Efrem.

"Yes," said Jethro, "but I have no whistle on which to learn."

"I will make you a whistle," Efrem. "There are many reeds gr near my house. I will bring you own new whistle tomorrow."

"Thank you, Efrem," said Jethro was too overcome with joy to say thing more.

Jethro ran all the way home t his mother the good news. "Mot cried Jethro. "I made a new frien day. His name is Efrem. He is h and kind, and he plays a happy tu a reed whistle. He is going to m whistle for me and teach me how to it."

Suddenly Jethro stopped talking. T was a thoughtful, but at the same happy, look on his face.

"What is it, Jethro?" asked his mo

"I am remembering another sayin the wise King Solomon that fits my friend."

Jethro repeated it for his mother: merry heart doeth good like a medi (see Proverbs 17:22)."

Jethro's mother nodded in happy derstanding. "It is always good cine to make a new friend—one w kind and thoughtful."

—My Plea

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CHICKEN-FEED

Farmers in the grasshopper-inf regions of the Northwest have devis means of turning the destructive into chicken-feed. With troughs pl in front of the automobiles, the far drive through grain fields. The ins fall into clear water in the trou They are later poured into sacks to and will be fed to chickens next wi One farmer "harvested" thirty bus of grasshoppers to the acre by method!

BOOKSTORE HOURS

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* The Christian Bookstore
* Gift Shop, located at the
* Will Baptist Press Foundat
* Inc., Highway 11 North, Ay
* North Carolina, observes
* following hours:
* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5
* Saturday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

ONOR ROLL FOR TCHEN FUND

he following contributions for the mont Assembly kitchen fund have received by Mrs. Ruby H. Hancock ng the last 60 days:

ahoe Woman's Auxiliary	$ 50
C. M. Harrison	$ 25
geton FWB Church (In Honor Mrs. Glover Pate)	$ 50
Mary's FWB Church, New rn	$250
Mary's Auxiliary, Circle No. (In Honor of Mrs. J. C. Reece)	$ 50
Original FWB Church	$ 25
Saint Mary's Auxiliary, Circle No. 7 (In Honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Cox)	$ 50
Moseley's Creek Woman's Auxiliary	$ 50
Miscellaneous from Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary	$ 69

Mrs. Hancock writes, "This has been a real challenge to me, and I have received great joy in making this effort for Cragmont Assembly. The response has been most enthusiastic. I wish to express my appreciation to the churches, auxiliaries, Sunday schools, and young people's groups, as well as individuals, that have responded to my request to help me raise $1,000. At the present time, I have received $1,320.43. May God bless each of you who helped to make this possible."

arsh Swamp xiliary Holds nquet

irty-eight members of the woman's iary of the Marsh Swamp Free Will st Church were present for a valen- banquet on Tuesday night, February Parkers Barbecue Restaurant. The et tables were arranged in the of a "u," which lent a feeling of fellowship among the group. The table was centered with an arrange- of gladioli and mums. Seated at table were the officers for 1973: Fred Boykin, president; Mrs. Bobby oyette, vice president; Mrs. Floyd , secretary; Mrs. Garland Lemmons, urer; and Mrs. Billy Nichols and Miss Frances Boyette, who gave the devotion on the topic, "Love."

The highlight of the evening was the revealing of the valentine "secret pals," and the drawing of new names. This is one of the ways that each member of the auxiliary shows her love for a friend during the year.

Upcoming activities of the auxiliary were discussed briefly before the serving of the meal. Plans were made to remember Mrs. James Hunt Sr., long-time member of the auxiliary, with a box of valentine candy. She was unable to attend the banquet due to recent surgery at Wilson Memorial Hospital. A cleanup of the new recreation room at the church was scheduled for Saturday, February 10. Pledges were made to help in the purchasing of 100 folding chairs for this room.

Mrs. Carolyn Boyette, chairman of the building fund supper, announced that the supper would be held on March 17 at Rock Ridge High School. Mrs. Joan Parker, youth chairman, announced that the youth rally for the western district will be held at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday night, February 24. Members listed the food that they planned to furnish for refreshments.

April 15, 17, and 20 were announced as the dates for the pre-Easter services to be sponsored by the auxiliary. Miss Frances Boyette concluded the business session by explaining the requirements for an A-1 auxiliary.

Mrs. Ann Liles rendered a prayer and thanks for the food. The menu consisted of barbecue, fried chicken, slaw, brunswick stew, boiled potatoes, bread sticks, tea, and coffee. The banquet ended with the group's saying of the benediction.

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Spring Auxiliary Conventions Upcoming

District auxiliary conventions are now scheduled for each district in the North Carolina State Convention. A full listing appears in the "Coming Events" column elsewhere in this issue of **The Free Will Baptist.**

Will you join me in praying for each of these conventions? I have received requests from convention presidents that they be remembered. I am asking each auxiliary member to join me in praying for a great spiritual awakening among the women of our State Convention.

Do make plans to attend your convention.

Mrs. Ruby H. Hancock, **President**
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Man Has Gone Astray

Lesson Text: Genesis 3:1-19; Psalm 14: 1-3; Jeremiah 10:23; 17:9, 10; Romans 1:28—2:24

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:6

I. INTRODUCTION

A stanza of an old hymn goes like this:

"O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to bel
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above."
—*Robert Robinson.*

The last four lines of this stanza tell us that man is prone to stray away from God. This we know is true. However, in recent years hymn revisers have changed the words in some hymnals to read:

"Prone to love Thee, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to serve the God I love."

This change in the old hymn does not at all alter the fact that man is a victim of his carnal nature. Even after he is saved he needs to be alert to the possibility of falling into sin. He has strayed away from God and only God's grace can restore him.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. The doctrine of depravity defined.
2. What did man lose in Adam's fall in Eden?
   a. He lost God's approval upon his life.
   b. He lost the nature of God.
   c. He lost the knowledge of God.
   d. He lost a home with God.

B. All Men Are Sinners (Psalm 14:2, 3)
1. The Lord knows the hearts of men.
2. All men have gone astray and are sinners.
3. This truth is taught in both the Old and New Testaments.

C. Man Cannot Help Himself (Jeremiah 10:23)
This is humiliating to man, but it is true. All that man can do is accept or reject.

D. Man Will Be Judged (Jeremiah 17:9, 10)
1. The human heart is deceitful above all things.
2. Because the human heart is deceitful, a man cannot know himself.
3. Because the human heart is deceitful, a man cannot know his fellowman.
4. But God knows and will judge hearts of all men.

E. The Wrath of God (Romans 1:28-32)
1. God gave men up to uncleanness (v. 24).
2. God gave men up to vile affections (v. 26).
3. God gave men up to a reprobate mind (v. 28).
4. The fruit of all this is given in Scripture (vv. 28-32).

F. Man Is Inexcusable (Romans 2:1)
There is no excuse for our sins, and we should not judge others.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Generation after generation men analyze their situations, and generation after generation they lament their sad plight. The eyes of time witness wars, hatred, crime, and the countless evidences of human degradation. The specific forms and actors may change, but the same troubles still plague them.

The plight of man is not in dispute. But men have ascribed the situation to many and various causes, and they are equally divided upon the remedies.

As causes they propose ignorance, poverty, or a thousand other factors. As remedies they suggest education, equal distribution of wealth, or whatever else they reason to be the antidote.

The Bible speaks clearly and definitely to the point. Whatever forms they may take, man's deepest difficulties are the direct product of a single factor: sin. It may be his own, or that of another, but sin will pay its wages, and every man will collect what is due him.

If the Bible reveals the cause of n low estate, it also gives the rem Jesus Christ, in whom the entire demptive scheme is centered.

Our going astray is primarily th sult of our willful wrong choice; ou demption is the result of our willful choice. Man is not innocently dupe an instinctive "follow-the-leader" c He is expected to think for himsel act for himself, and to be accoun for his actions. This principle is versally true.

All Scripture is written primarily the perspective of God, which is should be.

From the perspective of God, man moved far from the point of his ori relationship with God when Adam ed with Him in the garden. Sin sev this relationship in the beginning, since all who have followed Adam sinned, the severance is universal.

Medievalists believed that Eve's came as a consequence of her inord curiosity, her desire to know that w did not need to be known. The ac and words of the serpent, then, ca ized upon this trait.

Curiosity may account for a few o troubles and a small minority of hu sins, but it is a small minority in Personal experience will quickly co to each of us that our wrongdoings far more often the deliberate, kno disobedience of a life not fully contr by the Lord.—**Standard Lesson Com tary.**

B. The Bible frankly states wha human philosophies and religions fi are forced to admit—the fact that man nature has a basic, inbred Even in its days of glory before W War I, Modernism knew that the pe ibility of human nature lay in the fu Neo-orthodoxy considers man's cap for inhumanity to be vestigial rem of his evolution from bestiality, b does more realistically face the fact man is not what he ought to be. the Bible, however, recognizes this verse quirk in human nature for wh is and calls it by its true name—sin

A basic expression of this sin ciple in the heart of man is his spi independence, his desire to go his way. Man was the original "I'd r do it myself" character. This, in is one of the basic ingredients of si a creature of God, man is dependen accountable. In disobedience and lion against God, man has asserte

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

e not the times of fear and danger you feel closer to God? Do you call im when your days are happy and You should pray to Him at all times.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

ipture Reading—Proverbs 1:27

WHERE THEIR FOLLY LAY

ny thrilling stories have been told the Klondike gold rush. This one is impressive.

e day a prospecting party, penetrating to the Klondike, came upon a miner's Entering the hut, they found the bodies of two men and a large ity of gold. On a table there was a which told of the successful search e precious ore. In their eagerness ne the gold, the miners had neglected ke provision for the coming of winter. h day the two men found gold in lance. One morning they awoke and hat a blizzard had come. For days mpest raged. All hope of escape left their little store of food was gone. wrote the letter and lay down to die e midst of abounding gold!

e miner's folly was not in finding and ing gold, but in neglecting to pro- for the coming of winter. How like are those who make no provision for oming winter of death.

PRAYER THOUGHT

you are one of those who has gone h life not knowing or not caring everlasting life, now is the time to do hing about it. Seek God today! To- w may be too late.

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Patching Trousers

o pastors' wives sat mending their nds' pants. One of them said to ther, "My poor John, he is so dis- ged in his church work. He said he other day he was considering ing. It seems that nothing goes for him."

other replied, "Why, my husband aying just the opposite. He is so sed, it seems like the Lord is closer than ever before."

ushed silence fell as they continued nd the trousers, ONE PATCHING NEES, AND THE OTHER THE SEAT.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Miss Fillingame, formerly of Vanceboro, is a graduate of the Class of 1960. She has been serving as secretary to the president at Mount Olive College since 1965, and as assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees since 1970. She also is advisor to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship through which she has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life development of Mount Olive College.

In addition to her demanding job and active church work, she enjoys cooking, reading, and "the company of people."

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Raper to Speak At Lee's Chapel

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will speak at the 11 o'clock worship hour at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina, on Sunday, March 11. The church will be observing "Mount Olive College Day." Dr. Raper's message will develop the topic, "The Potential of Our Youth."

The Rev. Henry Armstrong is pastor of Lee's Chapel church. He and the congregation welcome your presence on this special day.

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Revival in Progress, Lancaster and Taylor Speaking

The Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, announces its spring revival for March 5-10, 7:30 p.m., with Mr. Reb Lancaster and Mr. Bobby Taylor as the evangelists.

Mr. Lancaster, a sophomore at Mount Olive College, is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, and is licensed by the Eastern Conference.

Mr. Taylor, a freshman at Mount Olive College, is a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, near Columbia, North Carolina, and is licensed by the Albemarle Conference.

They request your prayers as they seek to proclaim the Word of God.

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I WOKE UP MAD

by J. Stewart Humphrey

All morning I fussed and fumed and finally someone was brave enough to ask, "Don't you feel well today?"

"I woke up mad today," I snapped. I sensed immediately that I had hurt her feelings, but she said nothing more.

I pondered what had happened and a still small voice come to me, the same one Elijah heard, I'm sure, and sang to me the words of an old gospel song, "I woke up this morning feeling fine, I woke up with heaven on my mind. . . ." Heaven, yes heaven, where God is—and where God is, there are peace and joy and happiness.

I woke up, but I didn't wake up with heaven on my mind. There were ill feelings toward someone still there from the day before; I had let the sun go down on my wrath.

Then the voice said again, "Ye are my witnesses." Was I this witness? my heart asked. There was but one answer. Today I had refused to give Him my burden. He told me I could cast it upon Him, but I had refused. So, I witnessed that morning, but I witnessed for the evil one. I showed everyone how to be headstrong, unforgiving, harsh, unjust, and I was full of anger. All these traits the devil adores in a person, particularly a Christian.

Then the voice came again, "Every knee shall bow (should bow daily) and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." I prayed and ate lunch, and when I returned to work, it wasn't long before she said, "I believe you're feeling better."

"Yes, I do, thank you. I woke up on the devil's side this morning, but at lunch I gave my burdens to the Lord and gave Him the rest of my day. Now I feel fine. Rather than ill will, I've got 'heaven on my mind.'"

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Sunday School Lesson

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independence from God and his self-determination. This is sin.

In the Bible, this specific sin is called either a transgression or a trespass. Both words carry the idea of a misstep that involves either stepping off the proper path or stepping beyond the proper limits.—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

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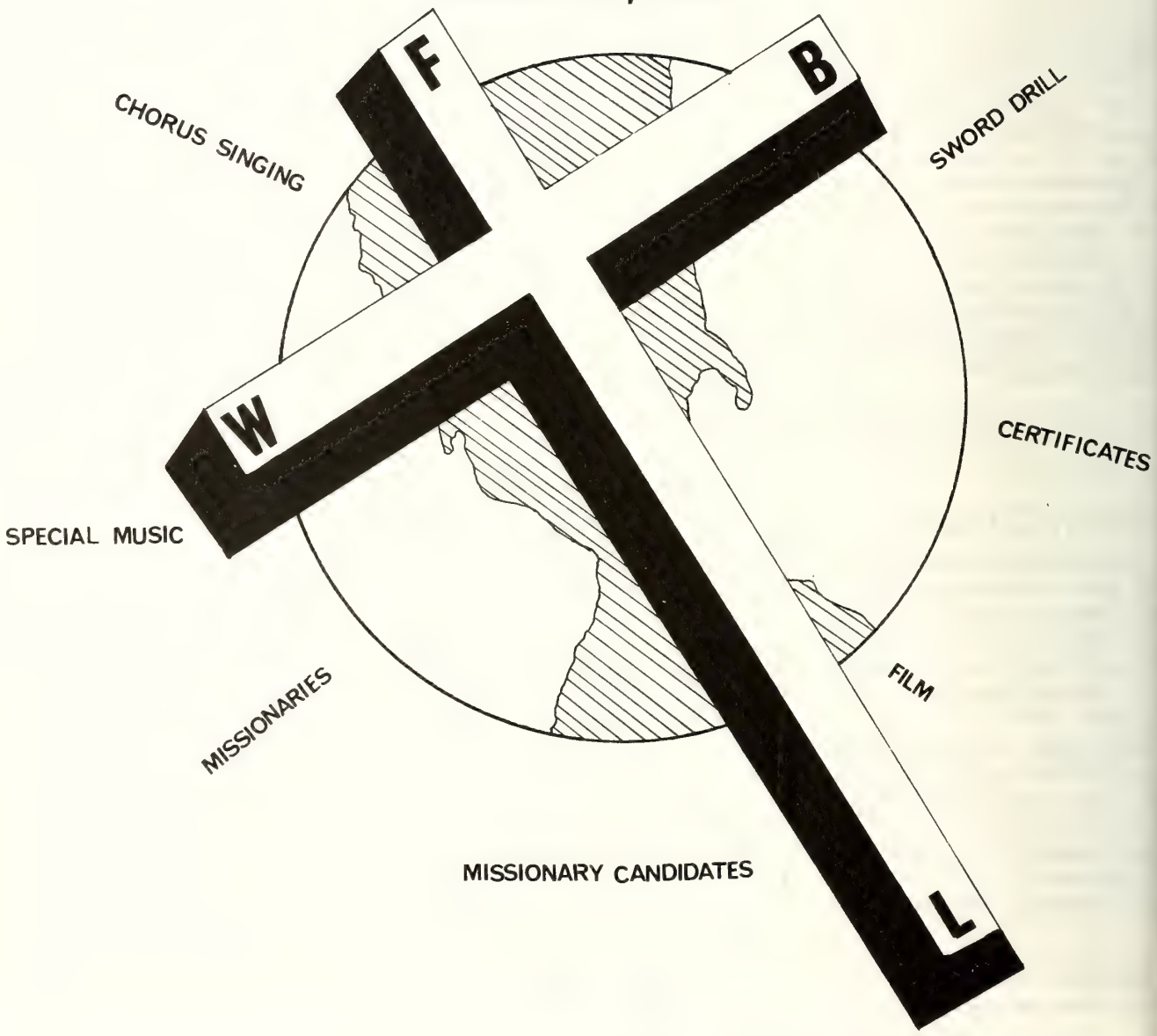

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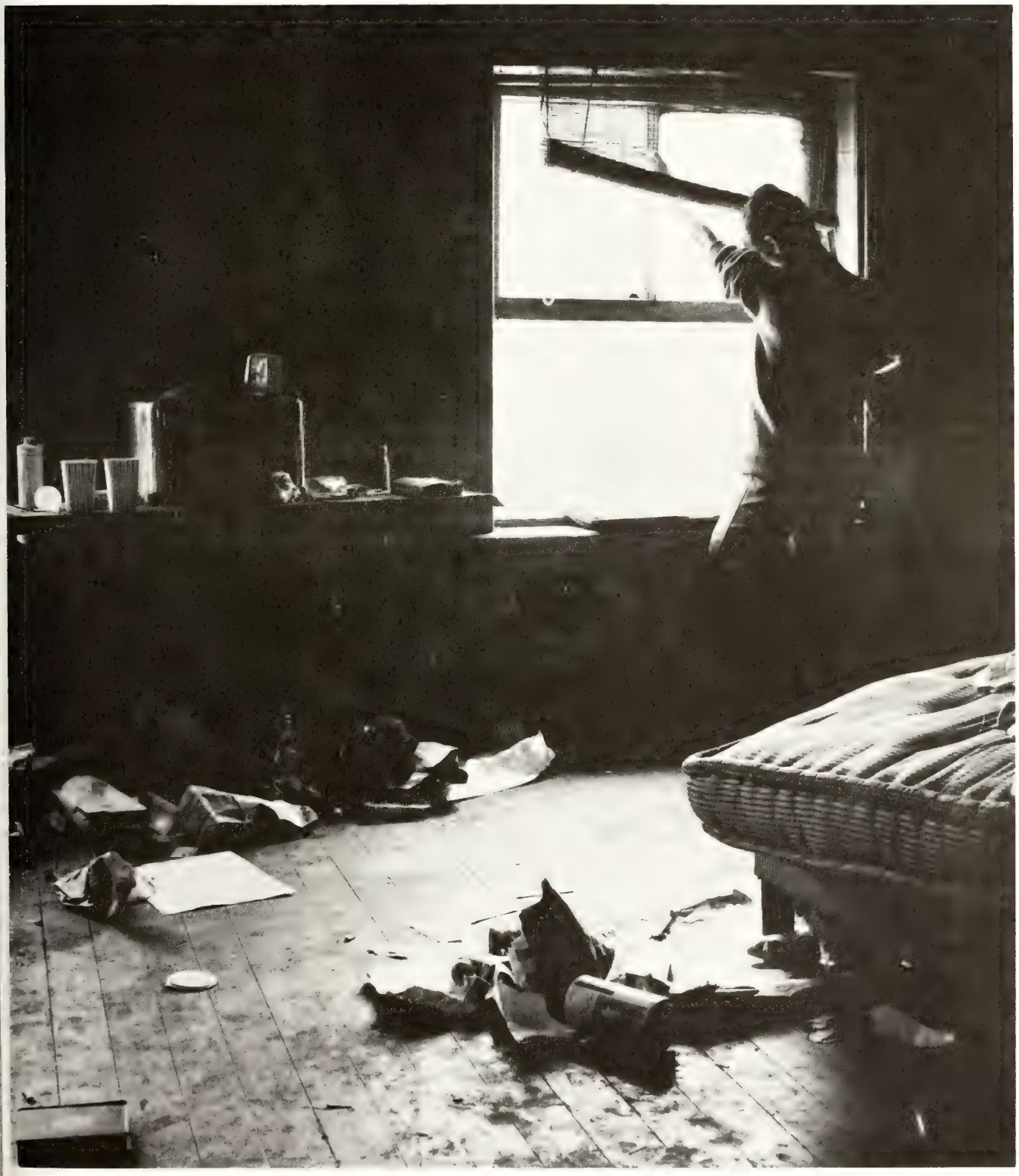

How often have we struggled within ourselves, wanting desperately to find contentment, . . . but have been unable to find peace of mind and heart?

"I BELIEVE IN YOU"

The words, "I believe in you," indicating faith and trust, are like beautiful music when they fall on ears hungering for the sound of this particular sentence of confidence. "I believe in you" is a simple sentence, but an especially meaningful one if the person to whom it is spoken has a longing for someone to trust in him, to give him some needed strength, encouragement, or faith in himself.

How often have all of us wanted to hear these words when we were "down and out," seemingly friendless, knowing not what to do, or where to go? How often have we struggled within ourselves, wanting desperately to find contentment, but because of possible verbal abuse from another or someone's indifferent attitude to our particular needs, have been unable to find peace of mind and heart?

It only takes a little effort to say the words, "I believe in you"; but unless these words are spoken from a sincere heart, they are meaningless. Stop where you are today for just a moment and ponder these thoughts: "Is there someone who needs my word of cheer today? Is there someone who needs just a push in the right direction whom I can help? Is there someone who will be able to make it through one more day—and night—because of just a little something I can do for him? Perhaps all he needs is a little care shown for his plight, a little attention given to his problem. Perhaps all he needs is a little love—not a superficial duty-compelling love—but a real, honest-to-goodness from-the-heart type of love, and it expressed in a sincere manner." Consider these thoughts, and then go out and do something about them.

If you know someone who needs encouragement, don't pass up the opportunity of offering it to him. Perhaps it will mean the difference between success and failure, life and death. Who can say? Every individual has a need to be made to feel important, that he is worthy of notice. Sometimes a mere smile can brighten the day for one who feels downtrodden. Sometimes a cheerful "Hello" is all it will take.

This day, try to do something for somebody. If there is someone in whom you believe, if there is someone to whom these words should be spoken, be not ashamed to say them. Do not hesitate to involve yourself with the problems of others. Some would rebuke you and say that you have enough problems of your own and therefore should not take on those of others, but try this: Take another's problems to heart and see if many of your own do not disappear.

Please give someone that needed boost. Please let some friendless person know that *you* are his friend. Please say to someone, "*I* believe in you," and help him regain his self-confidence. Untold faith can be restored to a soul longing for just a little love and understanding, and the beauty of it is that *you* find in the doing of what might be considered a good deed that there are immeasurable blessings for yourself. Be not selfish with yourself; share yourself with others, and life will take on added meaning.

Consider the anonymous poem below which was given to this editor recently and which provided the inspiration for the editorial. Does the poem not make you want to do something for someone? Does it not make you ashamed that perhaps you have not let someone know that you care and want to help? Does it not behoove you to speak that simple sentence, "I believe in you," whenever doing so can mean so much to a person who is in need of just the knowledge that he is not alone, that there is someone to whom he can turn when he feels dejected and when his world is seemingly coming to a crashing end? Just think: Someday you may be the one longing to hear those words. . . .

"I Believe in You"

How sweet those words to hear you say
When fear has caused this life to sway;
How kind the thought your heart does hold—
To make me stop and be more bold;
How good of you to go that mile
When just a phone I had to dial.
To hear you say, "You must endure;
"In you I do believe—for sure."
To hear you say, "Someone you are,"
When conflicts have etched deep their mar.
For you I dare but only say,
"How good your heart is all the day."
Your heart is kind—and God does know—
How much you care, when I am low.

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The Right Choice

INSPIRING STORY OF A NEW CHRIS-IAN WHO HAS FOUND PEACE AND JOY AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

OBBY RAY TAYLOR entered Mount Olive College a few weeks ago as a nman.

r him it had been a long, stormy filled with pitfalls that many, if most, people could never have over-e.

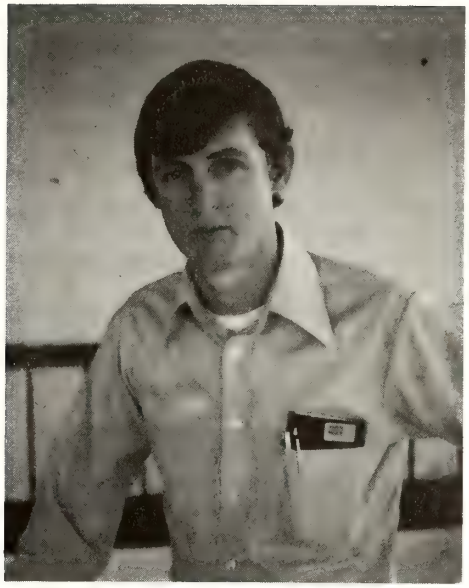
lking with the Columbia, North lina, native can be an unforgettable rience because he is genuine, unpre-ious, and enthusiastic.

When I was in the tenth grade," Tay-recalled, "I dropped out of school. I not ambitious about my schoolwork. nted only money, a hot car, and good s with the rough crowd."

did drop out. He went north to na, where he started working in a g station. He quit that job to go to k for a printing company.

started out at the bottom at the pany, but I met the right people and tried to help me along. I was at-ing night school at the same time. next year I went to day school and ked at night.

y this time I was making good ey and working in the shipping de-ment. But at the same time I was



Bobby Ray Taylor

drinking and running around with women.

"After a vacation back to Columbia, I got homesick," Taylor continued. "I moved back a couple of months later and went back to high school. But again I had a falling out with my teachers and I just quit.

"I joined the service and began drinking real bad. In fact I drank so much," Taylor said, "that the doctors said I would have to quit. But I wouldn't do it. My stomach got in terrible shape.

"I guess I should have expected the stomach problems. I had been drinking since I was 13—I thought I was big enough to run around with boys who were 19 and 20.

BACK TO COLUMBIA

After getting out of the service, I went back to Columbia. My parents were having problems, and my mother committed suicide after I had been home only a short time.

"It was a terrible time for me. I didn't care about anything.

"I was still drinking heavily and got into debt.

"One day I woke up and found myself in court being sentenced to five years for armed robbery.

"During my prison term," Taylor continued, "I worked under the gun—on the road gang—for about ten months.

"I was involved with an atheist group.

"I read the Bible to gain knowledge in order to tear down Christianity. But instead I found that there was really something to it.

"It was a hard life. You don't push in prison or you get pushed back. You have to be solid to stay there. If they (the inmates) can't trust you, you've got to go.

"I learned that if you get into trouble behind the wall, you never get out of prison. I never worked so hard in all my life.

"I knew that I had to achieve to make people look at me.

"Some of us were allowed out on weekends to visit in the custody of families in the community. They took me to church. I remember the first time I went to church I cried because I knew these people had something I didn't have.

"I had earned approximately $2,000 on the work-release program while in prison, and the first time I was allowed to go home for the weekend I went around and paid off all my debts. This was very hard for me to do.

"I started going to church every weekend at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church. I wanted to be part of the youth group there and I wanted what they had.

"But I didn't want to give up my good times, either.

OUT OF PRISON

"The first thing I did when I got out of prison was to buy a hot car and start drinking again.

"I continued to attend church and the youth group talked me into attending Cragmont Asembly with them.

"The Friday night before we left on Monday for Cragmont, I got a ticket for drunken driving and almost decided not to attend the camp because I felt that I didn't belong there.

"But I went and found the Lord as my Saviour. I found the real thing. Other people found this hard to believe because of my past.

"I began to sing with a youth group and take part in all their activities. I grew spiritually until one day I felt that the Lord had called me to work for Him. I was not sure that I would do it, considering my past, but finally I made the decision.

"I knew that I needed an education.

MEETING THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

"Last fall, during a meeting at Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, I met Dr. Raper, president of Mount Olive College. He talked about Mount Olive College and I was extremely interested.

"I wanted to talk with him personally, but I thought that the president of a college wouldn't have time for me.

"But he sat down and talked with me

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 10:5

INSTANT OBEDIENCE

Charles Stalker was a noted Quaker evangelist. At a railway station in a small town, he asked the station agent, "What time does the next train come through?"

The agent replied, "You just got off the train. Why didn't you stay on?"

Stalker replied, "Some distance from here, I had a deep impression to get off the train which has just gone through and take the next train. I felt that I would have been disobeying the prompting of the Holy Spirit if I had failed to do as I have done."

At that moment, the agent's telegraphic transmitter began to click out a message. The agent said, "The train you just got off has been wrecked with the loss of several lives!"

In speaking of the incident later, Stalker said, "I have long since learned that when God speaks I must obey His voice. The impression came as definitely as though an audible voice spoke to me. Had I disobeyed I might have been among those who were killed."

PRAYER THOUGHT

This man sensed the danger and left the train before the wreck occurred. We must realize the danger of being unsaved and turn to God's salvation before it is too late.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:1

WHEN NOT TO OBEY

A teen-age girl was converted. Her glowing heart was filled with joy! Going home from church, she broke the glad news to her mother.

Her mother became enraged. She telephoned the minister in whose church the daughter was saved, speaking contemptuously of what she called the girl's emotional upset.

The daughter held fast to her profession of faith in Christ.

Shortly after, the mother went to the daughter's room. She saw her daughter on her knees with the open Bible on her bed. She snatched the Bible and demanded that the daughter change her peculiar ways.

The teen-ager was deeply distressed. She bared her heart to the minister, calling attention to the command, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1).

The minister yearned to be a true friend to the noble girl. He said, "Let us look closely at that verse. It says, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord.' If a parent demands of a child anything which goes counter to the Word of God, the child is to obey God and not the parent, remembering that the Bible says, 'We ought to obey God rather than men.' "—*Told by C. Leslie Miller.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The minister faced a difficult problem in trying to provide an answer that would be right for the young girl who sought his advice. His answer was based on the total message of the Scriptures. May we too, when faced with difficult problems, look to the whole message of God's Word to find our solutions.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 13:5-7

DELINQUENT PARENTS

Some teen-age boys, guilty of serious offenses, were arraigned in juvenile court, Cleveland, Ohio. They were intoxicated when they were arrested.

Before passing sentence upon the youths, Judge Walter G. Whitlach sternly reprimanded the parents who were present. He said, "These boys know the difference between right and wrong, but you have not cared about their being out at four o'clock in the morning. Two fathers are alcoholics. One father is not here because he deserted his family and his responsibliities. As fathers and mothers, you are failures. These youngsters are in a typical pattern."

PRAYER THOUGHT

The failings of parents, most of the time, pass on to the innocent children they bear. If you are a parent, please do your best to rear your children.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 112:4

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

What is your reaction when you look upon our beautiful flag, rippling in the gentle breeze; or when you look upon the Statue of Liberty, the emblem of freedom to the oppressed, enslaved ones everywhere? Are you thrilled when you hear our national anthem played? While acknowledging that glaring wrongs and corroding evils are alarmingly existent in America, do you thank God for the priceless precious freedoms we have and for the material and spiritual blessings He has so bountifully bestowed upon us?

A displaced person from Europe came to America. She was given work in the home of a minister. One day her face showed that she had been crying. The minister asked whether something was wrong. She answered quickly, "Anything wron sir, everything is right in this good ca! I have been praising God fo ing me to come here! I am so gr Him! I love this land. It puzzles your people aren't more grateful an and continually praising God. As my big desire is to serve the L America."

PRAYER THOUGHT

God has given us so much, yet back unconcerned, ungrateful, u letting our beautiful world be de Please do your part in preserving

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture Reading—Romans 11:3

"PAST FINDING OUT"

One dark, stormy night many ye a train carrying hundreds of pa suddenly plunged into the raging which flowed under a weakened Many bodies were washed out to were never recovered.

On that ill-fated train, one of t sengers went on the rear platform train as it stopped on approaching t tle. His hat was blown off. He leaped from the platform to recover train moved on, and he was left in the tempest. As the taillights of ceding train disappeared into the d he raged furiously. Then he sough in the darkness. It was not until t morning that he learned that he a all the passengers had survived!

Why was only one man saved? God knows the answer. Some o ways are inscrutable.—*Adapted from Bible Teacher.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have no reason to question tions of our Lord. He alone has swers; we are to abide by them.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13:1

SHE GAVE HER BEST

As a missionary spoke to a congr in a Kurdish village, he was fascin the faces of a poor washerwoman a son, an intelligent and outstanding l

At the close of the service, the mis asked the mother, "Do you love Ch

She replied, "Oh, missionary, I h tle. Yet all I earn I give to Chris for food for myself and my little b

The missionary questioned her "Would you give your little boy to

She replied, "He is my all—my li

As he left, the missionary said, seriously about it tonight and pray.

The following day the mission turned to the village. During the was very busy. When he mount horse to leave, he observed a mos derful sight. The mother came, her boy by the hand. She placed bundle of the boy's clothes, on whi

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

RELIGIOUS LIFE AT THE HOME

The Hansley Family

ice the first of the year, the Me-al Chapel church on the campus of hildren's Home has been without a r; but God has blessed our church nding some of our finest ministers eak to us.

e Rev. David Charles Hansley, a ber of the Board of Trustees, has n on second and fourth Sundays the first of the year. His illustrat-rmons are unforgettable. The fel-ip of his wife, Sylvia, his son, Phil, daughter, Cynthia, has been a ure to us all.

e Rev. O. B. Jones, also a member e Board of Trustees, has spoken to ring this period as well. Mr. Jones rs the First Free Will Baptist Church rham, North Carolina, and was kind gh to take time out of his busy schedule to visit the Home and preach for us.

The Rev. Vance Link and family were with us also one Sunday. They sang for us in Spanish and then Brother Link brought a soul-stirring message from God's Word.

The church has called the campus life director of the Children's Home, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, to be its interim pastor. He preaches when other ministers are not available and leads the congregation's activities.

Memorial Chapel church has Sunday school and morning worship every Sunday and programs of special interest many Sunday evenings. There is a prayer group on Wednesdays. A group of teen-agers who make up the choir of the church meets on Wednesday evenings also. They are led by Mrs. Judy Ball.

On February 25 the Young World Singers spent the day with us. They gave inspiration to our Sunday school lessons and during the morning worship service rendered special music. Leon Page, one of the members of the group, brought the morning message. The topic was "Freedom and Obedience in Christ." He pointed out that freedom in Christ comes as we give ourselves in obedience to Him. That same evening the group witnessed to the loving Lord's saving grace in a most inspiring service of song and testimony.

The Lord has rightly blessed the little congregation at Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Children's Home. As Easter and spring approach, we know that the Lord will continue to bless. Pray for revival in the hearts of all the staff and children at the Home.

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THE GREATEST

by Julia Woodard

Julia is 16 years old, and lives at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. Her poem expresses religious sentiments that should be vitally important to all of us.

God, isn't He great,
  Or don't you know Him, my friend?
God, He's the Sunshine,
  He's really my dearest friend.

God, don't you know Him?
  He's everywhere, did you know that?
God, people know Him everywhere,
  He's a universal thing, everyone loves.

God, some people understand,
  Others just don't try to learn.
God, He's something needed,
  People would like to know Him better.

God, you know He's everywhere,
  But people just won't let Him in.
God, do you know His Word,
  Or do you ever read it, at any time?

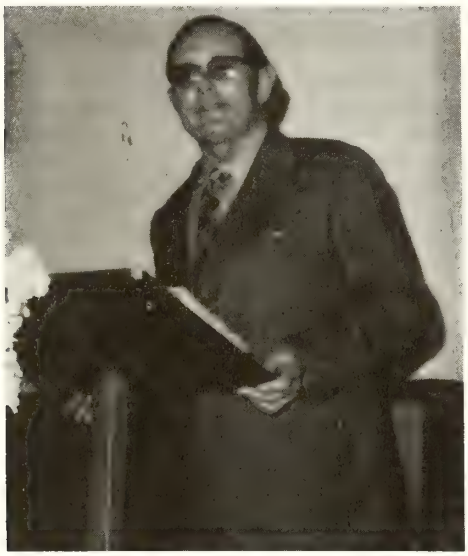
God, He's our nation's arm,
  What would we do without Him?
God, He's in the church,
  But not only there, He's everywhere.

God, why don't you love Him?
  He's Someone who can help you through.
God, you say it's impossible,
  Just pray and you'll get through.

God, have you ever read His Word?
  If you don't understand it, let Him know.
God, He's never hurt you,
  Just give Him a chance and you'll see.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

St. Mary's Grove Church Holds Dedication for Activity Building



The Rev. A. B. Bryan brings the dedicatory sermon.

The Activity Building of Saint Mary's Grove Church

Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, held a dedicatory service for its new activity building on Friday night, March 2.

Prior to the service, a buffet supper was served.

The invocation was given by the Rev. R. W. Allman of Raleigh, North Carolina, a former pastor. The adult choir sang, "To the Work," followed by the singing of "Pass It On" by the youth choir.

The pastor of Saint Mary's Grove church, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, recognized the guests. The trustees and the building committee were congratulated on a "job well done."

Miss Yvonne Stephenson, a student at Campbell College, then sang, "Bless This House."

The Rev. A. B. Bryan of Mount Olive, North Carolina, a former pastor, brought the dedicatory sermon. He challenged the people to build spiritually as well as materially.

Following the sermon, the congregation joined Mr. Jackson in the liturgy of dedication.

The Rev. S. S. Sherrell of Florida prayed the benediction.

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The Rev. Rudy Sheppard to Be Speaker at Smyrna Church Revival

Revival services will begin on Monday night, March 19, at the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, North Carolina. The Rev. Rudy Sheppard, pastor of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

Services will continue throughout the week, starting each night at 7:45.

A special invitation is extended to singing groups.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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YFA of Calvary FWB Church Sponsors Valentine Social to Raise Funds

The YFA of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, sponsored a Valentine social as a money-making project. The money received was given to the Calvary church to help retire a debt toward property which was recently purchased by the church.

The YFA divided into two groups, each choosing a girl to represent it. The two groups then campaigned for their representatives by soliciting votes for them. Votes were at the rate of one cent each.

The project was climaxed at the evening worship services on February 18, when the girl with the most votes was to be crowned queen. The YFA certainly learned a good lesson that night, a lesson that God really does work in mysterious ways—because when all the votes were counted, both groups had the same amount of money.

Mrs. Jane Rountree, YFA leader, used a crown to represent each girl as queen, recognizing the effort of her group in soliciting votes for her. Mrs. Barbara Pittman, assistant YFA leader, also used a crown as a symbol of appreciation the two kings in the group.

The YFA earned a total of $150 their church with this project.

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Black Jack FWB Church Announces Spring Revival

The Rev. Buddy Moore

The Black Jack Free Will Bap Church, Route 3, Greenville, North C lina, announces its spring revival for week of March 18-23. The guest sp er for these services will be the Buddy Moore of Marshville, North C lina. Each night of the services will a very special night. The nights designated as follows: Sunday sc night—Sunday, 7 p.m.; pack-a-pew n —Monday, 7:30 p.m.; every m e m b night—Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; family n —Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; organizat night—Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; and y night—Friday, 7:30 p.m.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Ba will assist in the services.

The public is cordially invited to tend. Great things are in store Christians who pray together, sing gether, and worship together. Come be a part of the revival.

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Revival Services Planned At Faith FWB Church, Kinston

March 19-24 are the dates for spring revival services planned at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Kins North Carolina. The evangelist will the Rev. Norman Ard. Special sing will be offered each evening, in the vices that will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The congregation invites your p ence.

m Swamp Church Plans ival for March 19-24

The Rev. Vance Link

evival services are scheduled for the k of March 19-24 at the Gum Swamp Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, th Carolina. The guest evangelist be the Rev. Vance Link, who will be ing soon for mission work in Mexico. ervices will begin nightly at 7:30. A ery will be provided for small chil- . The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, es the public to join with the con- ation for these revival services.

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ts of First FWB Church, on, Hold Banquet

The Blue and Gold Banquet

e cub scouts and the weblos of the Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, h Carolina, held their annual blue gold banquet on Friday night, Feb- y 23, in the fellowship hall of the ch. The banquet was for the scouts all the members of their families.

e banquet was hosted by the scout ers, Mrs. Janet Pittman, Mrs. Janie hum, Mrs. Elaine Rochelle, Mr. les Howell, and Mr. Eugene Williams. food was prepared and served by the hers of the scouts. Approximately people attended the banquet.

This is the first year of scouts at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, and the church is very proud to have such a fine group.

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President Raper of Mount Olive To Speak at Reedy Branch Church

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville on Sunday, March 18.

The Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor, extends a special invitation to friends of Mount Olive College in the Winterville area to attend this service.

Coming Events . . .

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina; Piedmont District Youth Fellowship, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

March 24—Western District Youth Convention, Micro Free Will Baptist Church; Central District Youth Convention, Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church.

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

April 14—Mount Olive College Music Festival and Visitation Day at Eagles Nest Conference Center, beginning 10:30 a.m.

Revival Slated at Calvary FWB Church During Week of March 19-24

Revival services will be held March 19-24 at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. The evangelist will be the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina. Mr. Wells accepted the call to the ministry while a member of the Calvary church.

Services will begin nightly at 7:30. Mr. Wells, the Rev. Dewey Boling (pastor of the Calvary church), and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services. They ask that everyone be much in prayer for the revival.

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Crab Point Church Plans Revivals For March 14-16 and First of April

The Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Morehead City, North Carolina, plans two revivals during the upcoming weeks. The first, to be held March 14-16, is in preparation for the later one, which will be held during the first week in April.

The Rev. Lloyd Gore, pastor of the Crab Point church, will be the speaker for the revival being held this week. For the later revival in April, the Rev. Johnny Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the evangelist, and Mr. Gore will assist him in the services.

Both revivals will begin each night at 7 p.m., and special singing will be featured. Friends of the church are invited to be present and to share in the fellowship.

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LIFE

by Julia Woodard

Life, why am I living,
Why am I here?
Life, when am I going,
To heaven so dear?

Life, what's it worth,
What good is it?
Life, it costs so much,
You get so little.

Life, some people like it,
Some people don't.
Life, great if you're rich,
You think, don't you?

Life, it's nothing, without God
You all should know.
Life, it's a great challenge,
To hold it where it should be.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THINE HOLY NAME

by
CELIA HALES

"O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own" (1 Chronicles 29:16).

In earnest tone, befitting the reverence of the occasion, these words were read by Dr. Michael Pelt at the service for the groundbreaking of a chapel on the campus of Mount Olive College. The group present, large enough to crowd the interior of the Moye Library, listened attentively as he spoke. We listened, but did we **hear**—really hear the message this Scripture conveys? I hope that all did, amid the overcast skies and drizzle of rain that kept the group inside. But if the moment went by too quickly for all there to catch its deepest significance, and for those interested Free Will Baptists who could not attend, let us dwell for a moment on its import.

The building of a chapel on the grounds of a Christian college is a truly momentous occasion. It signifies—and symbolizes—in a way that no other structure can the central goal (and the organizing principles) upon which that institution is founded. At Mount Olive College, the spiritual development of the student is of fundamental importance; quality education in its fullest sense cannot be said even to exist unless the religious element is present. Consequently, when we who attended the groundbreaking service heard the Scripture, ". . . to build thee an house for thine holy name. . . ," our thoughts perhaps should have recognized that once again this Free Will Baptist college was giving primacy to Hom who should occupy the central place in all life. Mount Olive College was taking the initial step in providing a house built to the glory of God. The Scripture, ". . . all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house . . . is all thine own," emphasizes rightly that the chapel comes from His hand. By supporting its building, Free Will Baptists (and others who contributed) only return, in part, what God has generously provided.

Of what, we might ask, was Mrs. Sarah Rodgers thinking as the service unfolded? She, the giver of the generous challenge that initiated the chapel project, may have been reflecting on her love for her late husband which prompted her gift in his memory. Or, she may have recalled the words that she had spoken to President W. Burkette Raper, "I want to do something to help others." Certainly this she, a deeply motivated Christian lady, unassuming in her demeanor, has done. Her part in placing this chapel on the campus of a Christian college is, as Dr. Raper indicates, felt by Mrs. Rodgers to be her greatest contribution to posterity and the highlight of her Christian life. She has no children; truly has she, by her challenge gift, chosen a fitting tribute to her late husband and a means to strengthen the spiritual lives of, eventually, thousands of young people whom she will never know. Truly can Mount Olive College, by meeting that challenge, declare rightly, "O LORD our God . . . we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name. . . ."

BOOKSTORE HOURS

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* The Christian Bookstore and
* Gift Shop, located at the Free
* Will Baptist Press Foundation,
* Inc., Highway 11 North, Ayden,
* North Carolina, observes the
* following hours:
* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
* Saturday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Novelty Item Raises Funds for Chapel

Mrs. Mary J. Winfield of Pineto North Carolina, is shown above with of nearly 100 stuffed chickens which has been making and selling in supp of the Mount Olive chapel fund. M Winfield is serving her second term a member of the Board of Trustees Mount Olive College.

She is a member of the Free Un Free Will Baptist Church of Beauf County and is being assisted in this p ject by the women of the church.

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GOD'S LITTLE BUND OF LOVE

Dedicated to All Mothers
by Mrs. Ora Barnhill

Our children are God's gift of love
That came from above.
It's a trust he put within our hands.
We should thank Him everyday,
For our children, I must say.
For each smile and happy face,
Nothing else can take their place.

These little ones that are so dear,
Never asked to be here.
They're just a loan from God,
That He gave to you and me.

The greatest honor on this earth,
Was given to a mother, at the hour
birth.
When a little one comes around,
Never, never turn him down.
Give him lots of love and care;
And you will always have him there

IN LOVING TRIBUTE TO

Mrs. Lela Mae Jones Harris

by her daughter,
Mrs. Mamie Lee Rouse

On October 1, 1972, God in His tender mercy called one of His saints to come home to her heavenly reward. My dear mother, Mrs. Lela Mae Jones Harris, answered this summons from on high when she was seated in her beloved church, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina.

It was homecoming at our church on the first Sunday in October, and she was present as she usually was every Sunday. As long as I can remember, my mother was present for most of the services held in the church. She missed a few times, especially in late years, because her health did not permit her to attend all the functions held there; but she was there in spirit. God was good to her in one respect. He blessed her in such a way that most Sunday mornings, regardless of her feelings (she did not give in to them), she would get up early and prepare the dinner so that she would be through when it came time to leave the house and get to Sunday school on time. Even in the last year of her life she would prepare the lesson and teach it to her class at times.

Her Bible was her constant companion. I do not remember the number of times she read it through, but any time she was not busy with her household duties, she was reading and studying the holy Word.

Down through the years, she held almost every office in her church. She was also involved in state work in earlier years. When my father, Mr. James Edward Harris, was living, he and my mother, with God's help, devoted their whole lives to our church here in Kinston.

I must say that I never heard her utter an unkind word about any human being. She always saw the good in everyone. I know that God rejoiced when she made her entrance into the heavenly throne on this Sunday in October.

Her funeral was conducted at the church by her pastor, the Rev. Bill Futch; her former pastor, the Rev. James A. Jones; and her nephew by marriage, the Rev. Clifton Rice. Mrs. Nina Grace Register, organist, played some of my mother's favorite hymns; one, in particular, was "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." My mother was laid to rest beside her companion beneath a mound of lovely flowers, there to await the resurrection day.

"When God above implanted love, He gave to me my mother."

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In Memory of Mrs. Sarah Capps Kornegay

On February 18, 1972, the Lord in His love and wisdom saw fit to call Sarah Kornegay out of her suffering. He called her to forever be with Him in that home where she will have no more heartache or suffering.

Sarah Capps Kornegay was born to Joseph and Caroline Capps on January 10, 1880. She made her stay on this earth just a little more than 92 years.

On January 20, 1904, she was married to Dawson Kornegay. To this union were born ten children: seven boys and three girls. Her husband and three boys preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sarah or "Grannie," as she was lovingly called by all who knew and loved her, united with Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church when she was a young girl. She loved her church and always attended as long as her health would permit her to do so. At her request, after her sickness, she was carried to church and would sit in the car near the window or door so that she could hear the services.

It was an inspiration to visit her even during her sickness. She never wanted to talk about herself, but always about the goodness of God.

Her funeral was conducted in the chapel of Seymour Funeral Home by her pastor, the Rev. W. J. Tyner. She was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers in Providence Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn this loss her children: Landis Kornegay and Hazel Thornton of Dudley; Nelson, Raymond, and Milford Kornegay, Mrs. Wiley Hinson, and Mrs. Gertrude Anders, all of Goldsboro. Mrs. Kornegay made her home with Mrs. Anders.

She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will her memory fade.
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the place where she was laid.

—submitted by Mrs. T. C. Hines.

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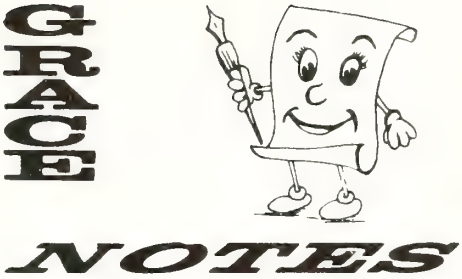
It is true that we are only young once, but we can remain immature indefinitely.



By Nina Grace Register

Here's a recipe Karen discovered the same day her brother said, "I just can't eat another hamburger anytime soon!" It's not the kind of thing you'd want three times a week, but it is nice for a change.

Season a pound of ground you-know-what with about two tablespoons chopped pickles, one egg, salt, pepper, and a small onion grated or chopped fine. Spread the mixture on waxed paper or foil. Top that with about a cup of creamed potatoes, and roll it up like a jelly roll (don't roll up the paper though!). Cut into slices and broil about three inches from the heat till brown on each side—about fifteen minutes altogether. It is good, too, if you top the slices with grated cheese just before they are done.

The amounts are indefinite because we cook "by ear." If you don't like onion, omit it. If you like something else, include it. But do try the pickle—it's unusual.

Prices keep rising, and we keep trying to satisfy the family's tastes and needs for less. We get so busy studying the grocery ads that we forget to study the Bible. And we're apt to forget that we live not only by physical bread but "man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3—**The Amplified Bible.** We always need the Bread that gives us strength for all the other things we do. We're really hurting ourselves when we cut that out of our diet!

Any woman who denies herself the privilege of her own quiet time and meditation might deny her family the serene, loving, and understanding mother they deserve. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). We mustn't get so involved with feeding our bodies that we forget to feed our souls, for we need daily spiritual bread, too. Don't forget it! (You make us hungry for both, Nina G. Thanks!—Ed.)

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Following the path of least resistance makes both rivers and men crooked.

Special Bulletin

IN ATTENDANCE AT THE

1973

NORTH CAROLINA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

REGISTRATION TIME
9:30 A. M.

CONVENTION OPENING
10:00 A. M.

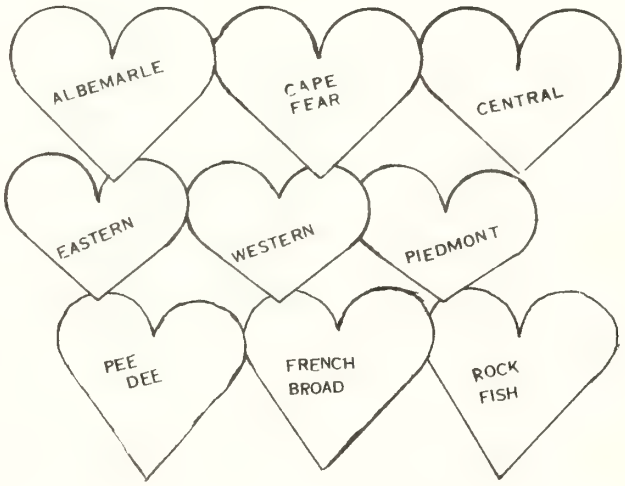
CHILDREN'S HOME

Middlesex, North Carolina

APRIL 14, 1973

We are expecting the greatest participation in many years. Please, each Sunday school remember to get one or more to attend, so that your conference will have a "PERFECT HEART FOR CHRIST" for display at the convention. Ours is an OPEN CONVENTION, and all Sunday school members who attend will have a voice and vote. Let us all join together to make this the greatest year in our history. A special effort is being made to have a good program for you to enjoy.

Taylor Hill, Publicity Director



Around March 15 our field secretary will mail from our field office in Greenville a part of a large heart to each Sunday school in the state. There will be a separate heart for each conference as illustrated. Each Sunday school will be urged to send its part, with at least one person as representative, to the State Sunday School Convention that will meet at the Children's Home in Middlesex on April 14. A committee there will receive the parts and make up the hearts for display at the convention. **Our goal is a perfect heart for Christ** for each conference in the state. These conference hearts will be **green** (the "go ahead" color); but they will be mounted on a **black** heart—so if your Sunday school is not represented, there will be a black spot on our record. Oh, no!

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Dr. Barrow's column this week is a continuation from last week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist*. The question is repeated below.

Question: How do we know that the Bible is the Word of God?

Answer (cont.): Some of the external reasons why we know, without doubt, that we have in the Bible the inspired Word of God—the authentic, authoritative, infallible, and divine message of God given directly to us—are as follows:

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6. The attacks of Satan (through the satanic forces and their followers) upon God's holy Word are direct proof of its divine origin. Such attacks from this satanic origin have been unceasing, unmitigated, violent. Had such come upon any other book, it would have been utterly obliterated and long since extinct. But God through various means has preserved the Bible against all the fiery trials and testings to which it has been constantly subjected. He shall remain able to give the Bible sufficient protection in the future to preserve it against the more subtle attacks from atheistic, professed Christian teachers—teachers who, according to the Bible, will increase both in number and in their subtlety as this age comes nearer and nearer to its ultimate end. In 1 Timothy 6:20, Paul warned Timothy against the type of false teachers who apparently are most successful in this our day. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith" (see 1 Timothy 6:20, 21). Another warning by the same writer to the same recipient could not better fit a popular class of false teachers of our day: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). Why was Paul imprisoned by the wicked, ruthless Nero? The answer is simple: He wrote, lived, and preached the divine message, the Word of God. Why was John Wycliffe tried before the prelate and priest in his day? Why were his bones dug up, burned, and the ashes thrown to the River Swift? This happened because he gave to the English-speaking people their first complete Bible in their own tongue. Why was William Tyndale imprisoned with neither book nor pen for 18 months and then strangled and burned at the stake? Just for one reason—and that was because he gave the world its first printed Bible. Then we have Martin Luther. Why were he and fellow reformers persecuted? And why was John Huss burned at the stake? There can be but one reason given: It was just simply because he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and translated the Bible into the language of the common people.

We acknowledge that it is a fact that some of these persecutions are not carried out in some of the countries of today. There is now, however, to be found the same opposition, though more subtle, to the preaching and living of the gospel. Even the same schools that one, two, or three generations ago were founded and run by devout, evangelical Christians for the primary purpose of training and preparing missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers in the various fields of Christian services are for the most part manned now by liberals who propagate, in their classrooms and through various other school facilities, atheism or some false religious view. The satanic forces are more subtle in this our day than, for example, were the raving maniacs of Jesus' day, through whom demons possessing them spoke thusly, ". . . What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matthew 8:29). Instead, the most damaging individual probably will have a doctor's degree from some famous college, university, or seminary and may be like one of the college professors under whom I studied Christian ethics. In addition to his teaching and his close relationship to a supposed Baptist university, he pastored a Baptist church in the country in commuting distance from Chicago. He did not only teach philosophies in the classroom contrary to those taught in God's Word, but he exerted influence over his students to accept nothing in the Bible as fact that could not be proven and understood. My Christian friends who now attend and are subjected to such atheistic instruction in the same and similar schools tell me that even in the past few years a great change has come about, both in the student body and among the teachers in their schools. They report that fewer than ever challenge these atheists, and that a large percentage of individuals, pretending to be Christians and belonging to a church, show no faith in God or in His word by their conduct in these once church-related institutions. I have even heard of some who are so outspoken against what Christians in this country stand for that they have been apprehended by civil authorities and charged with propagating communistic principles—while the church-related school acted in their defense. This being the case, there is no wonder that our government branded one of the well-known religious denominations as being "pink" during World War II. Would it not be of so much advantage to the true Christian if all who are propagating the devil's doctrine would accept their true class and brand? Jesus told the Pharisees of His day that instead of being sons of Abraham they were sons of the devil, whom they followed and whose doctrine they propagated. Such teachers and preachers of today are descendants of the evil one, and their converts and followers are of the same class; unless they repent, they shall likewise be condemned eternally.

7. The fact that the appeal of the Bible has a universal outreach is ample proof of its divine origin. It has been translated, at least in part, into more than 1,000 languages and dialects. Meeting the needs of human hearts alike all over the world, when read or heard and accepted, the Bible, in this effect, knows

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our Church Auxiliaries

To All Members of the Woman's Auxiliary

"I pledge to go to the foot of the Cross daily at one of the following hours: sometime between eight and ten o'clock every morning; or sometime between twelve noon and two o'clock each day; or sometime between nine and ten o'clock each night."

Have you made this covenant with God? If you have not covenanted to observe one of the times listed above for daily prayer, why not do so now? Many of our women have covenanted to pray definitely each day. It has been said that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

God has given many promises in the Bible concerning prayer.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6). God promises to see us and hear us when we pray to Him in secret. He also promises to reward such prayers.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). The year 1973 is the year when all people who love God hope to see the gospel, the good news that Jesus died to save all who will believe in Him, taken to every person. Are you telling the good news to others? Are you praying that God will give workers wisdom as they seek to carry the gospel to all people here at home, and in the uttermost parts of the earth?

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). Isn't this a real challenge to pray daily? How many times would God keep our feet, and the feet of those whom we love so dearly, from wandering into the paths of sin if only we would take time to watch and pray—to pray not only for ourselves, but for friends and loved ones everywhere?

Jesus tells us, ". . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). We do not always see immediate results of our praying but Jesus tells us not to grow weary in our prayer life.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14: 13-15). Jesus promises to answer our prayers if we ask for things in His name which will honor and glorify God. He says that if we love Him we should keep His commandments. His commandments may be kept by loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Remember to pray for every phase of our denominational work.

Mrs. Alice Barrow
State Program-Prayer Chairman

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PIEDMONT WA CONVENTION SET

The Piedmont Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet Saturday, March 31, at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Wadesboro, North Carolina. The directions to the church are as follows: Coming from Rockingham, after crossing a bridge, turn to the right; the church is located a short distance down the road.

All auxiliaries in the Piedmont Conference are urged to attend the convention and to enjoy the Christian fellowship.

Please pray for the convention that the women of our conference will be inspired to do a greater work for the Lord. Mrs. D. W. Hancock, state president, plans to be with us and will be our morning speaker.

The convention convenes at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at the lunch hour.

Mrs. Corine Guinn, **President**
Piedmont Auxiliary Convention

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to sa "thank you" to all the auxiliaries of th various churches of the denomination fo the many cards and gifts that I receive both during the Christmas season an on my eighty-ninth birthday, February My thanks go also to the Free Will Ba tist denomination itself for its he through the program for superannuatio So, please accept this as a person thanks to you as a member of the d nomination.

I have had the flu and, consequentl have not been able to thank many of yo personally; but I think that I am all rigl now.

May God bless all of you and kee you in His care. Please pray for me. love everyone of you.

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, North Carolina 2783

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as fo lows for the month of February, 1973

Balance February 1, 1973		$ 9,396.4
Receipts		
Churches	$582.50	
Department of Revenue	319.56	
Sunday Schools	10.00	
Leagues	101.74	
Gifts	220.00	
Unions	25.00	
NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary	273.57	
Auxiliaries	50.00	
Total Receipts		1,582.3
Total for Which to Account		$10,978.7
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$254.25	
Interest on Note	380.00	
Total Disbursements		634.2
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"PERFECT HEART SUNDAY" REPORTS

L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary
State Sunday School Convention

The State Sunday School Convention had scheduled Sunday, February 11, as "Perfect Heart Sunday" for all Free Will Baptist Sunday schools. On that Sunday, however, the weather was so bad that only a very few schools over the eastern part of the state were able to have the school at all. The "Perfect Heart Sunday" was rescheduled for March 11.

Some of our schools, however, went ahead with the plan the Sunday following the original date, and we would like to share with readers the first three reports received.

The first report to reach us was from the Sunday school of our publicity director and originator of the plan, the Rev. Taylor Hill.

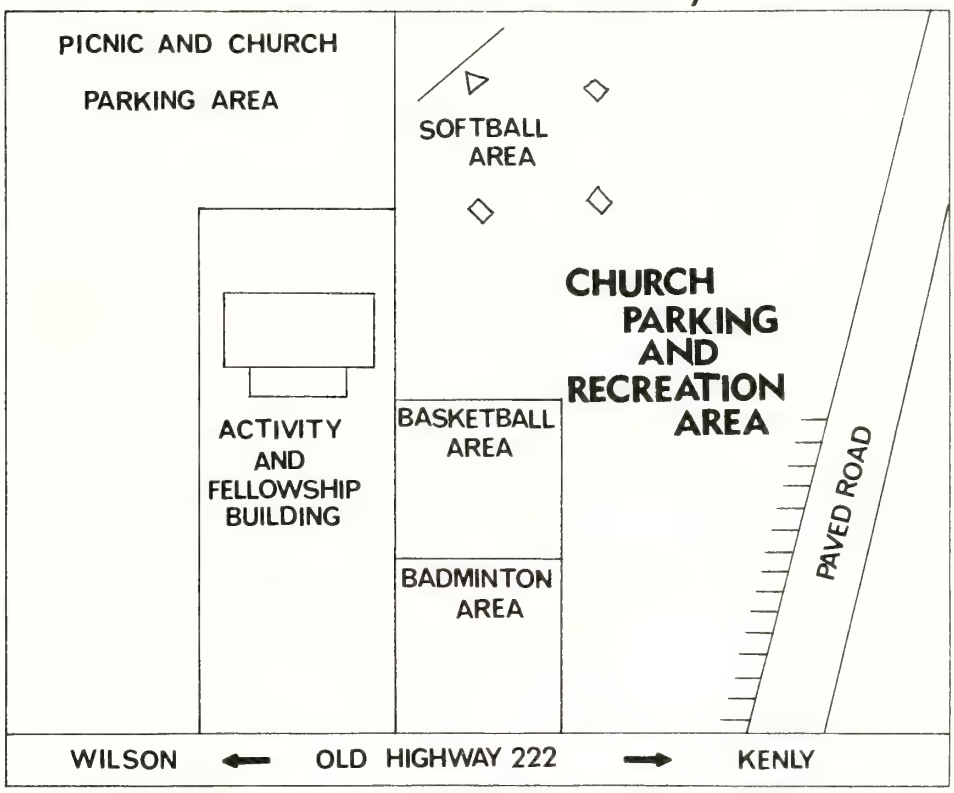
Brother Hill reports that his church did not quite reach a "perfect heart" in attendance in some classes because of sickness. "But," says he, "we had a 39 percent increase over our last year's average. It was a great day for us. It really did work!"

The second report received was from the Smyrna church in the Cape Fear Conference. Mrs. Helen Smith writes that she had been asked to set up the program, which had to be postponed from February 11 to February 18. "We found it hard to believe," says Mrs. Smith, "that only three people out of the 96 present on February 4 forgot to bring their part of the heart to Sunday school on February 18. Five were absent, and four of these we understand were sick. The most impressive part was that we were so afraid that many would forget that we worked toward a solution that we will never forget! We asked that in order that everyone present feel a part of the 'perfect heart' that he come to the altar for the benediction and place his 'personal heart' on the altar for Christ. This was a beautiful sight with nearly every person in the church coming to the altar, including many visitors."

Mr. Harold Taylor reports that the Little Creek Sunday School observed "Perfect Heart Sunday" on February 18, and that it generated a lot of interest. Their average attendance had been 73, but it was 81 on that Sunday. And the offering went to $50, while the average had been $33. The school has nine classes.

We hope to receive many more reports during the next few weeks, and we plan to share some of them with readers of **The Free Will Baptist.**

St. Mary's Church Cites Land Development Plans and 7-Point Outreach Ministry



Planned Development for Land Tract Owned by Saint Mary's Church

The people of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, are very proud and thankful for progress that the church has made in the last few years.

In 1970 the church decided to buy a four and one-half acre tract of land across the road from the church building at a cost of $10,000. It was bought on a four-year purchase plan. In January of 1972, just two years after the purchase, the land was paid for in full. The Lord has really blessed the efforts of His people.

On Sunday, December 17, 1972, during morning worship, a special land dedication service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Davie Brinson. After the challenge was given through the morning sermon, entitled "The Church Dream," there was a prayer of consecration for the property.

The property, which was a partially wooded lot, has now been cleared. With growth of church attendance, the church parking lot does not provide ample parking space. The new lot has proved very helpful in solving this parking problem. The young people have already enjoyed softball and picnicing there also. Future plans call for an activity-fellowship building and more recreation areas, such as for basketball and badminton. The church feels that young people are very important for the church of tomorrow. The congregation is trying to provide recreation for them within the church under Christian leadership.

The Saint Mary's church is at the present time in a seven-point evangelistic program which includes furthering the ministry of the church through busing, mailing, the telephone, visitation, tracts, preaching and teaching, and activities. Each of these types of ministry is vital for growing in the knowledge and understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people of Saint Mary's church thank God for all accomplishments and pray that He will continue to bless as they work for Him in this life.

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It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

GOD LOVES US

Lesson Text: Psalm 103:8-14; Hosea 11: 1-9; John 3:16, 17; Ephesians 1:3-10

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:8

I. INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday's lesson told us of sinful man's depravity, how he is prone to stray from God, and how he lacks understanding of God's mercy as expressed in the sacrifice of His Son for our salvation. Today's lesson looks at the other side of the picture and tells of God's love for sinful man. From the very fall of man in the garden of Eden God has sought ways of showing that love and bringing man back into His mercy and grace.

We can do without many things such as fame, wealth, glory, pleasures, prestige—even many of the necessities of life. But we can never do without God's love. His love reaches toward all men, whatever their station in life, for it is universal in scope and power. None should despair for lack of divine love and mercy.

"For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple
We should take Him at His word:
Aud our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord."
—*Frederick W. Faber.*

We will do well if by studying this lesson we learn to share with others the love God has so plenteously showered upon us.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. To understand that God cares, we must understand the nature of God.
2. God's nature is ever one of love and mercy.
3. This was manifest supremely through Jesus Christ.

B. God's Mercy and Our Sins (Psalm 103: 8-14)
1. The Lord is plenteous in mercy and slow to anger.
2. However, God will not withhold His anger forever.
3. He deals with us not according to our sins, but according to His mercy.

C. God's Love and Our Salvation (John 3: 16, 17)
1. Here are seven wonderful things about God's love
   a. The tense of God's love.
   b. The magnitude of God's love.
   c. The scope of God's love.
   d. The nature of God's love.
   e. The sacrificial character of God's love.
   f. The design of God's love.
   g. The beneficience of God's love.
2. The death of Christ was universal—**that whosoever.**
3. The Lord did not come to condemn men, but to provide salvation.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

Sociologists, psychologists, and others who work closely with people tell us without exception that one of the most fundamental and essential needs of all human beings is to love and to be loved. Lack of affection, or at least respect, is a major cause of social maladjustment, mental and social aberrations, and severe problems of every kind.

We are all born with the capacity to love, but we cannot exercise the emotion until we have felt its warmth from another. We must first receive, then we may give. The infant is exposed to the emotion at his mother's breast. He feels it in tender care, in soft words, in bestowed kisses, in attention to his needs, and in recognition, as he grows, of the sacrificial and self-giving nature of the emotion. At some stage in his growth he returns love through various means of expression, and the wholesome man is nurtured. Where this process is defi-

cient or interrupted or totally absent child will be abnormal and love-starv

We receive the love of God in diff ent but no less evident ways. His c cern is seen in the providential care receive daily, in the provision of beauties of our world, in the reflecti of His nature in His servants about and most of all in the giving of His S

The example of the all-conquering l of Jesus Christ serves both as our ample and as our challenge. We m not hope to equal this divine love in gree nor in total purity, but we are try. Those about us who do not share God's loving concern and salvat may never see any more evidence of t concern than we show them.

"How do I love thee? Let me co the ways," wrote Elizabeth Barr Browning in her **Sonnets From the Por guese.** Properly, she does not make long itemized list, for nothing would mechanize and kill her ardor. Rath she chooses to touch upon the deg and the beauty of the love itself.

We should approach God's love in similar manner. We feel it, not throu a detailed itemization, but as a wa and tender glow in the center of t heart.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

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Attention All Youth Sponsors of Piedmont District

The Piedmont District Youth Fello ship will be held on Saturday, March at the First Free Will Baptist Church Durham, North Carolina.

During this session the Luke quiz r off for the district will be held. churches are urged to have the necess runoff in the local church in order t they might have a team ready to rep sent their church at this meeting.

All youth sponsors are urged to ha the entries for the essay contest "Power Through Prayer" and the dec mation contest on "Prayer Is. . ." fr your participants and in the mail in or that they might reach Mrs. O. B. Jon district youth chairman, no later th Saturday, March 10. The winner fr the Piedmont district will be announc at the meeting on March 17.

Mrs. O. B. Jones
Youth Chairman,
Piedmont District

Questions & Answers

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color, class, or racial lines. The versity professor, Reuben A. Torrey; uneducated, like John Baxter; the gar in his rags in Jesus' day; the imoned, like Ruf Hadley; the sensaal baseball player of Billy Sunday's —all alike were changed by God's d from what they were and should be to what was best for them and who knew them, to what they should All of these, through the power of Word, became what all of us sinners uld be—witnesses who were not amed.

. The quickening power of the everng Word of God, which regenerates heart, changes the life, and encours and invigorates the saved, giving m new aspirations and sending them their way to reproduce their kind, is peakable evidence of its divine inspiion. We could cite many more exnal evidences that in themselves uld testify to the authenticity and uineness of the divinely inspired rd, but these are sufficient for now.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Barrow's answer to s question will be concluded in next ek's issue of **The Free Will Baptist.)**

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THE RIGHT CHOICE

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one person to another. I was imssed.

"He made an appointment for me to it the College and told me that he uld help me in any way that he could.

"I did visit Mount Olive and was very pressed with the attitudes of all the ulty and students. I knew that I eded to go someplace that had a iritual atmosphere and a true Christian ncern so that I could stay close to the rd.

"I know that I made the right choice. ove Mount Olive College! I thank God r it everyday," Taylor concluded.

E FUTURE

He is not sure where the coming years ll lead him, but he is sure that he will "doing God's will, whatever that is."

When one talks to Bobby Taylor, he lieves it. He has bright eyes that look raight at you and sparkle with the enusiasm he has found.

The last comment he made was, "God s blessed me with so much in this last ar that if I worked the rest of my life r Him I could never repay Him."

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OBITUARIES

MRS. JULIA TYNER CREECH

God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to her reward on May 4, 1972, one of our dear members, Mrs. Julia Tyner Creech of the Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina.

"Miss Julia," as most people remember her, was born on January 15, 1903. She was a very devoted Christian to her church. She taught the ladies' Sunday school class for several years, the little folk's class in her later years, and was a faithful member of the ladies' auxiliary. Miss Julia surely was a servant of God.

There are precious memories of her which are held dear by many people who were influenced by her prayer life, her faithfulness, her love, and her kindness. She seemed to be a very frail person because she was very tiny, but the spiritual impact that she had was amazing. She loved flowers and tended them as long as she was able.

She was like a ship that had sailed through tumultuous waves, but Christ was always at the helm. If anyone ever experienced victory in Jesus, surely Miss Julia did.

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MRS. LARRUIE MOZINGO BALLANCE

On November 19, 1972, God called home Mrs. Larruie Mozingo Ballance. She had been a member of Tee's Chapel church for most of her life. She was born on December 18, 1900.

Larruie was one of the daughters of the Jim Mozingo family of the Brogden community.

She served in her church and was a faithful member of the ladies' auxiliary as long as her health permitted.

Surely Larruie could say with the psalmist, David, "For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. . . . LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth" (Psalm 26: 3, 8).

Her children, her many friends, and her loved ones knew her as a kind and loving mother and friend.

We, the members of the Tee's Chapel church, share the loss of Larruie with her son, Clarence; her three daughters, Mary Ellen, Josephine, Shelby Jean; and her sisters and brothers.

Respectfully submitted,
Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist
Ladies' Auxiliary
Mrs. Percy Woodall, **President**
Mrs. Johnnie Woodall, **Secretary**

"FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS"

As I look out my study window, I see children at play. The game looks like fun. Soon they grow tired and go home. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could go home when we grow tired of the game of life? Some of us have played for many years, and we are tired and relief does not seem near. The problems come thick and fast. The youth rebel, the government seems corrupt, "everything nailed down is coming loose," or so it seems.

Long ago, Queen Esther found herself in a strange land and was called upon to make a great sacrifice. She was asked to persuade the king to stay his hand against the Jews. You are here "for a time such as this," she was told. Tired and weary though we may be, we too are here living this very day "for a time such as this." We have our calling as did Esther in her day.

Those children who were playing need us as parents, to train them in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." Our government needs our interest and our vote. The lost need our Christian witness. Life's game does not end so soon—it goes on and on. The darkness of night brings yet another day to work and witness. As we pray and study God's Word, He continues to give us strength "for a time such as this."

—J. Stewart Humphrey.

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COURAGE

To struggle when hope is banished!
To live when life's salt is gone!
To dwell in a dream that's vanished—
To endure, and go calmly on!

—**Henri F. Amiel.**

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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had worked all night, at the missionary's feet and said, as she pointed upward, only two words, "Thomas, Christos!" She meant, "I give him to Christ." Then she turned to go back to her lonely life.

At the mission school, Thomas studied hard. He soon led his class. When he graduated, he returned to the Kurdish mountains and to his mother who had prayed and waited for him.

The natives called him the prophet of Kurdistan. His mother's sacrifice bore much fruit as Thomas preached the gospel and helped hundreds of orphans and widows.—*Condensed from Youth's Companion.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A heartbreaking task for this mother to bear to give up her son—but what admiration in her heart and soul she must have possessed when he became a minister of God!

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:28

"I'VE DONE SO LITTLE"

There was a humble, obscure Christian housewife who was faithful in her sphere of service. She set a good example before her children. One day she said, "I'm so discouraged. I've done so little for Jesus. I have wanted to do great things for Him."

I said to her, "You have done great things for Him. You have faithfully served Him. Your reward in heaven may be even greater than that of others whose names and exploits are known to the world. Remember, Jesus will reward us, not for the quantity of service rendered, but for its quality: 'And the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is'" (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

PRAYER THOUGHT

According to the good deeds we do and the way they are done, the Lord says He will judge us. How well do you think you fit in this plan of judging?

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HOW OUR NATION WAS BUILT

Our nation was built by men who took risks—pioneers who were not afraid of the wilderness; brave men who were not afraid of failure; scientists who were not afraid of truth; thinkers who were not afraid of progress; dreamers who were not afraid of action.—**Brooks Atkinson.**

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They tried to tell someone how much they loved him, but when they thought he was out of earshot, they began gossiping about him--so it didn't work.

EDITORIAL...

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IT DIDN'T WORK

They tried to tell their preacher what to preach, but he was receiving his instructions from God—so it didn't work.

They tried to climb a high mountain without using the right equipment—so it didn't work.

They tried to brave the rapids with a rowboat, but it wasn't sturdy enough—so it didn't work.

They tried to plough a straight furrow, all the while looking back instead of ahead—so it didn't work.

They tried to paint a straight line down the highway, but they forgot to use a guide—so it didn't work.

They tried to build a house, but they had no set of plans and they didn't have skilled carpenters—so it didn't work.

They tried to fill their church with people on a membership basis only, placing no emphasis on their spiritual condition—so it didn't work.

They tried to conquer a sickness without prescribed medicine, proper diet, rest, or even faith in God—so it didn't work.

They tried to cheer someone up, but when they did so, they were crying themselves—so it didn't work.

They tried to tell someone how much they loved him, but when they thought he was out of earshot, they began gossiping about him—so it didn't work.

They told someone that they wanted to help him, but after they had, they couldn't resist the urge to remind him of how much they had sacrificed for him—so it didn't work.

They tried to take charge of a situation when they had no leadership ability, for they hadn't even learned to be good followers—so it didn't work.

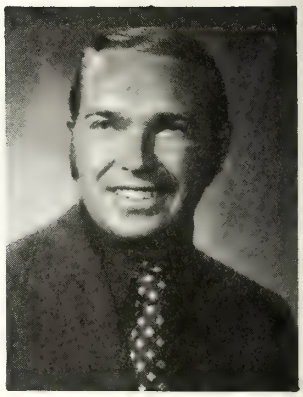
They tried to fight the devil by presenting themselves to his territory, and thus they exposed themselves and their weakest points to his strongest temptations—so it didn't work.

They tried to pull someone out of sinking sand, but they weren't standing on solid ground themselves—so it didn't work.

They tried to see clearly out of a dirty window, but they weren't willing to wash it—so it didn't work.

They tried to work their way to heaven and provide their own salvation, but the Bible stipulated only one way: through faith in Christ—so it didn't work.

Work, work, work. Some people work their heads off until it gets them nowhere—simply because they go about it in the wrong way. Looks as though someone would tell them what's wrong. . . .



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Boy Scouting And Our Church

by Chaplain E. F. Crary
Caswell District (Lenoir, Jones, and Greene Counties)

This is the first in a series of articles which will appear frequently in *The Free Will Baptist*. The Free Will Baptist State Convention's Commission on Scouting is striving to initiate and maintain the scouting program in all of our churches throughout North Carolina. This commission consists of the Revs. Harry Jones, James Evans, and Frank Crary.

Although initial articles will discuss the Boy Scouts of America, the commission is equally interested in the girl scout program, and will promote future articles to this purpose.

The Rev. Frank Crary, who will author the articles on the boy scout program, is well versed in scouting, with a tenure of more than 50 years of scouting. He is a holder of the coveted "Silver Beaver," which is the highest recognition given for adult leadership to youth.

A MOLDING plane is a very specialized instrument. In the hands of a master craftsman, it can form the delicate and beautiful curves which so enhance the quality of a fine piece of furniture. It has limits, however. It cannot smooth a rough board into a piece of good lumber. That is a job for a jack plane. And, if the user is not familiar with the purpose of the molding plane, he will dig deep gouges and ruin a piece of work.

In a sense, scouting is like a molding plane. It serves well when it is put to the use for which it was designed by someone who has become well versed in its purpose.

The use for which scouting is designed is to help boys grow in citizenship through programs of action, with a great part of its emphasis in the out-of-doors.

The purpose of scouting is to serve groups working with youth.

Thus, scouting is a tool to be used to help boys grow in citizenship through programs of action utilized by groups working with youth. Various groups that work with youth have different objectives. For the case in point, citizenship training within the scope of the church is aimed toward growth in Christian citizenship. With the church leadership as the master craftsman and scouting as a fine tool, the end product can be one of high quality.

The relationship of the cabinetmaker to his molding plane is simple. The plane is part of his regular equipment. It belongs to him. But what about the organizational units of scouting? To whom do they "belong"?

Scouting's organizational units (pack, troop, post) are operated by a sponsoring institution under a charter issued by the Boy Scouts of America. The Original Free Will Baptist Church sponsors numerous scouting units, and they become part of the churches' organizational structure. In short, they "belong" to the church, and not to the Boy Scouts of America. This type of relationship gives our churches an additional opportunity to work with our boys in Christian education. The view of the boy scout movement toward this kind of relationship is best seen in its charter and bylaws.

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God. In the first part of the scout promise, the boy declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing boy. The Boy Scouts of America therefore recognizes the religious element in the training of a boy, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the organization with which the scout is connected shall give definite attention to his religious life.

When one of our churches uses scouting as a tool to enable scouts to grow, scouting becomes a real part of the church. There are unlimited aids for scouting in our churches, since the scouting program is essentially religious. If scouting seeks to bring a boy's faith into his life through ours and all other churches, isn't it time for us to heed the calling of our youth and scouting?

Our Commission on Scouting is eager to assist any church in North Carolina. Anyone desiring immediate assistance concerning the current scout program, or who is interested in sponsoring scouting should contact me as follows:

The Rev. Frank Crary
P. O. Box 1236
Kinston, North Carolina 28501

May God bless you as we strive to build a better world through our youth.

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THOU FEELEST OUR PAIN

by Tommy Evans

Lord, there's a friend in need today—
Someone whose need causes me to pray,
Someone whose hurt yearns for healing,
Someone who asks compassionate feeling.

Lord, there's a friend in need now—
Soul imploring why and how,
Soul searching for God's peace,
Soul seeking sweet release.

Lord, there's a friend unaware
Of his spiritual cupboard made bare.
A friend conscious only of sinful desire,
A friend fallen captive in soulless mire.

Master, there's a friend in temptation
Whom Satan lures from prayerful contemplation.
A friend confronted with "harmless" wrong,
A friend deserted by a faith not strong.

Lord, remember the need with the name,
Consider thou, they are not the same.
Deal with each that each one may know,
Thou feelest our pain, thou knowest our woe.

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I never weary of great churches. It is my favorite kind of mountain scenery. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral.—**Stevenson.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 6:9, 10

CHILDREN OR BOOZE, WHICH?

Recently, the tragic, heartrending end of a broken home was written in juvenile court, Cleveland, Ohio. A thirty-two-year-old alcoholic father gave us his children for adoption. His wife, who suffered periods of depression, was often abused by her drinking husband. She took her life just before she was to be hospitalized for the fourth time.

Judge Gagliardo asked the father, "Does alcohol mean more to you than your children? You are still a young man. Your life isn't over yet. You have two beautiful children. You do not need any more reason to live. Do you realize that when I sign this order, you will never again be able to see your children, touch them, kiss them, hold them close to you, or know where they are and what they are doing?"

Tears ran down the alcoholic's cheeks. He nodded and mumbled that he understood.

Then the judge said, "It is the order of this court that your children are to be placed in the permanent care or custody of the division of child welfare."

Childhood has no deadlier enemy than alcohol.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Delinquent parents—these parents can cause a lifetime of heartbreak for an innocent child who has to live with them.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture Reading—James 3:13

ORGANIZED HORNETS

A man applied for a job as a teamster on a farm. He was eyed critically. Then he was given a long whip called a blacksnake. "Do you know how to use this?" the farmer asked.

The man did not reply. He merely snapped the whip and brought down a butterfly which was flitting over some nearby flowers.

The farmer was thrilled. He asked, "Do you see the honeybee on that clover blossom? Can you hit it?"

The applicant snapped the whip again, and the bee disintegrated.

"Now," said the farmer, "I'll test your ability as a driver."

As they jogged along in the farmer's wagon, the farmer saw a hornet's nest on a limb overhanging the road. "Can you bring down that hornet's nest?" he asked.

"No sir," was the emphatic reply. "I wouldn't touch that. Those hornets are organized."—*Told by Ralph W. Neighbour.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Organized sin-seekers are as dangerous to the Christian as the hornets are to humans if they are disturbed. After doing your best to save the sinners, if possible, avoid them.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:25

RISKED HIS LIFE FOR HIS BUDDIES

In the United States Army, no American soldier is ever knowingly left behind after a battle, whether wounded or dead. Soldiers often risk their lives to bring their fallen comrades back to their lines.

Pfc. Ed Bable, age nineteen, from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and some of his buddies in Vietnam pushed through the jungle and entered a trap set by the Viet Cong. A vicious crossfire caught them. Several of them fell, seriously wounded. Bable escaped and made his way back to safety, but he didn't stay long. Struggling through the muck, he returned to the scene of the ambushment. Quickly he lifted two of his fallen comrades to their feet. Supporting one under each arm, he brought them back to the American zone.

Ed Bable, at a real risk to himself, retrieved his buddies who needed to be rescued from the enemy's territory. Are we enough concerned about our loved ones, friends, and neighbors to self-forgetfully do all we can to bring them to the safe, sure ground of life or Christ?

PRAYER THOUGHT

Help to save your neighbor! This is a rule that is seldom practiced in our busy, on-the-go world. Stop and take time to help someone today. You will be rewarded later.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:1

ONLY A SMILE

How encouraging and assuring is a smile!

Robert Louis Stevenson told of a ship which was driven by a violent storm toward a rocky coast. The passengers were filled with terror, expecting the ship at any moment to be dashed to pieces on the jagged rocks.

One bold passenger with great difficulty made his way to the pilothouse. There he saw the pilot holding the wheel and veering the ship, inch by inch, away from the rocks and out to sea.

The pilot saw the daring passenger and smiled at him. Returning below, the passenger said, "All's well! I have seen t pilot, and he smiled at me!"

Blessed are those who, in the midst the storms and stresses of life, can s through the eve of faith the One long a who quieted the fears of His disciples a brought calm to the raging sea.

PRAYER THOUGHT

At times our troubles weigh our mind its lowest. A cheerful hello or a ki thought of expression from a friend or stranger helps to lift our burdens great

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:37

IT'S LOVE—IT'S FORGIVENESS

Years ago in the course of their m sionary work, Harold Hestekind and h wife were riding their bicycles on a bu street in Shanghai, China. She was stru by a bus and thrown beneath it. The hu band prayed, "O God, stop the wheels!"

Mrs. Hestekind was rushed to a hospit where a head wound was treated. Th investigating officers said to her, "Th driver of the bus was entirely to blame f the accident. If you will sign these paper we will take him in custody."

"No, no," said she. "I don't want hold him responsible. Let him go fre And please see that he does not lose h position."

The driver looked in amazement at Mr Hestekind. Weeping, he said, "My fathe mother, brothers, and sisters are all Chri tians, but I have never before seen its a traction. It is love! It is forgiveness! Nov I want to give myself to Christ."

Those who heard what the driver sai were astonished.

Later the Hestekinds said, "That was ou greatest opportunity to witness for Chris Others had seen how Christlike Christian love and forgive."

PRAYER THOUGHT

In your busy daily schedule, is ther time set aside for you to witness for Christ Have you ever been in a situation wher your testimony meant someone receivin Him as his personal Saviour? It's a gran feeling!

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:17

I'LL SEE YOU SOON

Little four-year-old Kathy Sansovini o Minneapolis was stricken with a rare mus cular disease called dermatomyositis. Th story of her faith and courage went int the homes and hearts of many peopl throughout the Midwest. The Minneapoli *Morning Tribune* carried a front-page fea ture story about her and also her picture.

Kathy prayed that the Lord would hea her, but the Lord in infinite wisdom too her to heaven to be with Him. Two day before her passing, she said to her father "Daddy, I'm going to heaven. I'm goin to be with Jesus!"

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our Church Auxiliaries

astern District Woman's Auxiliary onvention

Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church
Ernul, North Carolina

March 22, 1973

eme: "Pray; Knock; Witness"

ripture: "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:9, 10).

Morning Session

:30—Registration
:00—Hymn, "Bring Them In"
—Devotions, Mrs. Nora Dixon
:15—Welcome, Mrs. Linda Gaskins
—Response, Mrs. Lucille Holland
—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, Visiting Ministers, and the State President, Mrs. Ruby Hancock
—Remarks by Our District President, Mrs. Fred Register
:30—Report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
—Report of Cragmont Assembly, Mrs. Ruby Hancock
—Report of Camp Vandemere, Mrs. Matthew Prescott
—Report of the Children's Home, Brother Sam Weeks
—Report of Mount Olive College, a Ministerial Student
:20—Hymn, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"
—Offering (to Be Equally Divided Between Mount Olive College and the Children's Home)
:25—Announcements
—Appointment of Committees
:30—Hymn (or Special Music)
—Youth Chairman Report, Mrs. Melody Wall
—Declamation Winners
—Essay Winners
2:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Saviour Like a Shepherd"
—Prayer
—"Woman of the Year" Award
1:15—Other Denominational Work Reports
—Missions, Mrs. Adaline Gray
—District Field Secretary, Mrs. Rivers Winstead
—Superannuation, Mrs. C. B. Hansley
—Anna Phillips Loan Fund, Mrs. Melody Wall
—Secretary's Report, Mrs. Nelson Simpson
—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Rom Mallard
—Old Business
—New Business
—Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
—Adjournment

Pianist: Mrs. Carol Whitford
Ushers: Mrs. Margaret Toler
Mrs. Betsy Gaskins

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Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina on March 28. The theme will be, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," with Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 10:31. The program follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
—Devotion, Mrs. Jack Dail
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Minnie Hines
—Response, Mrs. Beasley Beaman
10:20—President's Greetings, Mrs. A. B. Chandler
—Recognition Time
—Business Period
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Appointment of Committees
—Missions, Mrs. Raymond Sasser
—Free Will Baptist Press, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—Children's Home News, Superintendent Sam Weeks
—Love Offering
—Congregational Song, "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
—Presentation of Declamation Winners
—Special Music, Miss Leah McGlohon
11:30—Morning Message, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes

Afternoon Session

1:15—Hymn, "All Hail the Power"
—Prayer
—Presentation of Essay Winners
—News of College
1:45—Special Music, Ladies' Trio, Winterville Church
—Cragmont News, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
—Presentation of Life Membership Award, Mrs. Walter Reynolds
—Business
2:45—Adjournment

Pianist—Mrs. Bruce Gray
Music Director—Miss Leah McGlohon

Attention: Ladies of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention

On April 12 our district auxiliary convention will meet with the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church. It is time again for each of us to take inventory of our stewardship to God.

Have we robbed God of our time, talent, and money? Have we been slothful this past six months in our efforts to serve our Lord and Master to the best of our ability? Have we spent all the time possible in Bible study, prayer, and meditation? Have we given more of our love and possessions to those in need than we have kept for our own selfish pleasure? Oh, that we could all score 100 percent!

Let's make our love offering for missions a gift of self-denial out of hearts filled with love and compassion for those who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter. But most of all, may we give that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be preached to those who have never heard the wonderful plan of salvation.

Please make every effort possible to attend our convention on April 12. Re-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First FWB Church of Greenville Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

Artist's Conception of New Building for First Church, Greenville

Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, held a groundbreaking ceremony on the site of their new building on Sunday, March 11. Turning the first shovel of dirt were Mr. Verlon Joyner, chairman of the Deacon Board; Mr. William Stocks, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Mr. Jarvis Mills, vice-chairman of the Building and Development Committee. Turning the second shovel of dirt were the Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor; Mrs. Blanche Snell, the church's oldest member; and Mr. J. H. Huson, general contractor.

The Breaking of Ground

The new church will be located on seven acres of land on North Carolina Highway No. 43 at the city limits of Greenville. The building will be of contemporary architecture. It will seat 310 in the sanctuary with an overflow area for 90. The educational facilities will meet the needs of a rapidly growing congregation.

The congregation plans to occupy the new facilities in November.

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Sweet Gum Grove FWB Church Holds Revival This Week

Revival services are in progress at the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina. They began March 19 and will continue through March 24, beginning each evening at 7:30. The speaker is the Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Pleasant H Free Will Baptist Church and the Gr Branch Free Will Baptist Church. He being assisted by the pastor of the Swe Gum Grove church, the Rev. Phill Jones.

The Men's Chorus of Stoney Cre Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsbor North Carolina, was scheduled to rend special music on Monday night. Oth special singing is planned througho the week.

The pastor and the congregation the church invite your presence at the services.

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Youth Groups of Holly Springs Church Enjoy Valentine Party

The YFA, the junior YFA, and the Al youth groups of Holly Springs Free W Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolin were entertained at a valentine party the Graham Baker Fellowship Hall February 16.

The hall was made beautiful wi valentine decorations. Forty young pe ple were present. Games and refres ments were enjoyed by the youth spo sors as well as by the youth.

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Holly Springs Pastor Entertained On Birthday by the Church

Members of the Holly Springs Fre Will Baptist Church, Newport, Nort Carolina, entertained their pastor, th Rev. J. B. Starnes, at a surprise birthda party on February 7. The festivitie were held in the Graham Baker Fellov ship Hall. Since it was ladies' night fo the men's brotherhood, many of th church members were present.

The fellowship hall was decorated i a valentine motif. The surprise party i self was held during the social hour. M Starnes received a birthday cake an many gifts. Refreshments of punch cake, chips, nuts, and candies were en joyed by all.

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Lanwood Chapel Plans Week Of Upcoming Revival Services

Revival services at the Lanwoo Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Buf falo Road in Smithfield, North Carolina will begin Sunday, March 25, and con tinue through Friday, March 30. Th services will begin each evening at 7:30

The Rev. Larry Coats will be the gues evangelist. The Rev. W. O. Lassiter pastor of Lanwood Chapel church, invite special singers to participate in the ser vices. He and the congregation invit the public to the revival. Prayer room will open at 7:15 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Crisp speaks to gathered members.

Woman's Auxiliary of Mount Zion Church, Nashville, Holds Course

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Nashville, North Carolina, held a study course on evangelism at the church on February 26. The speaker for the evening was Miss Diane Baines, missionary candidate to Zambia.

Her remarks were based on the book entitled, **You Can Witness with Confidence.** Everyone present received a blessing from her presentation.

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The Rev. Earl Glenn to Be Evangelist at Pleasant Grove

The Rev. Earl Glenn

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, will hold its spring revival on March 26-31 at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, the Rev. Joe Gerald.

There will be special singing each evening. Prayer meetings will be held throughout the week, beginning before the revival services at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, and is encouraged to bring someone with him.

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Links Will Be Guest Speakers at Floods Chapel on March 25

The Rev. Vance Link and his family, missionary candidates, will be the guest speakers at the Floods Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Spring Hope, North Carolina, on Sunday, March 25 at p.m.

The congregation invites your attendance at this special service.

Spring Revival Slated at Yelverton Grove FWB Church

A spring revival will be held at the Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Smithfield, North Carolina, from March 25 through March 30. The Rev. Braxton Creech will be the evangelist in services beginning each evening at 7:30.

The pastor of the Yelverton Grove church, the Rev. W. A. Martin, and the congregation invite everyone to come. The church hopes to have special singing each night.

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The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen to Speak In Revival at Harrell's Chapel

Revival services will begin at Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Snow Hill, North Carolina, on March 26 and will continue through Saturday night, March 31. The services will be held each evening at 7:30, with the Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, as the guest evangelist.

Special singing will be rendered each night.

The church cordially invites the public to attend these services. Everyone is requested to pray for a great soul-stirring revival.

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Pre-Easter Revival Slated At Christian Chapel Church

The Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will hold its pre-Easter revival, beginning April 16 at 7:30 p.m. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Carolina.

The pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, will be in charge of the singing. Any group of singers who could participate during one night of the revival should contact Mr. Ard at Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572.

The public is invited by the pastor and the congregation to share in this week of fellowship.

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Pleasant Grove Church near Dunn Plans Revival for March 25-31

Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Dunn, North Carolina, will hold revival services March 25-31 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Gene Britt of Smithfield, North Carolina, will be the evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. Billy Nowell, and the church members invite everyone to attend and to enjoy the preaching of this young minister. Special singing will be rendered each night.

May everyone pray for a great revival, one in which many decisions for Christ will be made.

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The Rev. Joe Ingram to Show Slides of Philippines

The Rev. Joe Ingram will be at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. He will show slides of his recent visit to the mission field in the Philippines with the Harold Jones family.

This presentation is sponsored by the Winterville league.

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March 26-31 Are Dates for Revival at Grimsley Church

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 102 near Maury, North Carolina, will hold a revival during the week of March 26-31. Services will be at 7:30 each evening. The speaker

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Coming Events . . .

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

March 24—Western District Youth Convention, Micro Free Will Baptist Church; Central District Youth Convention, Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church.

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Chadbourn, North Carolina.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

April 14—Mount Olive College Music Festival and Visitation Day at Eagles Nest Conference Center, beginning 10:30 a.m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

THANKS BE UNTO GOD!

Gifts and pledges to the Mount Olive Chapel Fund reached $200,000 by the time of the groundbreaking service on February 27. "The achievement of this goal was a fulfillment of faith," President W. Burkette Raper reported, "and it will assure that construction can actually begin at an early date."

The construction bids, however, exceeded the estimated cost and consultation is now being held to modify the building plan to bring it more fully in line with the budget. Additional funds are being sought to cover the cost of equipping, landscaping, access road, parking area, underground drainage and related expenses.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and students, I want to express our deepest gratitude to all whose prayers and support have brought Mount Olive College to one of the great moments in its history," President Raper declared.

Below is a list of donors with either gifts ($100 or more) or pledges through February 28. Churches and individuals who have not already sent their pledges or gifts are encouraged to do so.

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Report Through February 28, 1973

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Free Union Sunday School, C. L. Patrick, pastor
Goldsboro, First church, Earl Glenn, pastor
Gum Swamp church, Jack Mayo, pastor
Hopewell church, Edmund Gonzalez, pastor
Hull Road church, Leonard B. Woodall, pastor
Kenly Sunday School, James V. Joyner, pastor
Kinston, First church, William Futch, pastor
Little Rock church, De Wayne Eakes, pastor
Marsh Swamp Sunday School, Adrian Grubbs, pastor
Mount Zion church, E. E. Edwards, pastor
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Riverside church, C. M. Coats, pastor
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Selma church, Ray Wells, pastor
Sherron Acres church, Harold Mac Wallace, pastor
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Winterville church, James Lupton, pastor
Wooten's Chapel church, J. B. Caton, pastor

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unt Zion Teenage Sunday School Class, E. E. Edwards, pastor
er's Creek church, Foy C. Futrelle, pastor
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ecta church, Kenansville, S. A. Smith, pastor
on Grove Church Adult Classes, Bruce Jones, pastor
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Hickory Chapel church, Robert May, pastor
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Second Central Sunday School Convention
Spring Hill church, William Dale, pastor

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Chocowinity Students Visit Mount Olive

In early February, Anita Jones, president of the Tri-Hi-Y Christian Association at Chocowinity High School, wrote to Mount Olive College to ask if a group of about 50 Chocowinity students could visit the campus.

"We would like to visit your fine school," Miss Jones wrote, "since it will benefit our club by showing that all Christian schools are not a 'drag.' "

The visit was arranged and escorted by Sandra Rhodes, English instructor at Chocowinity High School.

On arrival, the students enjoyed refreshments and an informal gathering with college personnel.

Following a luncheon at which they were the guests of the College, the Chocowinity students were guided on an extensive tour of the library, student center, dormitories, and other facilities by Mount Olive students.

They were reportedly very impressed with what they saw.

Mount Olive College is always pleased to receive visitors on its campus and encourages groups or individuals to call the Office of Admissions if they wish to make an appointment.

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NEWS NOTES

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will be the Rev. Bobby Bazen, pastor of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Tom Miller, pastor of the Grimsley church, will be assisting each night.

Special singing will be featured throughout the week. The public is cordially invited to come and worship with the congregation.

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"I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN!"

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—**Selected.**

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Put some sunshine in someone's life. Do you perhaps know some shut-in friend who might enjoy receiving THE FREE WILL BAPTIST? Why not consider giving him or her a gift subscription?

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

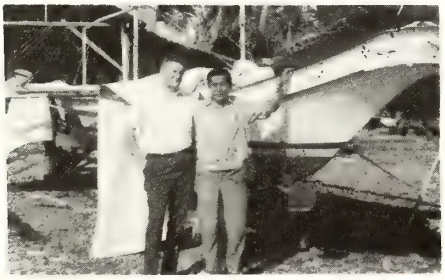
A SATURDAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

During the past three articles, we have covered the trip to the Philippines, and the witnessing of the gospel from house to house. This is done four days a week for about five to six hours per day, thus giving a total of more than twenty hours per week in personal soul winning. Also, we covered the training sessions that are given at night by the workers to those who have accepted Christ as personal Saviour. These sessions are held four nights per week.

This brings us now to Saturday. For some time now, plans had been made to begin a type of boat ministry and a boat for the work was necessary. Sometime last fall, approval was made by the State Mission Board for the purchase of a boat. This was built there in Puerto and had been finished only a short time before my arrival in the Philippines. It was necessary for Brother Harold to get a drive shaft from Manila, so they had not used the boat before this time.

Plans were made for the families of the missionaries and me to go on a picnic to some near island on Saturday morning. So early, Brother Dela Rosa, the appointed captain of the boat, went down and got the boat ready for its first voyage. The families gathered at the pier and patiently waited for the appearance of the boat. Soon we saw the brightly colored boat coming around the edge of the bay. Its colors are red, white, and blue. As it drew near, we could see the name, "Ang Mabuting Balita" written on the side in Talalog. This means, "The Good News," in English—a very appropriate name for a gospel boat.



The Rev. Joseph Ingram (left) and Mr. Perocillo are shown in front of the new boat, while they wait for finishing touches to be made before the launch.

We finally boarded the boat and were off for the picnic. We came near enough to the island to realize that the tide was out and that it would be impossible for us to get to shore without getting out, so we decided to have the picnic on the boat.

On the way out, Brother Perocillo purchased some fish from a man who was swimming and fishing with a spear gun. He also brought an octopus for eating after returning home.

We finally anchored the boat and just sat amazed at the beauty of the bottom of the bay. Here the water was about five to six feet deep and was as clear as a crystal. It looked like a giant aquarium. The little fish were all colors, swimming in and out the cavities of rocks and coral on the bottom. There was coral of all colors. There was a new beauty in each spot one could look.

Well, finally time came for lunch. But, before the meal was served, Brother Harold looked at me and asked if I were hungry. I said, "I sure am." He replied, "I hope so," for Brother Perocillo was preparing one of the fish he had bought for our enjoyment. Soon he handed me a piece of the fish and I dipped it in the sauce and ate it raw. It really was not so bad. We had our lunch and made our return back home after a very enjoyable and relaxing morning.

After reaching home, preparation was made for the Saturday afternoon visit to the prison. We were to be there about 3 p.m. Upon arrival, we found the men working around the prison and soon they gathered for the service. Mrs. Perocillo led the group of about 35 men in the gospel choruses and Brother Jones gave the Bible lesson. It is inspiring to see the interest shown from the men in the presentation of the Word of God. Their hearts seem so hungry for the refreshing message that only the Word of God can supply.

Mrs. Perocillo leads in singing at t prison.

After the service was conclude Brother Perocillo and Brother Dela Ro made visits in behalf of the service Sunday morning. I went along wi Brother Perocillo and enjoyed the visi ing that was made. Soon, we return home for a most enjoyable meal and time of fellowship with the Rev. ar Mrs. Jones and children before retirir for the day. Another most rewardir day had been lived, and another chapt had been added to my life.

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Good News From Church Extension

The Church Extension Board expects report the establishment of two ne missions within the next two week The framework is already underway ar is nearing completion. Watch for mo detailed information in the near futur

The prospective missions are locat in Hope Mills, North Carolina, and He derson, North Carolina. We are goi ahead with our commitments just though we already had the money in t bank, because we believe that our co cerned Christians will undergird o home missions program with their pra ers and their financial support. We ha $1,300 in the bank at the present time

We need people who will step out faith and offer themselves for service the home mission field. There is need to be afraid, because we have G with us in this work; we have alrea seen it. We of the Church Extensi Board will not let you down; we w stand with you.

Our mailing address is as follows:

Free Will Baptist Church Extensi
c/o The Rev. Taylor Hill
Secretary and Treasurer
1207 Arsenal Avenue
Fayetteville, North Carolina 283

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Dr. Barrow's column this week is a continuation from the last two issues of *The Free Will Baptist*. The question is repeated below.

Question: How do we know that the Bible is the Word of God?

Answer (cont.): There are to be found numerable internal evidences that ecial holy men, set apart, divinely osen for the task, and endowed with e authority and the ability, spoke and ote as they were moved upon by the ly Spirit—writing in each case exactly they were influenced by the Holy irit, closing each part of the docunt where or when the Spirit indicated. ese internal evidences include the folving:

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ himself testied to the divine origin of the Old stament, quoting from each division it as it appeared in His day and rding it as final authority.

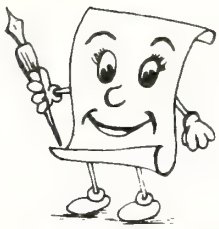
2. The Apostle Paul and all the other ostles quoted from it freely, believed preached it, and laid down their lives its defense. They also gave witness the inspiration of the New Testament. e 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:19-21.

3. There are innumerable fulfilled ophecies that prove beyond any kind reasonable doubt that the Old Testant foretold the message of the New stament. There are many quotations ken from the Old Testament that are ond in the New Testament; therein ey are described as prophecies from e Old Testament said to be fulfilled in me of the incidents or events reported the New Testament.

4. There is the marvelous and unmiskable unity of the Bible, a book writn, over a period of time covering one ousand or more years, by different man instruments. The writers came m various background cultures and vironments, and had varying degrees education; the Bible, consequently, s written in different languages and nibits different styles of writing. Circmstances would tend to anything other than unity; however, we have brought to us in clear understandable language this one Book, with one message clearly telling the story of the one and only Saviour of all mankind, the One sufficient for whosoever will come. To adequately tell this story, prophecy, history, law, psalms, proverbs, parables, and sermons are present—all doing their legitimate part in telling the same story of salvation from sin by faith in the shed blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Have we need of further proof of the origin of this wonderfully adequate, divinely inspired Book?

The more time we give to its analytical study, the more we thoughtfully read it, the more diligently we peruse its holy pages, comparing Scripture with Scripture, the more convinced we are that Paul was inspired to write, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33). No man having only natural knowledge, however gifted and learned he may be, will ever comprehend, for, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Babes in Christ are invited to feed on the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby, but as one comes to age he is admonished to make progress and to depend no longer upon his milk diet. He is to eat strong meat —that is, to search out and apply the promises and, by comparing Scripture with Scripture, allow the Holy Spirit so to control and direct his study of the Bible that he rightly interprets and applies it to his everyday living. One may get such books as he feels the need for, but the Bible is first. Then such books as **Synthetic Study of the Bible** by Dr. James M. Gray, **What the Bible Teaches** and **How to Work for Christ** by R. A. Torrey, and **Christian Theology** by Dr. P. B. Fitzwater are recommended.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

The prettiest, most interesting gardens are in out-of-the-way, untraveled areas. They're probably never seen by great numbers of people, but are appreciated and enjoyed by the few who find them.

So it must be with the lives that really count in God's sight. Many people who do worthwhile things work and live quietly, and only God recognizes what they do.

Jesus didn't say we should be famous in order to serve Him. He didn't say we must hold offices in the church or denomination. He told His disciples, ". . . You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men hold them in subjection, tyrannizing over them. Not so shall it be among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave; Just as the Son of man came not to be waited on but to serve, . . ." (Matthew 20:25-28)—**The Amplified Bible.**

He judges not only what we do, but our attitude as we do it. So, in His sight, the one who counts most may be someone you and I would hardly notice.

We must have presidents and secretaries, deacons and trustees, and no one should be ashamed of serving as an officer in the church. But those "in authority" are really no more important than the others who never have a title.

Milton said, "They also serve who only stand and wait." And they may be more important at times than the "doers." It just depends on how we conduct ourselves, how we feel about it, and our reasons for serving.

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WHAT IT COSTS

A woman was calling on a friend whose children were brought in. The caller said, evidently with no thought of the meaning of her words, "Oh, I'd give my life to have two such children," to which the mother with subdued earnestness replied, "That's exactly what it costs."—S. D. Gordon.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Comparative Analysis of February Receipts

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of February, 1973. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each Conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for February, 1973, compared with February, 1972.

Contributions Received	**1973**	**1972**	**Increase or (Decrease)**
Albemarle Conference	$ 970.95	$ 162.94	$ 808.01
Blue Ridge Association	25.00		25.00
Cape Fear Conference	1,348.19	282.71	1,065.48
Central Conference	2,540.26	1,595.71	944.55
Eastern Conference	3,683.47	2,259.41	1,424.06
Pee Dee Association	226.97	147.63	79.34
Piedmont Conference	139.93	17.40	122.53
Western Conference	2,361.49	1,215.43	1,146.06
Statewide Bodies	437.64	159.08	278.56
Other States		75.65	(75.65)
Total Religious Contributions	$11,733.90	$ 5,915.96	$ 5,817.94
Parents and Relatives	$ 886.60	$ 854.20	$ 32.40
Friends and Others	452.00	137.00	315.00
Legacies and Bequests	412.22	180.25	231.97
The Duke Endowment	9,234.18	9,146.20	87.98
Farm Income	3,375.57	12.25	3,363.32
Canteen	77.43		77.43
McLeod Farm Rent	1,200.00*		1,200.00
Miscellaneous	276.82	52.79	224.03
Total Other Income	$15,914.82	$10,382.69	$ 5,532.13
Total Income for Month	$27,648.72	$16,298.65	$ 11,350.07
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$26,302.30	$15,335.40	$ 10,966.90
Freezer Account	121.00		121.00
Van Account		186.25	(186.25)
McLeod Education Loan Fund	1,200.00*		1,200.00
Education Aid Fund	25.42	777.00	(751.58)
	$27,648.72	$16,298.65	$ 11,350.07

* Another payment for $300 is forthcoming.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING

Albemarle Conference

Free Union	$100.00
Hickory Chapel	350.00
Malachi's Chapel	100.00
Mount Tabor	45.00
Auxiliary District Convention	89.00
Shiloh	156.95
Sound Side	50.00
Trinity	20.00
Virginia Beach	60.00

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill	25.00

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel	25.00
Daly's Chapel	16.45
Eastwood	175.00
Goldsboro	10.00
Johnston Union	100.00
Lee's Chapel	260.00
Palmer Memorial	74.33
Pleasant Grove	50.00
Powhatan	100.[illegible]
Riverside	100.[illegible]
Saint Mary's Grove	10.[illegible]
Smithfield	152.[illegible]
Smyrna	175.[illegible]
Yelverton's Grove	100.[illegible]

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	256.[illegible]
Ayden	75.[illegible]
Black Jack	75.[illegible]
Community	65.[illegible]
Daniels Chapel	215.[illegible]
Dilda's Grove	160.[illegible]
Edgewood	10.[illegible]
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Faith	126.[illegible]
Free Union	312.[illegible]
Friendship	138.[illegible]
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Harrell's Chapel	45.[illegible]
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Hull Road	18.[illegible]
Little Creek	155.[illegible]
Ormondsville	5.[illegible]
Owen's Chapel	65.[illegible]
Peace	10.[illegible]
Piney Grove	95.[illegible]
Reedy Branch	155.[illegible]
Rose Hill	50.[illegible]
Spring Branch	100.[illegible]
Tarboro	160.[illegible]
Winterville	112.[illegible]

Eastern Conference

Antioch	40.[illegible]
Bethlehem	145.[illegible]
Bethel	100.[illegible]
Beulaville	10.[illegible]
Bridgeton	2.[illegible]
British Chapel	160.[illegible]
Core Creek	185.[illegible]
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Mount Zion (Pamlico)	30.[illegible]
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Piney Grove	5.[illegible]

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alvary	100.00
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Marsh Swamp	30.00
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Milbournie	62.50
Mount Zion (Nash)	117.97
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leasant Hill	200.00
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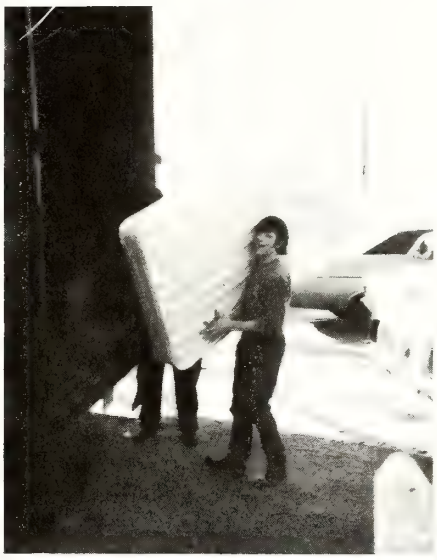
NEW MATTRESSES FOR THE HOME

March 1973 is a month that will long be remembered by many boys and girls at the Children's Home, for during this month 48 of them received new mattresses and boxed springs for their beds. This new bedding was purchased and placed into the Albemarle I, Albemarle II, Smith, and Deans Cottages, which were long overdue for it. Mr. J. B. Patterson, the farm manager, and two boys, Ray Gay and Kevin Lee, helped in the process of unloading the mattress sets.



Even though work is involved in the unloading process, happiness is portrayed by the smile on Kevin's face.

Mrs. Hare presents the money, in behalf of the class, to Mr. Weeks, the superintendent. In the background are several other church members: Hattie Sumerlin, Katherine Howell, Connie Howell, Betty Jean Ferrell, and Wendy Hare.

Since the mattresses were ordered, many churches, church groups, sponsors, and individuals have responded with donations to pay for them. The Intermediate Sunday School Class of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church at Kenly, North Carolina, was quick to respond to this urgent need by raising $100 through a bake sale. This class is led by Patricia Hare and has nine boys and girls in it.

Other churches and persons who have responded through donations are as follows: Mr. Hubert Burress, Mrs. Grace Whitehurst, Mr. Henry Brewer (employee of Parker's Barbecue in Wilson), Whitley Electric Company of Wilson; Hickory Grove, Aspen Grove, and Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Churches.

An invitation is extended to all individuals and groups who are willing to participate in the payment of the forty-eight mattress sets, especially to those sponsors of children living in these four cottages. If you are willing to share in the cost of one or more mattress sets (mattress and boxed springs), please send an earmarked check to the Home right away. If only nine young boys and girls bought two and one half sets ($100), won't you buy one today with your $40 donation?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that Miss Diane Baines has resigned, and this resignation has been accepted by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board of Missions. Miss Baines is no longer working under the auspices of this board.

Joseph H. Ingram, Director-Treasurer
Earl Glenn, Chairman

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 1

God Speaks Through Christ

Lesson Text: John 1:1-8, 14-18; Acts 10: 34-43; Hebrews 1:1-4

Memory Verse: John 1:18

I. INTRODUCTION

God has something to say to us today. He wants us to listen to Him for He has many things we need to hear. In Old Testament times God spoke to His people through the prophets and through His Word. In New Testament times He still spoke through His Word after the New Testament was prepared, but in a special way He spoke through His Son. The more we know Christ, the better we can hear the voice of God speaking to us.

God wants man to know that He cares for him and He can best relay that message through the Son. When we see the mercy and grace of Christ we are really seeing these qualities in the Father. No longer does He appear to men as a stern taskmaster, hating us for our sins, and seeking to punish us for them. Christ came to show that God loves man despite his sins, even as our fathers love us when we do wrong. Christ came to reconcile lost man to a loving God, and effected that reconciliation at the cost of His life on the Cross. Christ came to reveal to man that he has an eternal home in heaven if he will only receive the Son as Saviour. Because God commissioned Christ to come to earth to deliver these great messages, we can say that it was the Father who spoke to us and still speaks today through His Son, Christ Jesus.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We can trust the message of the prophets.

B. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the revelation of God found in the Old Testament.

C. If Jesus holds "all things by the word of his power," then we are in safekeeping in His hands.

D. The keeping power of Jesus rests in the reality of His death on the cross and in His present position of power on the throne of God.

E. God's present method of speaking is through the Person of His Son, Jesus.

F. When the Word was first made flesh, He was seen in a life full of grace and truth. These qualities should characterize the life which has accepted the living Word.

G. Centuries of receiving from the "fulness" of Jesus have not exhausted the supply.

—George J. Mann, in **Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," He could not have been misunderstood (see John 14:6). The claim is singular and exclusive. There is no other successful way, no other necessary truth, no other worthy life. "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Occasionally, a shallow-thinking individual says, "We're all headed for heaven; we're simply on different roads." As pretty as this sounds, it does not harmonize with revealed truth. When Jesus said He was **the** way, the singular was deliberate and exclusive. We may quickly reason that if man might be saved by any process other than the death of God's Son, His death was, at least to that degree, unnecessary. But Jesus said, "I am **the** way," and either the statement is literally true, or He spoke an untruth.

Many other ways have been proposed, to be sure. There are those who advocate a total reliance upon one's own reason or wishes. "If it is not true to me, if my own reason does not approve or understand, it is false," they say.

If all our actions required full understanding before they were done, we would never touch another electric switch, for we neither understand the electricity nor the light it produces. We would not eat, for we do not comp hend all the principles in digestion, similation, circulation, elimination, on and on and on. Doesn't it sound a inconsistent that men are willing to a thousand things daily, relying upon consistent operation of God's laws in ture, but they rebel at the deed that commanded of their faith that will br them eternal life?

We must walk where God wishes, where we prefer.

—**Standard Lesson Comment**

Churches and Minister Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, w needed, for any church that is seekin pastor and for any minister who is see a church to serve and would like to such notice. Please send the necessary formation to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)

The Rev. Ralph Aycock announces t he is available for half- or full-time toral work. He is a member of Western Conference of Original Free Baptists. Any church desiring his vices may contact him by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 275 or by telephoning 284-2452 after 4 p

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The Rev. James Warren announces t he is available for a part-time chu He is part-time pastor of the Brit Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Any church desiring his services n contact him by telephoning 527-1648 by writing to 1000 Poplar Street, K ton, North Carolina 28501.

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THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people just like me
It will be friendly if I am.
It will do a great work if I work.
It will make generous gifts to m causes if I am generous.
It will bring others into our fellows if I bring them.
Its seats will be filled if I fill them.
It will be a church of loyalty and lo or faith and service, if I, who m it what it is, am filled with the
Therefore, with God's help, I dedic myself to the task of being all th things I want the church to be.

—**Copied**

Young World Singers to Expand Evangelistic Outreach

The Young World Singers

The Young World Singers, widely known and enjoyed throughout eastern North Carolina, with a reputation for their dedication and sincerity in presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ, are expanding their ministry to include evangelistic and revival services.

The singers, who work interdenominationally, are available for weekend youth revivals, youth retreats, and concerts of music and witness in churches or community auditoriums. The total ministry, entitled the "Young World Ministries," will now include evangelistic and revival services on a Monday-Friday night basis. Len Page, Reb Lancaster, and Wesley Morris, although experienced in youth work, will be presenting a complete ministry to the total church, regardless of age or denomination.

The plans of their ministry also include the establishment of a home for runaway and delinquent girls. They hope, with God's help, that this home will become a reality in 1973.

Any church interested in securing the services of the Young World Singers should contact Mr. Wesley Morris, Route 2 Box 347, Vanceboro, North Carolina 2586; his telephone number is 244-437.

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HUNGER

The following proverbs on hunger we have read:

"Hunger fetches the wolf out of the woods."

"Hunger finds no fault with the cooking."

"Hunger is good kitchen meat."

"Hunger is the best sauce."

"Hunger makes raw beans a relish."

"Hunger horses make a clean manger."

"Hunger men think the cook lazy."

Satan On The Loose

by Nicky Cruz

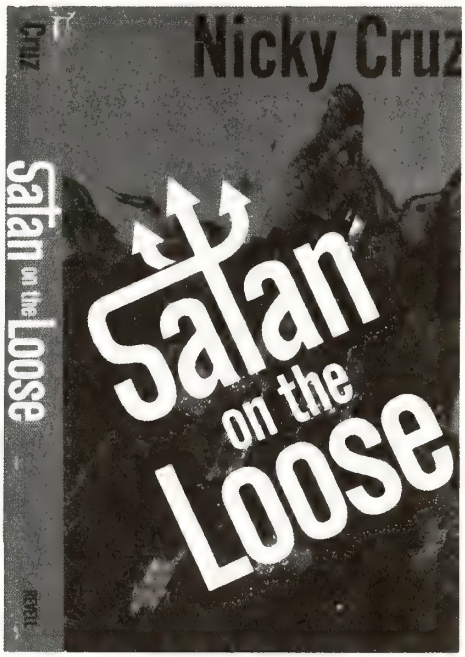
Horoscopes appear daily in newspapers across the country . . . hundreds of books and pamphlets are regularly published on astrology, witchcraft, magic, ESP, etc. . . . Ouija boards are popular "games" for children and adults . . . seances, black masses, and other forms of Satan worship are held all over the United States. What is causing this sudden resurgence of interest in the occult?

Nicky Cruz has become acutely aware of the occult revival and is convinced that Satan is on the loose in our society. He is particularly burdened by this problem because he has **personally** felt the frightening power of Satan. At one time it held complete control of his life!

To demonstrate the remarkable powers of Satan, Nicky Cruz takes the reader into the world of voodoo and spiritualism of Las Piedras, Puerto Rico, where he spent his childhood. He introduces his mother, a medium, and his father, a witch doctor, and tells of some of their astounding experiences with supernatural spirits. Though both eventually surrendered themselves to Jesus Christ, their former lives are undisputable proof of the existence and power of Satan.

Nicky Cruz also had his own personal proof of the great power of Satan, for at an early age his life was overcome by a demonic force that made him want to destroy. The terrifying experiences he had while under the power of Satan threatened to lead to total destruction until his miraculous conversion to Jesus Christ.

Now Nicky Cruz realizes that the power of Satan is not in any way confined to tropical islands. He has learned through his wide travels and contacts with large numbers of people that Satan is all around us in the small towns, cities, and college campuses of the United States. In his own words: "Satan is working furiously in all parts of America today. What he is doing has become hideously clear to me as I have been studying the occult movement—but I am constantly surprised as I discover how far he has reached into thousands and



thousands of hearts and homes. Even **Christian** hearts and homes.

In **Satan on the Loose** Nicky Cruz not only makes the reader more aware of the widespread and powerful influence of Satan, but also offers helpful information and advice for resisting Satan's attacks. He identifies the seemingly innocent traps which lure people into the occult; points out the evils of various occult activities, often citing Scriptural quotations and true-life stories as proof; answers questions most often asked about Satan and demons; and recommends a valuable, five-point program for parents who want to protect themselves and their children from the powers of Satan.

About the Author:

Nicky Cruz, whose dramatic conversion story is told in the best seller, **The Cross and the Switchblade,** is the founder and director of Nicky Cruz Outreach, Inc., which operates rehabilitation centers for teens in trouble. He is the author of **Run Baby Run** and **The Lonely Now** and recently filmed a television documentary entitled "No Need to Hide," which traces the important steps in his life.

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Woman's Auxiliary

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member that God's business is the greatest business on earth, and Christian fellowship is spiritual food that satisfies a thirsty soul.

Mrs. Edwin Roper
Missions Chairman
Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary
Convention

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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He asked, "How do you know, Kathy?"

She replied, "The Lord seemed to tell me so last night."

Kathy's two-year-old brother, looking into the starlit sky one evening shortly after Kathy's death, said, "Hi, Kathy! See you pretty soon!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Death is an undetermined fact of life. So many people are afraid to face it because they are not fully prepared. This Christian girl knew she was going to heaven and this influenced her brother to want to go there also.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:16

"UGH! CANNED WHITE MAN!"

Some years ago Bishop Rowe of Alaska visited a tribe of Indians who lived where civilized man had seldom gone. Only a few of the tribe had ever seen a white man. A member of Bishop Rowe's party had a phonograph with him. He began to play it. The Indians listened incredulously. They examined the gadget from every direction. The old chief got down on his knees and peered into it. He stood, flung his arms out in a sweeping gesture, and exclaimed, "Ugh! Canned white man!"

How inspiring are "canned" sermons unfeelingly and mechanically delivered, sermons devoid of fervor and spiritual power.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you go to church and don't receive some spiritual benefit from your minister's sermon, it may very well be that he is using "canned" sermon material. Examine yourself, however, to see if you are lacking something.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Illustrations for Today*, Moody Press.)

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Make a gift of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST!

BIBLE FOUND

A black Bible was left during a revival at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina 27882, about one year ago. It bears the imprinted name, Jesse Blalock.

The Bible can be claimed by writing to the church, c/o Mrs. Carol Perry, church clerk.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS OF MRS. J. W. ALFORD

Dear Friends,

Once again I come to you through the medium of **The Free Will Baptist** on behalf of my mother, Mrs. J. W. (Lucy) Alford. She has received many cards and gifts of money since her ninety-first birthday in October, during the Christmas holidays, and in recent days during another period of hospitalization. I find it almost impossible to acknowledge each of them personally; I hope that everyone who has remembered her will see this and accept it as a sincere expression of our appreciation. Especially do I hope that the senders of unsigned cards will read this. To Mrs. Malpass of Goldsboro, to the Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro, to several Sunday school classes, and to the ladies' organization at Kenly, we send a special "thank you," for they are so faithful and consistent in their recalling of special days. It means so much to Mother to be remembered, and when she is happy, I am happy, too.

There are many letters and cards that are signed simply by the name of the church (not personally by someone of the church), and the postmark never gives the location of the church. These cards cannot be acknowledged. May I ask that the ones responsible also give their names and addresses.

Thank you, each and everyone of you! And may God bless you richly in your efforts for Him and for the work of the kingdom.

Sincerely,
Bessie Alford Lewis (Mrs. Earl)
Box 163
Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

MEMORIAL TO ANDREE DAVID

It was about a year ago that And David died. To say that she was an " tive" member of the White Hill Free V Baptist Church in Aurora, North Ca lina, is a massive understatement. dree was active in the church, the S day school, the choir, the Bible sch the ladies' auxiliary. She was act with the young people, the younger p ple, the old, the sick, the lonely. laughed with the joyful, cried with sorrowful, comforted the grieving, a ached with the heartbroken. She pl ed happily with children and babi tended the sick, and ran errands those without transportation. She v not only the first one on the scene wh a need arose, but the quickest worke

Andree's voice rang clear and w sincerity when we sang her favor hymn, "I Want to Be a Worker for Lord." Andree was, in truth, a worl **for** the Lord. Her life was a study the Lord's service to other people—de cated to helping, working for, and sh ing with other people. Andree lived other people . . . for you . . . and me . . . but first of all, she was a worl **for** the **Lord.**

Ladies' Auxiliary
White Hill Free Will Baptist Chur
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PEE DEE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Pee Dee District Woman's A illiary Convention scheduled for Saturd April 7, will be held at the Beaver D Free Will Baptist Church near Chadbou North Carolina, and not at the Oak Gro church, as previously published. T error was due to inaccurate informati received by our staff.

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CHECK UP OCCASIONALLY

It's good to have money, and t things that money can buy, but it's goo too, to check up once in awhile and sure you haven't lost the things mon can't buy.—**George Horace Lorimer.**

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1973

HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN THEE?

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How dwelleth the love of God in thee. . .

When you have money and see those in need and give them none?

When you can sit through a three-hour movie, but immediately begin squirming and sighing impatiently if the minister preaches five minutes beyond twelve noon on Sunday?

When you think yourself above many, that it is beneath your station even to speak to them, to say nothing of offering them your hand in a warm greeting?

When you'd travel miles and miles to attend some sports event, but find it an impossibility to walk across the road to help a person during some troubled time?

When you can pray the sweetest prayers in church, but when at home your temper is so sharp that from where a few hours ago came some godly sounds, there are now devilish utterings?

When you seek acclaim for every good deed, wanting others to know when, how, and why you did it, but when there is no audience you somehow find the urging to do good a little less compelling?

When you never are able to see faults in your own character, but are so quick to sit in judgment upon those who err ever so slightly or don't quite conform to your manner of living?

When you grant privileges to a few important friends, but deny similar ones to those who don't belong to or stand quite so close to your "circle"?

When you make so much noise about your great deeds that those who are able to do very meager ones are pushed into the background, unheard and unseen, because you are so "big"?

When you self-righteously expound upon your many virtues, all the while derogating some unfortunate soul who made one little mistake, and therefore, according to you, is no longer fit for your association?

When you want everybody to come over, as it were, to your side of thinking, and consider it a little unintelligent on his part if his thinking is individualized and not swayed by your prestigious approach?

When everything good that you do is for self-glory, to be seen of men for their praise, but when called upon to do some anonymous deed of worth, you are not quite so eager to do so?

How dwelleth the love of God in thee? Examine yourself and see. Except **I** be filled with compassion and self-forgetfulness, it cannot dwell in me; and except **you** be so filled, how dwells it in thee?

Again: How dwelleth the love of God in thee?

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CUB SCOUTING AND A BOY

by the Rev. E. F. Crary

Does your church have boys eight, ne, and ten years old? Do you know ys in your community of this age oup who do not attend church and nday school? Perhaps you have boys your community who do not have a urch which they can call their own. s, you have these boys unless your urch has the cub scouting program d has invited boys who do not have a urch to be a part of your program.

Now, let's try a little exercise. Take ur right hand, make it into a fist, and ld it straight out in front of you. Now ee your first finger from the fist and int with it. Point it out into your mmunity at those "kids who are al-ays in trouble." Point it at the parents those "kids" who don't go to church. ut now let's really get serious with urselves and notice that when we point is one finger at our youth that the ree bottom fingers of this fist are inting back at us. What are we do-g for our youth? Is it just a lot of p? Something to think about, isn't ?

Last week in our scouting article we oke of the master craftsman and his ols being used to make a fine piece of rniture. Now let's think about an-ther skilled man—the carpenter. You annot find a carpenter who can build a ome for you. He can only build you a ouse. It is you and your family who vill make it a home. Factors beyond our control may determine the kind of ouse you will have, but only you can etermine the kind of home it will be. he process which changes a house into home is living and learning and grow-ng together. This process of building home is far too important to be al-owed to happen by chance. You must etermine the type of home you want, nd everything you say and do in it will etermine whether you will succeed. And for the children in your home, there is no tomorrow! At the age of eight, your son has only a few more short years of boyhood. Tomorrow is too late to begin to think about the atmosphere of your home life, and what you do today is the only thing that really counts. By what happens in your home now—today—you are determining your son's future memories of his parents and home. And, in a very real way, his memories of his life with you in your home will contribute to the home life of his own family when he grows to manhood. So everything you do now counts doubly. And what you do with your son in the home reflects in all of his activities outside the home. In fact, your son is an ambassador of the home.

Cub scouting is a home-centered program of boy-action, boy-achievement, boy-health, and boy-helpfulness—developed through much scientific research and testing by the Boy Scouts of America and our church.

The program has been developed especially for parents of eight-, nine-, and ten-year-old boys to use with and for their sons. It makes good use of a period in a boy's life that might otherwise be left to pure chance. It gives the boy something to work for, something to look forward to, and the program is as American as apple pie.

In cub scouting the whole family—Mother, Dad, and Jimmy—has a chance to enjoy things together in the home. It's the way a family is meant to operate.

Cub scouting helps parents answer that eternal question, "What can I do now?," posed by every youngster. Too, it provides opportunities for dads and sons to do things together.

The cub scout program includes a plan of advancement through four ranks, during which boys learn by doing. Upon entering the pack, the boy's parents teach him his bobcat (entrance) requirements. Then, if he is eight years old, he begins to earn twelve achievements toward his wolf cub scout rank; if nine, he strives to become a bear; if ten, he enters a field of challenging activities aimed at preparing him to become a boy scout at eleven by completing his webelos rank.

Activities are so planned that in each rank the achievements require a little more skill, a little more responsibility than was expected of him in the preceding rank. And always it is Mother and Dad who certify that their son has done his best in earning the achievements.

At the weekly den meetings, a cub scout starts an activity. Perhaps it's a handicraft project, or practicing a stunt for the next pack meeting. Then, during the week, with Mother and Dad to help and encourage him, he finishes the handicraft project or perfects his stunt. If it happens to be something required in one of the achievements, then Mother or Dad signs his cub scout book. Thus Mother and Dad and the home tie in with cub scouting every day of the week, as well as once a month at the pack meeting.

Drive down any street or road some fine day and observe eight-, nine-, and ten-year-old boys at play. Know what you'll see? The whole neighborhood gang will be gathered in one yard, because that's the nature of boys. Boys play in gangs. Some folks would say they're gregarious—to use a six-bit word. In almost every neighborhood, there is a gang of eight-, nine-, and ten-year-olds. They form a natural play group and a great deal of their time is spent in play—together. They have no adult leadership, and most of their activities are meaningless. This is the group that needs cub scouting to give them direction and purposefulness in their activities. In cub scouting, this gang becomes the den. Den meetings are held once a week—under the leadership of a den mother—usually a mother of one of the members of the den. At the meeting, usually in the den mother's home or church, the boys in the den play games, do tricks and puzzles, work on handicraft projects, and get ready for the fun when all the dens meet together at their monthly pack meeting.

Once every month the dens and their

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 23:26

HE TOOK A CHANCE

Three Cleveland (Ohio) men en route to their work were killed by a train at a railway crossing.

In explaining to policemen how the tragic accident occurred, E. J. Herris, the fireman on the locomotive, said, "I saw the auto approaching the grade crossing. The driver of the car slowed down about thirty-five feet from the tracks, then speeded up. The locomotive struck the car broadside."

Three men were killed, two women widowed, and four children orphaned because the driver took a chance. He thought that he had time to clear the crossing ahead of the oncoming train.

Many go into a lost hereafter thinking that there is still time enough to settle the all-important question, Where will I spend eternity?

Fraught with the greatest consequence is the moment when we hear in our hearts God's beseeching plea, "Give me thine heart."

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have no idea when death will come to us, yet we put off giving our hearts to God. Can we afford to go on any longer without His salvation?

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:11

HOW THE CHILD IS LOST

Many boys and girls are lost without being kidnapped, thus never causing a nationwide search for them. They are lost without any dramatic excitement. Still, they are lost.

Fathers lose their boys by being so preoccupied with business and unimportant social engagements that there is no time left to be a confidant and a companion to the boys.

Mothers lose their daughters by being so engrossed with things of no lasting worthwhileness that no time is left to pray with them and play with them and enter understandingly into their problems.

The church, too, loses many of the boys and girls by neglecting to provide wholesome, character-building recreation and by failing to challenge them with places of responsibility and leadership in the church.

And so fathers, mothers, and the church are sadly looking for lost boys and girls whom they might have kept if they had invested some time and shown real concern for their spiritual welfare.—*Adapted from Child Welfare Magazine.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A child may ask for your help and time, but if he is neglected continuously, he becomes discouraged and searches for comfort elsewhere.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture Reading—Revelation 9:4-6

DEATH SOUGHT IN VAIN

Sometimes evildoers do not get what they ask for, but Jack Kirschke, a suspended deputy district attorney of Los Angeles, did. He was tried for fatally shooting his wife and her lover. A jury of six men and six women sentenced him to die in the gas chamber, in keeping with his request that they sentence him to death rather than send him to prison for life.

Kirschke said, "I would prefer the death penalty to spending the rest of my life in the penitentiary, especially with the nagging thought that the jury was not certain enough of my guilt to order the death penalty.

Judge Kathleen Parker pronounced the death sentence.

How wise are we to flee from the coming day of wrath and seek eternal life and refuge now in the enduring Rock, Christ Jesus!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Wise indeed are the ones who have sought the enduring Rock; but how about the many ones who do not know the Rock? Do your part to help these helpless ones find God!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 2:13

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN GOD?

H. G. Wells said, "Our world is like a convoy lost in darkness on an unknown rocky coast with quarreling pirates in the chart room and savages clambering up the sides of the ship to plunder and do evil as the whim may take them."

Lincoone said, "We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined that all things were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

How applicable to us as a nation is the ancient prophet's indictment of God's children of old.

Oh, for a voice sufficiently Spirit-empowered to call us back to God!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Doesn't the world situation prove that people have put aside God for other thing Certainly there are some who still put th trust in God, but they are so few in co parison.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:1

MYRIADS EMANCIPATED

Said Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, pr fessor emeritus of missions and Orient history, Yale University, "In this world men appeared Jesus Christ. To most His contemporaries who knew Him, I seemed a failure. Yet from that brief li has flowed a more powerful force for tl triumphant waging of man's long batt than any other ever known by the huma race. Through it millions have had the inner conflicts resolved in progressive vi tory over their baser impulses. By it mi lions have been sustained in the greate tragedies of life and have come throug radiant. It has done more to allay the ph sical ills of disease and famine than ar other impulse known to man. It has ema cipated millions from chattel slavery an millions of others from thralldom of vic It has protested tens of millions from e ploitation by their fellows."

PRAYER THOUGHT

All this—from a life of just over 30 year a ministry of about three years, and a h miliating death on the Cross! But th knowledge of the resurrection and the sa ing grace of the living Jesus have spanne the centuries.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:10

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR

A frail Irish boy lay in a hospital bed His thin face and emanciated body arous ed the deepest sympathy of a lady mission ary. She spoke kindly to him and won hi confidence.

The missionary told him about Jesus, th sinner's all-sufficient Saviour. In turn, h spoke about penance and the confessiona and the sacraments of his church, bein careful not to omit the atoning death o Jesus for the sin of the world.

When the missionary called again on th boy, she found him aglow with newfoun joy! Now fully assured of his salvatio through Jesus Christ alone, he said to th missionary, "Oh, missus, I always kne that Jesus was necessary, but I never kne till yesterday that He was enough!"—*Har ry A. Ironside.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Note the courage that this child showed even while knowing that he might die. He knew that he would go to heaven; he kne that he had completed the necessary requirements to go there. Have you?

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:27

BEETLES AND HUMAN BEINGS

Some years ago a horrible crime was

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

OOD NEWS FROM HURCH EXTENSION!

Two new home missions have been ablished: one in Hope Mills, North olina, and another in Henderson, rth Carolina.

Al Markinson

The Hope Mills mission will be direct- by Al Markinson, a ministerial student Mount Olive College. He will work der auspices of the Rev. Taylor Hill, ho is secretary and treasurer of the urch Extension Board and pastor of e Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Markinson is a member of erett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, ayton, North Carolina. He will lead e approximately 25 people who are esently attending services. The East- ood church is donating pews for use the new mission. Hope Mills is locat- d about 10 miles south of Fayetteville. e mailing address of the mission there as follows: Victory Free Will Baptist ission, 248 Ellison Street, Hope Mills, orth Carolina.

The Henderson mission will be direct- d by Stanley Slaughter, a ministerial udent at Mount Olive College. He will

Stanley Slaughter

be working under the auspices of the Rev. Ray Wells of Selma, North Carolina, who is a member of the Church Extension Board.

Mr. Slaughter resides with his parents in the area of this mission work. His father, Mr. Elmo Slaughter, his mother Betty, and his sister Kay are all working with him in this endeavor. They are very happy to be involved with this work; they all enjoy singing gospel songs and hymns, and the daughter, Kay, plays the piano. The Slaughters moved to Henderson two and one half years ago from Durham, North Carolina, where they had been members of Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church for approximately 20 years. Mr. Elmo Slaughter has experience in teaching and choir directing. Members of the mission will be meeting in homes until a permanent location can be established. The address is as follows: Mr. Stanley Slaughter, Route 4, Box 323-B, Henderson, North Carolina; the phone is 438-6258. The location is approximately four miles west on business Highway 158 toward Oxford.

Now we would like to praise God for manifesting Himself in our new Church Extension Department. Our hopes for the future look good. This board has decided to go ahead, to launch out into the deep, and to depend upon God to supply our needs through our Free Will Baptist people. We urge ministers and Christian laymen everywhere to pray for laborers who will step out and commit themselves for home mission work; it is our aim to stand beside them. Don't forget to give church extension your financial support. Note that Free Will Baptist church extension takes in all the continental United States.

Members of the Church Extension Board are as follows: the Revs. Noah Brown, chairman; Taylor Hill, secretary and treasurer; C. L. Patrick; Ray Wells; and Grayson Spencer. All contributions and correspondence should be sent to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305; his phone number is 485-3980.

—submitted by the Rev. Taylor Hill

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SUNDAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

After a good night's sleep and anticipation of the worship service the following day (Sunday morning), we awoke to a new day of excitement. After a delicious breakfast, we made preparation for the worship service. The service was to begin at 8:30 a.m. The hour of worship is set for this time because of the intense heat at 11 a.m. We made our way to the church by foot, and when we reached the building there was no one there. A few minutes later, we saw the group of people as they began to gather for service. One by one they came for worship.

Plans had been made for me to do the preaching in the service. What a thrill this was to be! We sang some hymns in both English and Tagalog and there were prayers made. I was introduced and the thrill came as I began to speak and Brother Perocillo interpreted for me. I delivered the message, and the people received it with warmth and appreciation. At the conclusion of the message, Brother Dela Rosa and his wife requested that I dedicate their child to God. It was a joy to have a young pastor and his wife willing to present their child to God. I received them and the child at the front and prayed a prayer of dedication for all three.

There were about 40 people in attendance at the church on January 21, 1973.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Spring Branch FWB Church Honors The Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris

The Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris are presented with a gold plaque by members of the Spring Branch church.

The Rev. E. C. Morris and his wife of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina, were honored by the church on Sunday, February 4, in special services entitled, "Mr. and Mrs. Morris Day: Honoring the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris."

The program, a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Morris, began when Mrs. Morris was asked to join her husband by taking a place in the guest minister's chair next to him. She then was given a bouquet of red roses and he, a red rose boutonniere. While the organist played "Precious Memories," ushers passed bulletins to the congregation that were prepared especially for the occasion.

The program included an explanation of the occasion which emphasized not only Mr. Morris' current services and blessings to his people, as well as throughout his 58 years of ministerial work, but also paid special honor to him as first runner-up among 17 nominees for "Minister of the Year" for our denomination in 1973.

A special tribute, printed in its entirety in the bulletin, was read, giving highlights of Mr. and Mrs. Morris's lives. As background music for the reading, the organist played the favorite hymns of the couple. A prayer of gratitude and the reading of Psalm 1 in unison followed the tribute.

The occasion was climaxed by the presentation of a gold plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Morris. Following the award, the congregation sang without musical accompaniment Mr. and Mrs. Morris's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Mr. Morris thanked the congregation for the occasion, giving all praise and credit to God, his wife, and his congregation. After the benediction, lunch, prepared by members of the congregation, was served in the educational building. Golden candles, sprays of ivy, and yellow and white mums were used as decorations for the occasion.

Highlights from the special tribute printed in the bulletin follow:

> "Lives of great men all remind us
> We can make our lives sublime;
> And departing leave behind us
> Footprints on the sands of time.
> —*Longfellow*

"Whether we say that he is a servant who leaves footprints, builds bridges, loves people, cares deeply, or prepares carefully, one sees beneath it all a strength and a goodness flowing from a pure, good life—a life that reaches outward to man and upward to God.

"Any tribute to Mr. Morris would be incomplete without blending his life with that of his beloved wife. The New Testament says that a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Ruth, of the Old Testament, in speaking of her mother-in-law, said on one occasion: ". . . Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

"These passages from the Old Testament and the New have undergirded the love and faithfulness of these two servants of God—for they are as one, and whether it be a step or a mile they must go, they tread it together—in sickness and in pain; in health and in illness; in weakness or in strength; in working and serving, they walk side by side—beautifully, willingly, and tirelessly to lead all those whom they meet to God.

"When we thank God for them, we must always use the word 'blessing' in the plural—not because there are two of them—but because their blessings to are many, many!"

Readers may be interested in referri to the special tribute to Mr. Morris pu lished in *The Free Will Baptist* of Fe ruary 21.

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First Church, Wilson, Plans Revival for Week of April 1-6

The Rev. J. B. Starnes

The Rev. J. B. Starnes from the Hol Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Nev port, North Carolina, will be the visitin evangelist at revival services at the Fir Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, Nort Carolina. These services, beginning eac evening at 7:30, will be held from Su day night, April 1, through Friday nigh April 6.

There will be special music each nigh as well as good congregational singin led by the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bower The public is cordially invited to atten this series of revival services.

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Youth Groups of Friendship Church Honor Youth Director on Birthday

The youth groups of the Friendshi Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Mic dlesex, North Carolina, honored thei youth director, Mrs. Penina Edwards with a surprise birthday party after thei March meeting. Miss Judy Strickland one of the teachers of the AFC, present ed Mrs. Edwards with an engraved silve candy dish, on behalf of the youtl groups.

Refreshments served included birthda cake, ice cream, potato chips, pretzels and cokes. Twenty-one members an teachers were present to honor Mrs. Ed wards. She is a very dedicated, devote Christian lady, one all the youth at th Friendship church are proud and happ to have as their youth director.

e Rev. C. L. Patrick to Be angelist at Milbournie Church

The Rev. C. L. Patrick

The Rev. C. L. Patrick will be the guest angelist during revival services at ilbournie Free Will Baptist Church near ilson, North Carolina, during the week April 2-7. Services will begin each ening at 7:30.

Mr. Patrick has been one of the lead- g pastors in denominational work nong Free Will Baptists of North Caro- na for many years. The church invites veryone to attend services and hear Mr. atrick. Please pray that God will speak rough him.

The Rev. Harry Grubbs is pastor of the ilbournie church.

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abin Church to Welcome New reations and Hold Revival

The New Creations of Mount Olive ollege, Mount Olive, North Carolina, vill present a program of gospel music nd testimony at the Cabin Free Will aptist Church near Beulaville, North arolina, on Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 .m. The Rev. Jimmy Webster is pastor. he program will consist of some popu- ar selections of gospel music and some elections of Christian folk music.

The purpose of the New Creations is o lift up Jesus Christ as Lord, helping o spread the message that by believing n His name, one may have eternal life. hey seek to share what Christ means to hem and what He has done in their ives. They ask that you remember them n your prayers that God will use them n His own way to glorify His name.

Following this service on Sunday night, he Cabin church will begin a spring re- ival on Monday, April 2, that will con- inue through April 7. The evangelist will be the Rev. Leon Grubbs. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

The pastor, Mr. Webster, and the congregation invite your presence at the services to be held throughout this week.

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Revival Slated at Pleasant Plain FWB Church, Jones to Speak

Revival services will begin April 2 at the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina. The guest speaker will be the Rev. O. B. Jones of Durham, North Carolina.

The public is welcome.

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Revival Services Slated at Owen's Chapel FWB Church

Revival services for Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, will be held April 2-7, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the revival will be the Rev. J. C. Lynn from the Cedar Hill church, Asheville, North Carolina.

The supply pastor for Owen's Chapel church, the Rev. L. B. Manning, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend.

Coming Events . . .

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church.

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Chadbourn, North Carolina.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

April 14—Mount Olive College Music Festival and Visitation Day at Eagles Nest Conference Center, beginning 10:30 a.m.; State Sunday School Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Missions Study with Barrows, Links, Ingram to Be Held at Sidney Church

A missions study course will be held at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, located in the Sidney Cross Roads community near Belhaven, North Carolina, on April 7 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Speakers will include the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow, returned missionaries from Rhodesia; the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, missionary candidates; and the Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Missions.

This study course is sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the Albemarle district. Miss Alice Webster is study course chairman, and Mrs. Edwin Roper is missions chairman. All who attend are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the host church.

The program for the day follows:

Morning Session

Hymn, "To the Work," Congregation
Prayer and Welcome, Pastor Henry Hagans
Missions and Free Will Baptists, the Rev. Joe Ingram
The Missionary's Wife, Faye Barrow
Special Music, the Local Church
Missions in Africa, the Rev. Joe Barrow
Lunch

Afternoon Session

Hymn, "If Jesus Goes with Me," Congregation
Prayer
Child Evangelism; Youth and Missions, Mattie Lou Link
The Call and Challenge (at Home and Abroad), the Rev. Vance Link
Invitatory Hymn, Vance, Mattie Lou, and Jodi Link
Benediction

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Sound View Church Plans Weekend Revival and Other Upcoming Events

Tommy Evans, a sophomore ministerial student at Mount Olive College will hold a weekend youth revival at Sound View Free Will Baptist Church near Morehead City, North Carolina, on March 30—April 1. The Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor, has announced that services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and will conclude Sunday morning with the 11 a.m. service. Special music by youth groups will be presented each night.

Tommy is a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, is licensed by the Eastern Conference, and has participated in

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Celia Hart Garris Receives Certificate

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College presented Mrs. Celia Hart Garris with a certificate of appreciation at her home in Ayden, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 1. The certificate, given by the Board of Trustees and President Raper, cited Mrs. Garris's generous support of the Hart Endowment and the development programs of Mount Olive College.

In presenting the certificate, Dr. Raper began by remarking, "They say to give folks the roses while they're living. This isn't a rose," he continued, and then went on to tell her just what it was, reading the inscribed citation. Dr. Raper spoke warmly to Mrs. Garris as he told her that this was "something we give only to very special people." He concluded by saying that the presentation, on behalf of the College, was made, "most of all, to tell you that we love you." The certificate of appreciation was a surprise to Mrs. Garris. She was touched by the gesture and by Dr. Raper's words, and responded by expressing her deep appreciation to him.

Mrs. Garris is ninety-two years old, a lifelong resident of Ayden, and a member of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. The woman's auxiliary of her church is named for her.

A women's dormitory on the campus of Mount Olive is named for Mrs. Garris's father, William Franklin Hart, and his brother, Jesse Tedock Hart. Both men in their day were leaders in educational work among Free Will Baptists. Mrs. Garris's support of Mount Olive College follows in that tradition. The Hart Endowment, mentioned specifically in the certificate, was begun in 1958 by Mrs. Garris and her family, and has been a growing source of funds for the College since that time.

After the presentation, Mrs. Garris's daughter, Mrs. E. L. Hill, with whom she makes her home, held a small reception for close friends and relatives. At the informal gathering, Mr. Kirby H. Smith, a nephew of Mrs. Garris, paraphrased a quotation from one of his favorite poems, "The Bridge Builder," and told her, in regard to her support of Mount Olive College, "You are helping to build a bridge that the youth can cross."

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College presents a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Celia Hart Garris.

Mrs. Garris has one other daughter, Mrs. H. L. Spivey of Maury, North Carolina, who is historian for Mount Olive College.

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Eagles Nest Conference Center Open on April 14

April 14, 1973, has been set aside as "Open Visitation Day" at Eagles Nest Conference Center, which was recently presented to Mount Olive College as a gift from the Kemp Foundation. On the above date, the center will open at 10 a.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m. Students will be available to answer questions concerning the center and give guided tours of the site. Lun will be served at 12 noon at a cost $2 per person.

As a part of the activities for the da a "Christian Music Festival" is bei planned for the purpose of honoring a glorifying God. The music festival w begin at 11 a.m. and will continue un approximately 5 p.m., with a short bre for lunch. Some of the groups that w be participating in the festival are t Dixie Melody Boys of Kinston, the You World Singers of Vanceboro, the Four-Christ of New Bern, the Queen Chap Youth Choir of Pantego, the Free-Spi Singers of Kinston and the One-W Singers of Spivey's Corner.

The public is urged to visit Eagles Ne Conference Center and to remain for t music festival on April 14.

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RAPERS TO LEAVE ON TRIP

President and Mrs. Burkette Raper Mount Olive College will leave New Yo on April 1 for their trip to the Holy Lan Intermediate stops will include Lond and Paris, and in addition to visits Israel and Jordan, they will visit Athe and Rome.

President Raper's trip was made po sible by members of the College Board Trustees, faculty, and special friends.

Upon learning of the plans that we being made for President Raper, a anonymous donor said that he would lil for Mrs. Raper also to make this tri and he would personally underwrite h expenses.

"The opportunity to visit the Ho Land came as one of the greatest ar most welcomed surprises of our lives President Raper declared. "It is the kir of experience one dreams about b never really feels will become a reali for him." He added, "Mrs. Raper and are deeply grateful to every perso whose interest and gifts have made th trip possible, and we hope that the ben fits from it will not only enrich ou lives, but prepare us for a more mea ingful service to others."

The Rapers are expected to return t Mount Olive on April 23.

Miss Verdie Davenport of Deep Ru North Carolina, a long-time and clos friend of the Raper family, will be sta ing in Mount Olive with the childre during the absence of Dr. and Mr Raper.

our Church Auxiliaries

Western District Auxiliary Convention

The Western District Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, on Wednesday, April 4. The theme for the convention is "Personal Evangelism," with Scripture from Psalm 6:16. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, "Whosoever Will"
—Devotion, Mrs. Frances Radford (Spring Hill)
—Welcome, Mrs. Lottie Boykin (Marsh Swamp)
—The President Speaks, Mrs. James Joyner (Kenly)
10:15—Hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You"
—"Go Ye—Means You (Me)," Mrs. Roland Cherry (Micro)
—Special Music
—"A Personal Touch," Mrs. Charles Sullivan (First church, Wilson)
—"Feed My Sheep," Mrs. Joe Sasser (Piney Grove)
11:00—Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
—Offering
—Special Music, Local Church
—Convention Message, the Rev. Vance Link
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Bring Them In"
—Devotion, Mrs. Vance Link
—Memorial Prayer
1:30—Business
—Closing Hymn, "Must I Go an Empty Handed?"

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Mount Olive Singers TV Appearance

Area television viewers will have opportunity to see and hear the Mount Olive Singers over WRAL-TV, Channel 5 in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 29. The singers will be featured guests of Bette Elliott on "Femme Fare," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. with "Good Old Gospel Music: Then and Now" as their musical theme.

Arrangements are now being made for additional appearances of the singers on other regional and state stations as they launch their unique "television tour." Details will be made available for interested viewers as soon as they are completed.

Ask This Question

The pastor of a fashionable congregation startled his members one Sunday morning by flinging this question at them: "What have you done today that nobody but a Christian would do?"

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Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church

APRIL 11, 1973

Theme: "Awake Thou That Sleepest"

Scripture: "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14).

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
—Devotion, Mrs. R. W. Allman
10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Larry Austin
—Response, Mrs. H. A. Grubbs Sr.
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Dola Dudley
10:30—Business Session
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Children's Home Report
11:15—Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
—Offering
—Special Music, Johnston Union Church
—Convention Message, the Rev. Gene Britt
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. R. H. Jackson
1:15—Youth Chairman Report
1:25—Declamation and Essay Winners
—Missions Report
—Mount Olive College Report
—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report
—Superannuation Report
1:45—Business Session
—Installation of Officers, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
—Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
2:30—Benediction

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Marriage

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life—to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent, unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting.—**George Elio.**

INFORMATION ABOUT

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Superintendent Makes Visitation Tour

Mr. Weeks and Mr. Armstrong are greeted by Mr. Morris of the Falcon Children's Home.

On March 6 Mr. Sam Weeks, the superintendent of the Children's Home, conducted his first visit to other child care institutions in North Carolina. The current plans are to visit each home within the state during this year. The first home to be visited was the Falcon Children's Home at Falcon, North Carolina. The Falcon home was founded in 1908 and is sponsored by the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. W. Eddie Morris is its superintendent and is famous throughout the state for his religious contributions.

Accompanying Mr. Weeks on his trip to Falcon were two members of the Board of Trustees, the Rev. David Charles Hansley and the Rev. Henry Armstrong. The party was well received by all members of the Falcon home and was given first class treatment throughout the day. Much information was exchanged during the visit which should help in the operation of our Children's Home. The next visit, one to the Methodist Children's Home at Raleigh, North Carolina, will be made during April.

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YOU SHOULD BE A HOUSEPARENT

Me? Yes, you! You and your husband or wife should be a houseparent. The Children's Home needs couples who are dedicated to God's kingdom to serve as houseparents. Couples who are in their 40's and who have reared their families to adulthood or may have one or two children remaining at home are ideal candidates for houseparents. Mature couples in their 30's and young couples in their 50's are also fitted for this type work.

Being a houseparent is more than a job, it is a calling. The work is most rewarding to those who feel led to serve the Lord as houseparents. For those who simply want work to do, it is most frustrating.

Yes! You and your wife or husband may want to become houseparents; if so, you may obtain an application by contacting the superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Mr. Sam Weeks, Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 (telephone 235-4079).

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READERS' SAY-SO

Dear Editor:

I enjoy all of the paper, but the crossword puzzles have been the best items yet. I used these puzzles in my Sunday school class in order to get the young people to use their Bibles. I search for ways to get them to use their Bibles, and these puzzles have been the most helpful. Let's have more of them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sue Johnson
Kenly, North Carolina

Rooty Branch AFC's Visit the Home

Pictured here are some of the m bers of the Rooty Branch AFC's fr Mount Olive, North Carolina. Their p tor and several of their parents visi the Home on a Saturday in March. (of the AFC's holds a check for $10 wh they presented to the Home during th visit.

The Home welcomes groups to co and visit at any time.

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Capitol for One Day

Once I spent the day in Lancas Pennsylvania. It is distinguished in way no other city is. It was the natio capitol for one day—the day when Continental Congress, driven from Ph delphia, sat there on September 27, 17

But that is longer than some peo rule their tongues.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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uestion: Please explain, "And he d mightily with a strong voice, say- Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, is become the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit, and a e of every unclean and hateful bird" elation 18:2).

nswer: Most of the commentators I e consulted regard Revelation 18:1-3 eing a segment of the larger division he book, Chapters 17:1–19:4. Baby- Rome, and even Jerusalem are re- ed to as whores. Adultery or forni- on in the Bible is used to symbolize God regards idolatry. Immorality lealt with in the Bible as one of the t, if not the most, grievous sin man commit against society and in that se probably the most atrocious inst God. A whore and a whore- ger were dealt with in a severe ner under the law. Numbers 5: 31 shows how God regarded the of adultery in giving a simple ns by which to determine whether not a woman accused of sin was ty of this obnoxious sin. She to drink the bitter water that would se her to die of a loathsome ailment he were guilty. Then another means xecution of either a man or a wom- guilty of adultery was by stoning pub- until they were dead before the ernacle and in the presence of the le congregation.

hen God deals with groups, even le nations, when He sees that tolerat- them in the hope that they will re- has become useless. It was a de- ded type of immorality that caused to bring destructive waters of the ersal flood upon the earth in Noah's . It was for the same reason that and brimstone were rained down n heaven and brought an end to the oral practices of Sodom and Gomor- in Lot's and Abraham's day. Baby- was destroyed by Medo-Persia in iel's day and Rome, in the Christian because those nations became immoral. The marriage relation between husband and wife and the purity of the young people were not as a whole regarded as sacred or necessary any longer, so God allowed the nations that tolerated immoral practices to decay and fall prey to their own immorality and generally degraded conduct. He also promises that the same thing that happened to Jerusalem, the symbol of the Hebrew nation, and to Babylon, the symbol of the Chaldean people, will happen to the church when she is no longer an entity that guarantees a high standard of morals, purity of thought, and sane behaviour on the part of her young and her mature alike. No one may defy the purpose of God to keep the people that He created in His own image and get away with it indefinitely. There is to be a payday someday and God's Word says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7, 8); "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if we live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:12, 13); "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: . . . But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Colossians 3:5, 6, 25). Read the intervening verses of this last passage. God so writes to us that He may keep us from going headlong to this yawning abyss of destruction prepared for the devil and his angels into which all individuals, tribes, and nations that do not repent shall finally be cast alive. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19:19, 20).

Now God gives us in such symbols as Babylon, Sodom, Gomorrah, etc., the kind of society He will not tolerate. We are told that the events in the life of Israel that caused God to judge and punish her and others who disobeyed were written of in the Old Testament for our admonition. "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly" (2 Peter 2:4-6).

Th events in which people did evil and were punished are brought before us in the Bible to discourage us in disobedience and to warn us of the ill consequences that are surely to follow.

Dr. Barrow's answer will be continued in next week's issue.

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STORIES

for our youth

HE WASN'T TOO YOUNG

by Raymond L. Cox

"PASTOR, we love you," declared the head deacon of the church at Ormiston, Scotland. Then he continued nervously, "But don't you think you ought to resign?"

"Resign? Why?" sputtered the surprised man of God.

"Because," continued the spokesman for the official board, "there has not been a single convert in our church this whole year."

"Oh, surely it has not been that bad," the stunned minister objected. He reached for the record book at the corner of his desk. "H'm," he muttered as he paged through it. "Indeed, the past twelve months have been dull." Then he perked up a little. "But it isn't quite as bad as you suggest." The pastor smiled slightly. "There has been one conversion this year, thank God."

"Who?" hissed a deacon in tones betraying unbelief.

"Bobby confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour this year," the minister informed his board.

"Bobby?" exclaimed an official with a patronizing smile. "Why he's just a child!"

"He's too young," objected another. "He shouldn't count!"

"What good is one little boy?" a third deacon demanded. "What can he do?"

What did this one little boy do? Bobby didn't do much, to be sure, during the next few years. But as he grew older the youth approached his pastor, who somehow had managed to weather the storm the deacons brewed and had remained in his pastorate. Bobby said, "If I could only lead souls to Christ, that would bring happiness to me."

This one little boy, in his lifetime of eighty-eight years, did lead souls to Christ. The deacons who objected that he should count as a convert on the church records had to sit up and take notice!

By the time he reached twenty-one, Bobby had a commission from the London Missionary Society to evangelize in southern Africa! When he returned to England, the Parliament honored Bobby and so did the Crown!

Bobby won world-wide fame when he led a notorious African chieftain named Sechele to Christ. "Why, that's the eighth wonder of the world!" a white official in Africa exclaimed when confronted with undeniable proof of this hitherto troublesome native's new manner of life!

Because the efforts of this one little boy did count, "Now we find more or less Christianized communities extending from Kuruman to near the Zambesi (river)," an entry in **Encyclopaedia Britannica** relates.

Single-handedly Bobby translated the entire Bible into Bechuana, the language of Bechuanaland!

Bobby never relented in recognizing that the supreme mission of his life was to convert heathens to Christ. Nevertheless, he apparently also was the first missionary to champion the importance of inducing savages to adopt the habits of civilization. Bobby showed the natives how to become builders, carpenters, farmers, gardeners, and smiths. He organized their language into writing and taught natives how to read and write.

In the year 1840, David Livingstone landed at Port Natal in South Africa. He shortly made the acquaintance of Bobby and his family. David fell in love with Bobby's daughter, and they married. Historians generally credit Livingsto father-in-law with turning the fam missionary-explorer's career in the di tion it took. Had it not been for boy the deacons thought shouldn't co Livingstone might have pursued a r tively mediocre ministry!

Are you wondering what Bobby's name was? The one little boy wh conversion to Jesus Christ was dismis as insignificant by the Ormiston deac became Dr. Robert Moffat—the far pioneer missionary to South Africa. name ranks with those of Carey of In Morrison of China, and Livingstone (M fat's son-in-law) as among the forem heroes of Christian missions of all ti

Bobby Moffatt counted for Chr though it took a few years from time of his conversion before anyone his pastor saw any possibilities in boy.

How about you? You can count, t No Christian child should ever think t adults are the only people of importa in the kingdom of God! If you are enough to love God, you are old enou to be used by God in some manner. Y name isn't Bobby Moffatt, and you n never be a missionary to Africa or other country, but you can be a m sionary at home, in your neighborh or at school. Wherever you cont those who don't go to church, you let your light shine for Jesus! You invite schoolmates to Sunday sch You are young, but not too young count for Christ! On one occasion in Bible we read, "A little child shall l them" (see Isaiah 11:6). Adults so times dismiss children as unimporta but Jesus commanded, "Suffer the li children to come unto me, and for them not: for of such is the kingdom God" (see Mark 10:14).

Bobby Moffatt may not have coun with the deacons of his church, but counted with his pastor and with Lord. So do you!—**My Pleasure.**

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Mechanical Man

After seven years of work, Andr Baber, a watchmaker, perfected a m chanical man that could talk, walk a shoot a pistol with Baber's aid.

This mechanical man is just as complished as some real "flesh-a blood" folks who believe in the freed of speech, yet have nothing worth tening to, who have as many brains their heads as in their heels, and who no target of definite goals.

MISSIONS

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fter the service, we departed for the e and prepared for lunch.

hortly, Sandra had prepared the meal we had finished eating. After a t siesta, we prepared to go to an d on which a penal colony was lo- d. We went down to the pier in to Princesa and waited for Brother Rosa to come with the banca (boat). we saw him and he tied up near pier. We loaded the boat and were off across the bay. We were to ar- at the place the service was to be at 2:30 p.m. We soon unloaded the and walked about a quarter of a to the place of the service. Upon ving, we found about 100 prisoners ing for us. Soon this number was eased to about 200 and we began singing, testimonies, and later we ched to them the message. It was y to hear of those that had received st as Saviour and the difference it made in their lives.

isoners at a penal colony near Puerto cesa gather for services.

on after we had finished preaching, began to sing some special numbers. e was a trio that gave testimony to saving grace of God and sang songs e love of God. As we fellowshiped ther, I noticed a group of men en- g with a tray covered with banana leaves. Shortly a couple of men e by carrying two crates of soft ks. The news soon was announced t the refreshments. Brother Pero- and Brother Dela Rosa had brought e refreshments for the prisoners. We received a drink and a paper plate serving of the food prepared for our yment. The food was a platter of cooked in a type of syrup made coconut juice.

uring the fellowship, I asked one of prison officials about the effects of program of witness at the prison. stated that many of the men were ged in that Christ had been received and that they look forward with real joy to each Sunday when our missionaries go to share Christ with them.

Shown are officials at the prison and the missions director, the Rev. Joseph Ingram.

We continued to visit and enjoy God's blessings until about 5 p.m. It was then time for roll call and time also for us to return home before darkness caught us on the wrong side of the bay.

A group of prisoners gather after the service.

We walked back to the pier and to the banca full of the blessings that God had shared with us. Our hearts rejoiced but sadness also came over us because as we walked along, we passed several colonies of prisoners. There are five colonies on the island, but we have a ministry in only one of these places. We ask you to join us in prayer that God will call a person for the prison ministry.

Continue to pray for the work in the Philippines. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones and family will be returning home on August 9, 1973.

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Rare Tigers

The Bristol, England, zoo has received from India two of the rarest animals in captivity—blue-eyed, blackstriped, blonde tigers named Champos and Chemeli. Purchase and transport cost came to nearly twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Church Extension Financial Report

The following is the financial report for the Church Extension Department through March 13, 1973:

Receipts

Holly Springs Church, Newport	$307.31	
Piedmont Conference	100.00	
Wooten's Chapel Church, Raleigh	49.08	
First Church, Greenville	200.00	
Pleasant Plain Church, Selma	75.00	
Gum Neck Sunday School, Columbia	25.00	
Eastwood Church, Fayetteville	250.00	
N. C. Woman's Auxiliary	212.71	
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Christ Suffered for Us

Lesson Text: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Matthew 26:1-5

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:5

I. INTRODUCTION

Redemptive suffering is that which is planned to save something or someone. This was the kind of suffering Christ experienced on the Cross. Man was lost in his sins, had gone far astray from God, and was helpless in his efforts to redeem himself. Christ, in His understanding of this and His compassion for lost man, offered Himself as the willing sacrifice for man's sins. Thus He came to earth, lived among men, taught them the way of life, and then suffered and died for them. This was not done by accident; rather, it was in the divine will of God who, before the foundation of the world was laid, planned man's redemption. The sufferings went along with the sacrifice because Christ was willing to pay the full measure of devotion for those who could not pay it for themselves.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. God has spoken to man in various ways through the ages.
   a. God has spoken through creation.
   b. God has spoken through the prophets.
   c. God has spoken through the law.
2. God has spoken through Christ in these last days.

B. God Hath Spoken (Hebrews 1:1-4)
1. God hath spoken many times.
2. God hath spoken in many different ways.
3. God hath spoken through His Son, Jesus Christ.
   a. Christ is the Heir.
   b. Christ is the Creator.
   c. Christ is the brightness of God's glory.
   d. Christ is the express image of the Father.
   e. Christ is the Sustainer.
   f. Christ is the One who atones for sin.
   g. Christ has the most excellent name.

C. Christ Is the Word (John 1:1, 2)
1. Christ is the revealing Word.
2. Christ is the communicating Word.
3. Christ is God's last Word.

D. Christ Is the Life (John 1:3, 4)
1. He is the Creator of physical life.
2. He is the Source of eternal life.

E. Christ Is the Light (John 1:5-8)
1. Christ is the Light, which shines in darkness.
2. The darkness comprehended it not.
3. John the Baptist bore witness to that Light.

F. The Incarnation (John 1:14-17)
1. The incarnation made it possible for Jesus to die.
2. The incarnation made it possible for Him to be touched with our infirmities.
3. The incarnation made it possible for Christ to leave us an example.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

The story of Captain John Smith, during the days of the Jamestown Colony, is known to every schoolboy. Captain Smith and his companions were attacked by Indians. Only John Smith survived. In the course of time, he was brought before the great chieftain, Powhatan, who decreed that he should die. His head was placed on two huge stones, and the warriors awaited the order to strike. But before the word was given, the young daughter of Powhatan, Pocahontas, threw herself between him and his would-be slayers. Powhatan was so impressed by this noble act on the part of the princess that he allowed John Smith to live. For her deed she is remembered favorably in the history studied in the schoolroom.

Christ did the same for us—and more. The penalty of death was upon all men, but He came between us and death, not only pleading our cause, but acti taking our place on the Cross. This sacrifice should be remembered and g fully acknowledged through the su dered life of His followers.

Now comes the climactic point of total argument: the Christ, who as paschal lamb gave up life itself for reigns now over us, His once-stra sheep, as our great shepherd and as overseer of our souls. In His fo state, He was the submissive sacri He is now the ruling Lord. In our fo state we were rebels, wandering at we are now under His direct guid and control. There can be no more cuse for wandering or for listenin the voice of a rebellious and wi leader.

Having such a shepherd we may full safety come and go as He c mands, whether this leads us "beside still waters" or "through the valley the shadow of death." He will nei betray our trust nor fail in our defen

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UB SCOUTING AND A BOY

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nts and families are brought to-er into a larger meeting called the meeting. Here they are under the ction of the cubmaster and his assist-These men are usually fathers of scouts.

e pack meeting brings the dens to-er on a larger community basis, giv-all their programs and activities an tional spark. When the cub scouts w that the results of the den meet-are compared with others and that are part of a larger group, there's al purpose in doing things.

hen, too, pack meetings are an ex-nt means of helping parents know r part in cub scouting—keeping up-ate, learning ways to work with r boys, and having fun, too.

e big purpose of the pack meeting o recognize the universal desire to Jimmy "do his stuff." Even if he's a square for a plumed knight, Dad Mother take pride in seeing him e the spotlight. And does Jimmy y it!

future article will discuss how to or-ze a cub pack in your church, its lead-ip, training, literature, and financing.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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mitted in Chicago—the murder of little by Franks. The youthful thrill killers, ard Leob and Nathan Leopold, were nded by the famed criminal lawyer ence Darrow. It was one of the most icized court cases of all time.

his plea for their lives, Darrow said, the university where these young men students, you can find copies of a book ten by Nietzche, who taught that it is more harm to impale a human being a needle than a beetle in the interest scientific investigation. Philosophers him are more to blame for this crime these youths. Your Honor, it is hard-air to execute them because they took usly what was taught them."

ow hardening and devoid of considera-of human life are those who believe al philosophies! It is generally con-d that Nietzche's doctrines—the sur-l of the fittest, the ruthless destruction he weaker ones, the emergence of the rman and superior race—greatly influ-d the philosophy and propaganda of onal Socialism in the German Third h, and precipitated World War II.

hough Leob and Leopold were totally without any excuse for the horrible crime they committed, Darrow spoke of a danger which calls for serious thought in our day when faith-undermining, Bible-ridiculing philosophies are being widely taught.

Who is sufficiently wise to appraise the havoc an evil book can work? Conversely, who can compute the blessings a good book can impart?

PRAYER THOUGHT

Why are the evil workers so successful in their work? Why are the innocent so prone to follow? Are we failing in preaching God's Word or what is the reason?

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he will be available for full- or part-time pastoral work on July 1, 1973. He may be contacted at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530 (telephone 524-5186).

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The Rev. Ralph Aycock announces that he is available for half- or full-time pastoral work. He is a member of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing to Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542, or by telephoning 284-4254 after 4 p.m.

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The Rev. James Warren announces that he is available for a part-time church. He is part-time pastor of the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Any church desiring his services may contact him by telephoning 527-1648 or by writing to 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

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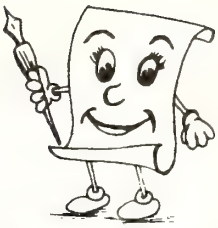
NEVER GIVE UP

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.—**Harriet Beecher Stowe.**

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

A certain man said, "When I work, I work hard; when I play, I play hard; but when I worry, I go to sleep." Psychologists agree that sleep is one of our most effective escape mechanisms. But a better solution for worry than sleep is prayer.

The children have learned to sing, "Why Worry When You Can Pray?" (number 22 in "Youth Favorites"). They sing so happily one wonders if they ever worry about anything.

Yes, children worry. Everything is important to youngsters. Getting to school on time is as important to them as getting to work is to us. They worry about dressing correctly, pleasing teachers, friends, and parents; and they want their associates to keep the rules and live right. Don't say they worry on a smaller scale than we only because they're younger with less experience. Their concerns are as meaningful to them as ours are to us. Learning to pray about them is one right step toward being a better adult.

Worry is companionable—it silently follows us around wherever we go. How can prayer help us quit worrying?

Prayer can do at least three things for us. First, in stating the worry we know if it's a real situation or just a feeling of apprehension. If we can't put it into words, it may be a touch of indigestion, or not enough exercise.

Second, by telling God about it, we find which things we can untangle alone, which are beyond our control, and which are real riddles for us but which He can solve.

Third, we experience for ourselves Psalm 55:22, "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: . . . ." For as we pray, He removes certain problems, shows the solution for some, and gives us strength to accept others.

Worry fosters more worry, but prayer produces peace.

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NEWS NOTES

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the supervised work program for ministerial students at Mount Olive College. He is also a member of the New Creations, a gospel music and witness group of the College. He asks that you remember him in your prayers.

In upcoming events, the Sound View church will welcome the Rev. Vance Link as guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service on April 8.

The Young World Singers will present a service of music and testimony on Sunday night, May 27, at 7:30. Visitors are welcome.

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Rock Spring FWB Church Plans To Hold Revival, April 1-7

The Rock Spring Free Will Baptist Church will hold a revival April 1-7 with the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace as the evangelist. Services each night will begin at 7:30. Special music will be featured.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the congregation invite you to attend.

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Hugo FWB Church Observes Heart Sunday on March 11

Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, North Carolina, observed March 11 as "Heart Sunday." With a total of 144 on roll, 136 were present on this day. Out of the seven Sunday school classes, five had 100 percent: the seniors, junior girls, junior boys, beginners, and nursery classes.

The Rev. A. B. Bryan is pastor of the Hugo church.

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Pleasant Plain FWB Church Offers Revival During Upcoming Week

Revival services will be held at the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church during the week of April 2-7. The church is on Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, located on the old Smithfield-Wilson highway.

Beginning nightly at 7:30, the revival will feature the Rev. O. B. (Orville) Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor of the Pleasant Plain church, the Rev. Walter Bass.

Singers are invited to come and render a message in gospel song.

The pastor, Mr. Bass, and the church membership issue the public a cordial invitation to attend this week of revival services.

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Stancil's Chapel FWB Church Announces Revival, April 1-7

Spring revival services will begin on Sunday night, April 1, at Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, April 7. The Rev. Luby Tyner, pastor of the Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, will assist in the services. Special sin will be featured nightly. A cordial tation is extended to the public t tend these services.

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Sound Side Church to Hold Weekend Youth Revival

Sound Side Free Will Baptist Ch Columbia, North Carolina will hol youth revival on the weekend of M 30—April 1. The services, to be on Friday and Saturday nights, will ture the Rev. David Charles Hansle evangelist.

There will be special singing at service. Everyone is urged to come worship with the congregation d these special services geared espec to the youth.

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SHE SHAMED ME BY HER PRAYER

EDITORIAL...

SHE SHAMED ME BY HER PRAYER

The lady wasn't attractive, nor dressed in the best of taste; but my preconceived opinion of her changed quickly when I saw her bow her head in prayer.

The restaurant wasn't packed; in fact, there were fewer present than had been at other times when I had eaten there; so I'm certain that the lady's prayer was not for the purpose of impressing anyone. She was seated directly across the counter from me, easily within view, thus requiring very little effort on my part to observe her, though I didn't do so intentionally.

Very quietly, she bowed her head, clasped her hands together in the traditional manner, and prayed silently over the tray of food that had been placed in front of her by a rather dour waitress. The lady's prayer wasn't one of those little "quickies" that this editor often prays. Rather, it was a bit lengthy for a grace, giving notice that the lady was in no particular hurry to eat what had been placed before her, hungry or not. She expressed, at least to this editor's mind, a reverent air—a sincerity which obliterated the knowledge that perhaps there were those around who thought that she was pious. She seemed oblivious to their thoughts or possible criticism or misunderstandings. She was intent on one thing: prayer.

Obviously this was a custom for this lady—this offering of grace—for she did it automatically, but still projecting, at least toward this editor, a quiet reverence that bespoke more of her inner nature than her outer appearance.

For what did she pray, other than the offering of thanks? This editor doesn't know. Probably no one knows except her and God. Perhaps there was some problem that needed the Lord's help; perhaps she was thanking Him for a son who had returned safely from the war. Who knows? The fact is that this editor had not even bowed his head. He had offered thanks, sure—but not obviously—and, it shamed him that one in his position would not make his grace a witness as did this lady.

Certainly, one doesn't have to bow his head to offer grace. Certainly, one doesn't have to move his lips or close his eyes. On the other hand, doing so can be meaningful. Maybe some soul—some soul needing counsel—seeing one unafraid to bow in prayer could be led to speak to a praying person and unloose some burden for possible understanding and help. Again, no one knows but God.

As we've stated, the lady wasn't attractive. Her hat didn't match her coat, and it was a little glittery for the time of day; nevertheless, this editor, had he been a person with a problem, would have felt free to talk to her because he had seen her offer a prayer to God; and he would have felt that hers was an understanding heart and a compassionate spirit.

Her face, though not pretty at first glance, took on a kind countenance, and one was able to see beyond the superficiality of her irregular features. Indeed, this editor saw beyond her face and saw the real person. He was prompted never to judge so quickly by appearance (as do many of us), but to judge—if it be a proper compulsion at all—by actions and deeds.

No, the lady didn't have an attractive face or clothes, but this editor's guess is that she is beautiful inside and much loved of God; and indeed, she shamed this editor by her prayer. If ever I see her again, I must tell her so. Hers was a witness that spoke louder than an audible prayer. Silently, yet profoundly, her witness was heard above the clatter of dishes and the humdrum atmosphere of a cold, indifferent restaurant. As she got up to leave, she spoke to the waitress: "I want to thank you for that delicious meal. It was very well prepared." That said something too, didn't it?

A question: When was the last time you offered grace in a public place? Another question: When was the last time you commended a waitress for her service or thanked her for the meal? Just think. . . .

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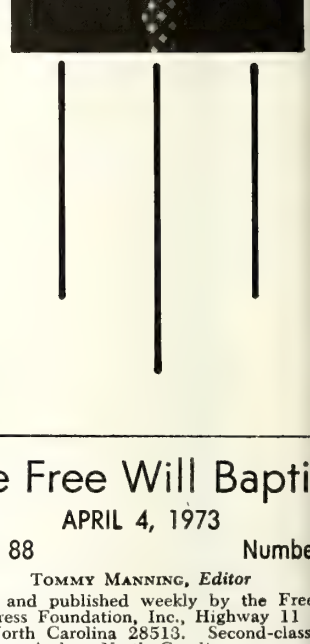

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me Thoughts on Taking Others for Granted

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen

On a lovely Sunday night recently, I d the privilege of hearing some of the st beautiful words. These words re spoken by a class of young men d women who were giving tribute and nor to their fathers and mothers. As stened, I knew that these young men d women no longer were taking their rents for granted.

Yet, so many times have we all been ilty of taking our parents for granted. When I was a child, my mother was ays there—offering delicious meals, thes always clean, a kiss for the little rts, and a kind word for us when we ought we'd lost our last friend. Now t I have no living father or mother, I n look back and remember the many nes that I did take what was offered hinking that they were somehow **supsed** to do all those things for me. w often since I've had children of my n, with all the ensuing responsibilities, ve I realized and understood the real eds of a parent—love, understanding, courage, patience, and, most of all, the guiding hand of God.

As I thought about taking people for granted, I thought about the many times we take for granted our pastor. "He should do this or that," we say. I'd like to list just a few things that our pastors do have as their responsibilities. On Sunday morning, the pastor opens the church, turns on the heat or air conditioning. If need be, he opens Sunday school assembly. He teaches a Sunday school class; he preaches the Sunday morning sermon. At night, he is back at church to teach a league class and then on to preach the Sunday night service. But wait—in between Sunday morning and night he may visit the sick, marry a couple, or hold a funeral. During the week, he is going here and there and anywhere necessary. He attends church meetings. Maybe a member has a serious problem; he is there "if called." Anytime day or night, he'll come—"just call." Do we take him for granted? Do we say, "We pay him. He should do all these things"? We can never **pay** for love like this. We are so blessed. I know of churches whose members see their pastor only on Sunday mornings. Take a good look at your pastor in a new light. Think what it would be like if we had no pastor to call. No, we are not supposed to "worship" a pastor, and I'm sure ours would be the first one to tell you so. Maybe our pastor doesn't do everything to please me. But he didn't come to this church to please me: He came to work for the glory of God. I believe that when a pastor begins to try to please all the people in the church, he has lost his own and only purpose—and that is to please God.

Do we take teachers for granted? Have you ever tried to teach? I hope that teachers don't need praise to do for God what needs to be done, but please don't take a teacher for granted. It is just as much one Christian's place to teach as it is another's. Teaching takes more than just reading the lesson; there are charts to make, workbooks to be studied, wall displays to arrange in order to tell the story of Christ, and so many other things to do—to do your job well.

May all of us together take a closer look at our church leaders and be grateful for them. We must do in our churches the things that need to be done. We must help the leaders who are doing the best that they can.

The basis of service is love. We can express it in benevolent acts; brotherly love is proof of good discipleship. So join hands with our leaders; let us help in any way that we can. It is our job, too. Thank God for our leaders! May many more be willing to help. I'm sure that the cry of leaders is, "Help! Help! Help! We need you!"

INMATES PRAISE "JAIL PREACHER"

The following article, written by an inmate at the Jackson County jail, Marianna, Florida, was first published in the *Jackson County Floridian*. The Rev. Arnold Woodlief is a Free Will Baptist minister.

We who have been in the cells at the Jackson County jail in Marianna, Florida, for the past five times that the Rev. Arnold Woodlief has come feel that it is very thoughtful of him to come. He leads us in a time of spiritual activity and fellowship by means of preaching and prayer. When we have seen him, heard his voice, or have simply known that he was at the jail, we have always known what to expect. His services have given us strength, encouragement, and have possessed us with the strong desire to do better. There has not been the commotion at the jail that there has been in the past. It pays to respect the truth that we have come to understand.

We have wondered why so few ministers have come to the jail. Since so few have come, we call Mr. Woodlief the "jail preacher." He does not question us about our reasons for being in jail. He only offers the privilege of prayer and testimony to those who will share in the services. One among us has been converted for each of the past five times that he has come. Churches hear what they need, if he preaches to them as he does to us, with boldness and compassion. He is a preacher who will not substitute anything for the gospel of Christ.

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From Benton, Illinois, comes the news that the Benton Public Library conducted a drive to get back into circulation overdue books. All fines were suspended during "free days." One borrower returned a novel checked out in 1879. It was eighty-one years overdue. Since the old library association's charges for overdue books were ten cents a day, it would have cost the borrower, long since forgotten, about $2,956.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:15

A Mutilated Bible

A modernistic minister became pastor of a church in Ireland. He began to speak disparagingly of portions of the Bible. As time passed, faith in some of the eternal verities of God's Word was undermined.

One day a prominent member of the church, who was critically ill, sent for the minister.

"Shall I read some from the Bible to you and pray with you?" he asked.

"Yes," said the dying man.

The wife brought the minister a Bible. As he opened it he discovered that some entire books were missing, some chapters were gone from other books, and some of the verses were cut out. It was a shamefully mangled Bible.

The startled clergyman exclaimed, "Have you not a better Bible than this one?"

Accusingly the dying man said, "When you came to this parish, I had a whole Bible. But when you told us that a certain book was fictional, I cut it out of my Bible. When you told us that a chapter was not true, I removed it. When you told us that some of the stories were fables, I cut them out too. There is little of my Bible left except the two covers."—Told by William McCarrell.

Prayer Thought

Parts must not be removed from the Bible because someone says that they are untrue. God's Word is a very precious item and should be revered highly.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 32:15

Limitless Potentialities

Limitless potentialities for either good or evil are wrapped up in a baby.

On March 24, 1820, a baby girl was born in a village in New York State. When only a few weeks old, she became totally blind.

Her blindness was obviously a part of God's inscrutable plan for her life. Her physical blindness opened her spiritual eyes to the One whose presence and power rested mightily on her. The baby grew into womanhood and lived to be ninety-five years old. During the long span of years God used her to bring spiritual life and inspiration to countless millions by some six thousand hymns she wrote, hymns which will inspire and challenge many millions as long as time lasts. Her name, you ask? Fanny J. Crosby.—Adapted from *Canadian Baptist.*

Prayer Thought

Fanny J. Crosby was a full-time believer of the Christian faith. She accomplished many wonderful works even though her physical defect was a great one. There are many people today who have no physical or mental complications, and still fail to render their services to the Lord. Are you one?

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:32

Confessed Before the Father

A minister noted for his Christlikeness dreamed that he stood at heaven's gate, knocking for admission. He was conducted to the throne of the Judge of all the earth. There he was asked, "Have you always been forgiving, loving, honest, and just?"

"I fear not," was his quivering reply. To other questions he replied, "I have failed in these things, too."

When it seemed that his case was hopeless, the One who sat at the right side of the throne of God stood and said, "Father, it is true that he failed in some things, but he confessed Me as his Saviour, and faithfully stood for Me. Now, I confess him before Thee."

Prayer Thought

Can someone truthfully say this about each and everyone of us? If not, we should repent of our many sins and pray to God for this forgiveness. No one knows when the Judgment Day will take place. Don't delay!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture Reading—Acts 3:19

Instantaneous Conversion

A Christ rejector scoffed at the idea of instantaneous conversion. He asked a Christian neighbor, "Do you really believe that a deathbed repentance can do away with a whole life of sin?"

The Christian replied, "No, of course not. But I do believe that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ certainly can. Since salvation is totally of grace, the vilest sinner may penitently look to Christ even in death, as did the evildoers long ago, and pray, 'Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.' "

Self-excusingly the scoffer said, "Well, I can wait until the last countdown, like the penitent thief, and then turn to Christ for mercy and forgiveness, can't I?"

Said the Christian neighbor, "The only time you have is now. Later may be too late. It was too late for the five foolish virgins who pleaded, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' "

Prayer Thought

Unbelievers should not wait until to row to believe on Christ for their s tion. There is no time like the pre Their tomorrows may be too late.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:10

The Rich Penny Pincher

For twenty-five years Leopold G. S bock lived at the Union Gospel Missio Fort Worth, Texas. He lived on penni day, among the city's poverty-stricken.

Steinbock died at the age of eighty-e Those who knew him believed that he penniless and virtually friendless. were wrong. A preliminary check by cers revealed that he possessed a s fortune, set tentatively at fifty thou dollars.

In speaking of the penny pincher, Rev. Paul Campbell, director of the sion, said, "Money was his god. On his friends brought him food from mission kitchen everyday."

Prayer Thought

One should not put his riches before Lord and worship them instead of H It is true that money is needed for surv but it should be used in its legitimate m ner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture Reading—Acts 8:24

A Prayer Concluded in Heaven

"Is anyone here sick of sin?" aske minister as he closed a searching serm

A young man stood and said, "I am of sin." The minister prayed for him he was joyfully saved.

After the service, the minister said, " boy, write Mom and Dad and tell them your newfound joy in Christ."

Shortly thereafter, the young man ceived a letter from his mother which s "My dear boy, the joy which your le brought was boundless! When you w saved, your father was on his deathb Throughout the day, he unceasingly cr to God, 'Oh, God, save my boy today!' tried to divert his attention from you, to no avail. He continued to plead, ' God, save my boy today!' Just as his s departed to be forever with his Lord, said faintly, 'Oh God, save—' He finis that prayer, I sincerely believe, in presence of his Lord in glory!' "

Prayer Thought

Do not be selfish in your prayers to G for your wishes alone. Pray for others t they may receive the same spiritual feel and blessings that you have experienced.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 2:32

"Lest We Forget"

What has been designated by some the greatest recorded disaster in hist occurred in 1923 in Japan. It was an ear quake of such violence that every buildi

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

ragmont Honor Roll

he following is a listing of the con-utions to date received from Cap-s J. B. Starnes and Jerry Rowe on kitchen fund drive:

y Springs Church, Newport	$ 156.38
y Springs YFA	50.00
y Springs Junior YFA	50.00
y Springs AFC	50.00
y Springs Cherubs	50.00
and Mrs. Kenneth Skinner	110.00
Sam Weeks	50.00
h Church YFA	50.00
William G. Lovick	50.00
eret County Youth Rally	200.00
ay Church and YFA	78.70
come Home Church	160.00
come Home YFA	50.00
Point YFA	64.40
h Church, Morehead	118.00
cellaneous	60.51
otal	$1,465.99

r. Rowe and Mr. Starnes state that are continuing to raise the re-nder of the challenge that they ac-ted in the amount of $2,000.

ave you as an individual or church n a special offering to the kitchen d?

he final report of honor roll members Captain De Wayne Eakes is as fol-s:

er's Creek Church	$ 54.56
ard's Electric Company, Wilson, N. C.	100.00
le Rock Sunday School, ucama	100.00
le No. 3, Little Rock Church	50.00
otal	$304.56

aptains: We thank you for your ef-ts on behalf of the work of the Lord Cragmont. Keep up the good work!

Yours in His service,

De Wayne Eakes
Promotional Secretary

30 Pieces of Silver

Last year several churches put on a special drive for Cragmont at Easter. The drive was very successful. The theme, "30 Pieces of Silver," was adopted due to its obvious connection with the passion narratives in the Gospels. Instead of betrayal, however, this usage of 30 pieces of silver is indicative of our loyalty to the cause of Christ through the Cragmont ministry.

Encourage each member of your congregation to begin now saving 30 pieces of silver (coins) to be presented in a special offering on Easter Sunday. Mark your offerings "30 Shekels" and send them to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

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Construction Has Begun!

Praise the Lord! Another part of our dream for Cragmont is in the process of coming true. Mr. Cliff C. Meyer, contractor, has begun construction on the new kitchen-dining hall as of March 14. He has assured the Cragmont Board of Directors that this building will be ready before June 1. The new kitchen-dining hall, a new "A" roof on the flat-roofed cottage, and new bathrooms added to it will cost a total of $35,000 (contract price). This is $2,000 less than Mr. Meyer's original estimate.

The various captains in our $30,000 campaign have done a **tremendous** job. Many thanks to everyone. Don't stop now! We urge churches, individuals, and church groups to respond to Cragmont's needs as you have so faithfully in the past.

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Put some sunshine in someone's life. Do you perhaps know some shut-in friend who might enjoy receiving THE FREE WILL BAPTIST? Why not consider giving him or her a gift subscription?

Announcing: Sunday School Convention

The annual session of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention will convene with Memorial Chapel church on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, April 14, 1973.

The theme for this year's Convention is "Teaching for Discipleship." The text is a part of Matthew 28:20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: . . . ."

A program that will communicate this message to all age groups is being prepared.

An adult layman, a young minister, and a pastor with various ages of his church are features of the program. Along with all of this, there will be lots of singing under able and enthusiastic leadership on the organ, piano, and at the podium. And there's more yet—there's a place on the program where you, the audience, will have the opportunity to participate.

Well now, there will be some business, but not enough to hurt anything.

You can see that the day will be so filled that there will be little time for me to talk—so you won't have to think about that.

Mr. Sammy Weeks, superintendent, those of the faculty and members of the family of the Home will be on hand to welcome you and help make your day on campus an enjoyable one. So you see, we have a day that will be loaded with goodies.

With the blessings you would always receive from attending the Sunday School Convention, this year there will be the additional ones of a day on campus at our Children's Home. For some of you, one or both of these experiences will be a first. Either one would be a memorable event, but both the same day should cause your cup to run over.

We echo the invitation of Moses to his father-in-law in Numbers 10:29, ". . . come thou with us, and we will do thee good: . . . ."

Sincerely,
Oscar Webster, President

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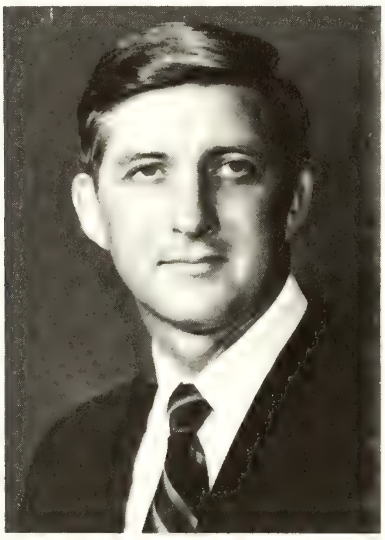
RESULT OF MISUSE

Henry Ford rued his misuse of Sunday. "We would have had our Model A car in production six months earlier if I had forbidden my engineers to work on Sunday."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

The Rev. Vance Link to Speak At Revival at Peace Church



The Rev. Vance Link

Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, will hold a revival April 9-14, 7:30 p.m., with the Rev. Vance Link as speaker. The Rev. W. L. Poythress, pastor of the Peace church, will assist in the services.

The public is invited to attend this series of services.

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Revival and Homecoming Slated At Union Chapel FWB Church

The Rev. W. O. Lassiter of Four Oaks, North Carolina, will be guest evangelist April 16-21 for revival services at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina. The prayer service starts at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by the revival service at 7:45. Special singing by the church and other local groups will be presented throughout the week.

The church homecoming will be on the Sunday following the week of revival, April 22. Mr. Lassiter, who is scheduled to lead the revival, will also be the speaker for the homecoming service.

The pastor of Union Chapel church, the Rev. W. E. Parrish, and the congregation invite friends, relatives, and others to attend both the revival and the homecoming.

Friendship FWB Church Announces Homecoming Day for March 15

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming for Sunday, March 15. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., to be followed with the homecoming message at 11 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds. At the noon hour a picnic will be served on the church grounds.

Following lunch there will be a program of singing featuring local as well as visiting talent. The pastor and the church membership extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a cordial invitation to fellowship with them on this special day.

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Oak Grove FWB Church Receives Check for New Parsonage

Mrs. Alice Manning presents check to Mr. Bobby Ray Adam, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, was the recipient recently of a check in the amount of $1,317 from the estate of the late Mr. William Manning. The check was earmarked for the fund for the new parsonage. The presentation was made by Mr. Manning's widow, Mrs. Alice Manning, to Mr. Bobby Ray Adam, superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Manning was a very active and loyal member of the Oak Grove church prior to his death in May, 1972. He was also a man of great determination. One of his main desires was to se lovely parsonage for the church bef his death, and this hope was reali The parsonage is a comfortable size the pastor, Mr. Hillary Gaskins, and family, and they are enjoying living it. It has three bedrooms, one and half baths, is constructed of brick, is located near the church.

The Oak Grove church is most ap ciative of this generous gift, and re nizes the need for more members would be as faithful in their giving was Mr. Manning.

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Spring Revival Announced for Oak Grove FWB Church, Vanceboro

The Oak Grove Free Will Bap Church, Route 1, Vanceboro, North C lina, announces its spring revival for week of April 16-21. Services will be at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Henry Armstro former pastor, will be the evangelist

The pastor of the Oak Grove chu the Rev. Hillary Gaskins, and the chu members welcome your attendance.

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Cape Fear Youth Fellowship Planned At Pleasant Grove Church, April 7

The Cape Fear Conference Youth lowship will meet at the Pleasant Gr Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, N Carolina, on Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Officers of the fellowship meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., p to the meeting of the entire fellows

Cape Fear Conference youth are ur to be in attendance.

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Third League Union of Eastern Conference to Be Held April 14

The Third League Union of the East Conference will meet for fellows recreation, and the election of new cers on April 14 at 10 a.m. All in tendance are asked to bring a sack lu The meeting will be held at the Free Baptist Assembly Building, Beulav North Carolina.

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Revival Services in Progress at Fremont Church, Ingram Speaking

The Rev. Joseph Ingram of Goldsb North Carolina, is the evangelist for vival services being held this week, A 2-6, at the Fremont Free Will Bap Church, Fremont, North Carolina. Spe music is being offered each night.

The pastor, the Rev. Boyd Shook, the Board of Deacons invite everyone come. They ask that you pray that will give a soul-stirring revival am the members and that lost souls will saved.

ry Speaking at Revival Being at Saint Mary's FWB Church

evival services are in progress at the t Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, y, North Carolina. The services are duled throughout the week of April at 7:30 each evening.

e evangelist is the Rev. Floyd B. ry, pastor of the Daniels Chapel Free Baptist Church, Black Creek, North lina. Mr. Cherry is president of the e Convention of Original Free Will ists of North Carolina and director e Daniels Chapel Bible Institute. In tion to his other duties, he has a day school program on radio and es **The Advanced Quarterly,** a Sun- school publication of the Free Will ist Press Foundation.

ecial singing will be featured ughout the week. The public is in- to attend and hear gospel preach- by Mr. Cherry.

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val Scheduled This Week British Chapel FWB Church

e British Chapel Free Will Baptist rch of the Sandhill Community in h Carolina is holding revival ser- s this week, April 2-6, at 7:45 p.m. Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of the stian Free Will Baptist Church, is visiting evangelist.

e pastor of the British Chapel rch, the Rev. James Warren, is assist- Mr. Ard in the services. Special ing is being rendered nightly by rch and other local groups.

cordial invitation is extended to the lic to attend the remaining services. yone is requested to pray for a great val, one in which many decisions for st will be made.

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tral Conference Youth Report Convention Held March 24

he Central Conference Youth Conven- met at 10 a.m. on March 24 at the en Grove Free Will Baptist Church r Fountain, North Carolina. Mitzi ett, president, called the meeting to er. The singing of the theme song, You Know the Lord," followed.

or the program, a medley of youth orites was sung by youth of the Aspen ve church. In the business period, . Ruth Taylor gave the reports of the asurer and secretary. Banners went he YFA of the Ayden church and the of the Community church. Business ussed included the spiritual life re- t to be held during the Christmas days at Virginia Beach, Virginia; yer pen pals; and the state youth convention to be held at the Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. The convention will be held on April 28, with the theme, "Only Believe."

New officers were elected as follows: Faith Langley of Aspen Grove, president; Victoria Westbrook of Ayden, vice-president; Debra Shirley of Marlboro, recording secretary; Shirley Eason of King's Cross Roads, corresponding secretary; Kathy Parker of Marlboro, treasurer; Sandra Knight of Community, program chairman; Dawn Branch of Winterville, reporter; and Janet Smith of Aspen Grove, pianist. In the essay contest, winners were Darlene Clark of the Gum Swamp AFC, and Valerie Wood of the Grimsley YFA. There were no declamation entries.

The Community Free Will Baptist Church, as the host church, extended the invitation for the next meeting on May 26. Mrs. Elizabeth Hansley spoke the benediction. Lunch followed in the fellowship hall. The youth of the Central Conference appreciate the warm hospitality of the Aspen Grove church.

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Spring Branch Church Holding Revival Throughout Week

Revival services are in progress at the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church. The services began Monday, April 2, and will continue through Friday, April 6. They begin each evening at 7:30.

The nights are designated as follows: Monday, family night; Tuesday, laymen's league night; Wednesday, Sunday school night; Thursday, woman's auxiliary night; and Friday, youth night.

The Rev. E. C. Morris, pastor of the church, is speaking. Special groups are singing each evening.

The public is cordially invited to come and make it "everybody's revival."

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Youth Revival Planned at Howell Swamp Church During April 8-13

A youth revival will be held at the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church April 8-13. The services will be held under the auspices of the evangelistic committee, and will consist of singing, testimonies, and a brief message at the close of each evening by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. These services, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will feature several singing groups.

The pastor, Mr. Morris, and the church membership invite everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship of these young people, as well as the gospel singing that these various groups will render.

Johnston Union FWB Church Announces Revival, April 9-13

The Rev. Roland Cherry of Micro, North Carolina, will be the speaker for the revival to be held at the Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church during the week of April 9-13. Mr. Cherry will be assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Eddie Edwards.

Services begin at 7:30 p.m. Special singing and gospel preaching will be featured each evening. You are invited to be present.

The Johnston Union church is located three miles west of Smithfield, North Carolina. The mailing address is Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina.

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"Youth Happening for Christ" To Be Held at White Oak Church

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, invites you to a "Youth Happening for Christ" to be held April 13-15, at 7:30 p.m. The services will be held at the White Oak Baptist Church, in the Archer Lodge Community, Route 2, Clayton, North Carolina. Albert Long of Durham, North Carolina, popular youth speaker and former athlete of the University of

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Coming Events . . .

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church.

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Chadbourn, North Carolina; Cape Fear Conference Youth Fellowship, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

April 14—Mount Olive College Music Festival and Visitation Day at Eagles Nest Conference Center, beginning 10:30 a.m.; State Sunday School Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina; Third League Union of the Eastern Conference, Free Will Baptist Assembly Building, Beulaville, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Religious Life Retreat Controlled by Holy Spirit

by Frank R. Harrison

"Praise God, Praise God. Thank you, Lord. Bless you Jesus, Amen. Glory to God"—these are but a few of the expressions that were heard many times during the weekend of March 23-25 as forty students, with some faculty, staff, and three other ministers participated in a religious life retreat at Oriental, North Carolina.

The Friday evening service was a time to open ourselves to God as the Rev. Harry Grubbs brought the message entitled "The Necessity of Preparation," using Ephesians 6:10-20. Following the worship service, prayer groups were formed with the Rev. Chris Singleton, the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, the Rev. John Williams, and Mr. Grubbs as leaders. The Holy Spirit moved in a glorious way in the prayer groups as hearts were opened for His cleansing and abiding presence.

Saturday morning was divided into two Bible study and prayer group periods. The first study period was devoted to the question, "How Do We Know God?" The second session was entitled, "The Dynamic of the Christian Life: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." God's great presence and power were evident during the study and prayer periods.

Saturday night was a Spirit-filled service that I personally shall never forget. The air itself seemed to be electrified with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as the name of Jesus was lifted in praise and testimony. The students sang praises to God and glorified His Son as the Holy Spirit took control of the service—**indeed it was His service.** The service closed with communion by candlelight.

Sunday morning was the closing service for the retreat, with the Rev. Chris Singleton bringing the message on "Walking in the Spirit," using as a text Galatians 5:16-26. The response was most positive as young people came to the altar to give themselves to Jesus Christ.

As the majority of students returned to campus, a group of our students who call themselves "The New Creations" accompanied me to Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Lowland, North Carolina. There I saw the Scripture come alive as it records in Acts 6:15, in reference to Stephen, and ". . . saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." As the group gave their testimonies, praising God and lifting up the name of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit surrounded them and the glory of God's love shone through them with His own glory. Every song and testimony was filled with the convicting and burning power of the Holy Spirit. As the invitation was given, numbers of people responded rededicating their lives, renewing their faith, and confessing their sins. The Lord took the service for His glory.

Even as I write these words, I feel His glorious presence and witness. My own heart is filled with His praise and love as He abides within by His Spirit. Praise His glorious name!

What does all this mean? How is one to interpret religious experience? It is the work of God in the renewal of His people, and it is God keeping His promise of Joel 2:28, 29. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." On the Day of Pentecost, God fulfilled that promise and His Word is eternal as it continues to be fulfilled in our very midst.

Again and again, His Holy Spirit moves where He wills as the wind that blows, but always seeking humble and contrite hearts for His abode and hor "Praise God from whom all blessir flow, praise Him all creatures here low; praise Him above ye heavenly ho praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

"And ye shall know that I am in t midst of Israel, and that I am the LO your God, and none else" (see Joel 2:2 Glory and honor belong to His name, t Alpha and Omega, the beginning and t end, who is, who was, and who is come, the Almighty!

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New Appointee In President's Office

Miss Eleanor Dickinson

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president Mount Olive College, has announced t appointment of Miss Eleanor Dickins of Kenly, North Carolina, in his offic She will assist Miss Jean Fillingame, se retary to the President, in her duties.

Miss Dickinson was previously emplo ed by Jefferson Standard Life Insuran Company in Goldsboro, North Carolin for twelve and one-half years.

She was born and reared in Kenl graduated from Kenly High School, a tended Atlantic Christian College and h taken numerous courses at Wayne Co munity College.

Miss Dickinson succeeds Miss Sa Willoughby of Ahoskie, North Carolin who resigned to return to her home fo lowing the death of her father.

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WHERE HE LEADS ME

A native of the Congo prayed thu "Dear Lord, you be the needle and I wi be the thread. You go first, and I wi follow wherever you may lead!"—**Chri tian World Facts.**

The New Creations at Gray Branch Church

The New Creations will present a program of gospel music and testimony at Gray Branch church near Kinston on Sunday, April 8, at 7 p.m. The Rev. W. H. Willis is the pastor. The program will consist of some popular selections of gospel music and some selections of Christian folk music.

The purpose of the New Creations is to lift up Jesus Christ as Lord, to share the message that by believing on His name, one may have eternal life. They seek to share what Christ means to them and what He has done in their lives.

They ask that you remember them in your prayers that God will use them in His own way to glorify His name.

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YOUNG WORLD SINGERS TO APPEAR

The Young World Singers of Vanceboro, North Carolina, will be one of the groups participating in a Christian Music Festival to be held on April 14 at the Eagles Nest Conference Center near Mount Olive, North Carolina. The music festival is sponsored by Mount Olive College and is being held in conjunction with the first official open visitation at Eagles Nest.

The festival will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue until approximately 5 p.m., with lunch being served at 12 noon at a cost of $2 per person.

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Mount Olive Singers to Appear on Television

Kay Currie will be hostess for the Mount Olive Singers as they appear on her "Hospitality House" show on WITN-TV, Channel 7 in Washington, North Carolina, from 12-1 p.m. on Sunday, April 8. This combination of Kay Currie and the Singers was responsible for one of the College's best musical television programs when they appeared together in "Christmas Carousel" during the past holiday season.

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"BE SURE!"

The man who once most wisely said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead," might as well have added this, to wit: "Be sure you're wrong before you quit."

Selected.

NEWS NOTES

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North Carolina, will lead his team of speakers in presenting the services. The team members include George Karl, All-Conference, ACC basketball player of UNC; Miss Debbie Bingham, "Miss Congeniality" in last year's Miss North Carolina Pageant; Wes Chessom, star football player for the Atlanta Falcons; and others.

Rap sessions will be held each night following the services, in which youth can meet and talk with these personalities. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Revival Announced for Otter's Creek Church, May to Speak

Revival services will be held at the Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, from April 9 through April 14. The Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle.

Services will begin each night at 7:30. Special music will be rendered. The pastor and church members extend to the public a special invitation to attend.

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Revival at Elm Grove Church Continuing Throughout Week

A revival is in progress this week, April 2-7, at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina. Evangelist is the Rev. Wayne Smith of Washington, North Carolina.

Services begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, and the members of the church invite you to attend.

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White Oak Grove FWB Church Revival In Progress Nightly, April 2-6

The Rev. Chris Singleton is the guest speaker at the spring revival being held at the White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, LaGrange, North Carolina. Services, which started April 2, will continue through April 6, beginning each evening at 7:30.

The Rev. R. M. Fader is the pastor of the White Oak Grove church. The public is invited to attend this week of fellowship.

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Gospel Sing and Revival Services Scheduled at King's Cross Roads

King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, will host a gospel sing featuring the Chordsmen Quartet of Garner, North Carolina, on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. The following night, revival services are scheduled to begin with the Rev. Frank Flowers as evangelist. The services will be held April 8-14 at 7:30 each evening.

The Rev. John Williams is pastor of the King's Cross Roads church. He and the congregation welcome your presence at both the gospel sing and the revival services.

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Youth Revival Scheduled at Free Union FWB Church, Pinetown

A youth revival will be conducted at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, on April 9-14 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Chris Singleton, guest speaker, will be assisted in the services by the pastor of the Free Union church, the Rev. Robert Rollins.

Special music will be featured nightly. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Ormondsville FWB Church Announces Spring Revival

The Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, announces spring revival services for the week of April 9-14. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. James Lupton, pastor of the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Along with good preaching each evening, special music will be rendered by the church choir under the direction of Ralph A. Bowen, church organist and choir director. Also there will be visiting singers throughout the week.

The pastor and church membership extend to everyone a warm welcome to attend all these services that you possibly can, and to be much in prayer for the success of the meeting.

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Wooten's Chapel Church Anticipates Stirring Revival for April 9-14

Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Raleigh, North Carolina, is anticipating great things for God in the revival services scheduled for April 9-14, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Harold Wallace will be the guest speaker.

A candlelight service with special prayer will precede each revival service. Activities are planned as follows: Monday, all members' night; Tuesday, deacons' challenge; Wednesday, faith renewal; Thursday, "Victory—One Way"; Friday, prayerful commitment; and Sat-

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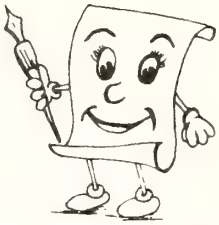
GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Our brick church, with its high steeple and tall pillars supporting a small porch, looks like a church. But it took a stiff, whipping wind to show me the light.

I had never noticed the light fixture before, enclosed in a metal frame, suspended on a heavy chain. The wind blew it from side to side, the full length of its chain, but each time it stopped, the chain was straight and untwisted. When the wind snapped it across the porch, the frame may have struck the building, but the light remained unbroken.

I wish I could be like that—steady, sturdy, shining. But when I'm ignored, I want to shout, "Hey! Look what I've done! Don't you know how hard I've worked?"

But being criticized is worse than being ignored. Then I want to crawl off somewhere and hide. Forgetting, of course, that He said we should expect no praise but would get criticism.

Other times when I see people going to certain places or doing doubtful things, I want to say, "Look at them, Lord. See? They're doing wrong. I must be the only one trying to follow you." But it may be wrong for me to judge them without knowing their circumstances.

I am too easily swayed when I should be sure of myself. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58 said, "Therefore . . . be ye stedfast" (firmly fixed in faith or devotion to duty), "unmoveable" (never wavering, never shaken), "always abounding" (full to overflowing) "in the work of the Lord, ..."

To say it another way, "On account of the victory promised you through our Lord Jesus Christ, be constant and secure, firm and rocklike, continually doing your share and more in the work of the Lord. . . ." Work done for Him is never wasted.

No, I'm not the steady, sturdy, shining light I'd like to be. But that's my goal.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years will be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS' PENSION LIST

The Rev. Herman Wooten
104 Avery Street
Garner, North Carolina 27529
Birthday: February 15, 1893.

The Rev. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576
Birthday: September 27, 1902

The Rev. B. F. Ringgold
Route 5, Box 47
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: August 22, 1898

The Rev. W. G. Boykin
Dorothea Dix Hospital
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Birthday: October 10, 1900

The Rev. Milford Hales
Route 2
Kenly, North Carolina 27542
Birthday: February 5, 1898

MRS RETIREMENT LIST

Dr. J. P. Barrow
Route 1, Box 475
LaGrange, North Carolina 28551
Birthday: October 26, 1898

The Rev. L. S. Joyner
1220 Lynn Road
Durham, North Carolina 27703
Birthday: November 5, 1905

The Rev. J. A. Evans
Route 1
Seven Springs, North Carolina 28578
Birthday: November 10, 1905

The Rev. Willie E. Stilley
Route 5, Box 12
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: July 28, 1909

WIDOWS' PENSION LIST

Mrs. Vedia S. Reynolds
P. O. Box 302
Columbia, North Carolina 27925
Birthday: March 17, 1907

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Dr. Barrow's column is a continuation from last week's issue. The question is repeated below.

Question: Please explain, "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Revelation 18:2).

Answer (cont.): The events in which people did evil and were punished are brought before us in the Bible to discourage us in disobedience and to warn us of the ill consequences that are surely to follow. Then we are told of some of the blessings that have followed those who were obedient in carrying out God's orders and the future reward that awaits them in the eternal future that is before us who obey in all things. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised" ((Hebrews 11:7-11). Here it is reported of Noah, Abraham, and Sara that they obeyed, reaping a pleasant result. Let us remember that all such events recorded in the Bible are told us so that they may be an example to us who may be sufficiently obedient to read and appropriate them to ourselves personally.

In the twelfth chapter of Revelation, God portrays the devil as a red dragon and Israel as a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and wearing a crown of twelve stars. This woman is in the process of becoming the mother of the child Jesus, the Son of God. The dragon is trying to hinder her. The devil in history put forth great effort to destroy Israel in her relationship with God by making the idolatrous heathen worship attractive to her, but God prepared Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar to overthrow and take into the Babylonian captivity a remnant. This remnant was purged and returned to the land of Israel through which a godly ancestry, separated unto God, was a fit nucleus through whom He brought Jesus into the world. In Revelation, God presents two beasts, one symbolizing the political world and the other the religious world. See Revelation 13:11-18.

In Revelation 17 God portrays the beast or antichrist as being ridden by the woman, the false prophetess, and of course being controlled by her as a man controls the horse he rides. But in this picture the beast not only rids himself of the woman (who represents false religion), but her body is given to the flames and she is completely destroyed. It is then that the people in the power of the nations (symbolized by the beast) rejoice, for they are rid not only of good religious restraints, but also of the bad. Notice that this woman is named: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5).

In the eighteenth chapter of Revelation, a city of the same name is destroyed. Babylonism or Babelism is the basis of all false religions.

See Pages 202 to 218, **An Exposition on the Book of Revelation,** by Louis T. Talbot.

"It was in the city of Babel, later called Babylon, that all the mystery religions began—those religions that were destined to cover the earth one thousand years later.

"Early in the Christian era Nero and other Caesars cruelly persecuted the Christians. Many were martyrs, including Paul, the apostle. Then in the fourth century, Constantine came to the throne. He professed conversion. With the eye of a politician, he saw that those first Christians had made wonderful strides; and instead of persecuting them—they were now numbered about four million—he thought it would be to his advantage to favor them. But he was never saved, was never a real Christian. If you should go to the British Museum, you would be shown coins that were put into circulation at the time of Constantine. On one side there is a cross; on the other side, a picture of the Temple of Bel and one of the sacred symbols of Tammuz.

"This is what Constantine did when he came to the throne, thus bringing about a union of the mystery religion and the professing church of Jesus Christ. The pope of Rome, the first bishop of Rome, was given the title 'Pontifex Maximus,' and every pope from that day to this has borne that name upon his mitre. To quote Dr. H. A. Ironside: 'The very fact that he bears that title is a declaration that he is not a successor to Simon Peter, but is rather the successor to the high priest of the heathen mysteries that began away back there in Babel. When Constantine came to the throne and the first pope assumed the title, 'Pontifax Maximus,' all those heathen associations and ceremonies that had their beginning with Nimrod—the worship of the Queen of the Heavens, the eating of the wafer, the doctrine of purgatory, the wearing of vestments, and the observance of a thousand and one lesser mysteries—all these were brought into the church, and for a thousand years they pervaded all Europe.' Thus the Roman Catholic Church as it is now known, with all its God-dishonoring doctrines and practices, came into existence.

"The day will come when every child of God, Catholic and Protestant, will be caught away from this earth, when the Son of God returns and takes away the church. At that time there will be, upon the authority of God's Word, a great union of all the godless, Christless, bloodless sects and divisions of Christendom. All those in the Protestant churches who deny the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His vicarious atonement, His bodily resurrection, and all the funda-

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STORIES

for our youth

"ALSO BE HONORABLE"

by CLARE MISELES

DAVID wasn't sure whether he wanted to be a doctor, a lawyer, a baseball player, or an astronaut—but he was sure about one thing: He wanted to be rich and famous!

"Good enough," agreed his grandfather. "But you must also be honorable. Remember the words of Scripture: 'A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit' (Proverbs 29:23)."

David's grandfather was right. For example, Abraham Lincoln would be the first to say that without honor, a man is not much of a man at all! Any of our wise and good forefathers would agree. They would also say that a job done without honor is not a good job. This is because God made honor an important part of men's work, and what a man does with honor, he does with his heart for his fellowman. That is why it has God's approval.

Who needs this honor? Your family and friends need honor. Your school needs honor, and the town you live in needs honor. Your neighborhood, in fact, the entire world especially need honor! A country needs workers who won't let it down with lies and cheating. They want people with honest hands that are ready and willing to work, people who can be relied upon, people "to whom God hath given . . . honour" (see Ecclesiastes 6:2), people who believe in God and live God's way.

What has this to do with you? Someday, you will be a grown-up; someday you will have to take on a job—a big job. Someday, in fact, you will have to run our world!

When David's grandfather explained this, David said, "I'm not going to be President!" Maybe you won't. You might not even become a congressman, a senator, or a governor! You may, however, be a teacher, a scientist, an engineer, or even a butcher, baker, or shopkeeper. In fact, no matter what you become, you will be expected to do your job well, with honor!

David also wondered whether there are any special schools where someone can learn to be honorable.

But who really needs a special school? If you keep God's truth in your heart, God will help you to learn about honor little by little every single day.

One such experience happened the other day when David was given too much change. Rob, his friend, stood close and gave him a nudge. "Don't give it back!" he whispered. "It's only a quarter!" But David was thinking about honor. He returned the money and smiled, happy to know that he had learned just a little more about honor.

You can do the same. Each day, try for more honor. You can even keep a daily record. By the end of the week, go over the report and see how well you have done. If you have slipped, try harder the next week. If you have done a lot better than you expected, be sure to thank God for helping you. Above all, be sure to not cheat yourself. Make up your mind that growing taller and getting more handsome are not enough. Be a man of honor. You won't be sorry. With honor, someday, God will help you do your best to make the world a better, nicer, and safer place for us all to live.

—My Pleasure.

THE DISCOVERY

by June Annette Hodges

In the loneliness of my world I sat
Motionless, lifeless, desolate, a
afraid.
No meaning. No fulfillment. No gra
fication.
An unending song of emptiness and
invited seclusion.
Searching in every direction for a "b
ter day"
I caught a glimpse of the sky.
The clouds, dangling aimlessly as w
I,
Burst with a radiance from the sunlig
that crept in.
A ray of hope.
The light of love.
In the jubilance of my world I sit
Peaceful. Full of the joy of living
I give thanks for an upward force;
Something bigger, better, than depre
sion, loneliness.
A forceful—most powerful discovery.
A smile; a laugh are now mine.
A purpose, a reason.
I burst with radiance from a heaven
light shining into my soul
And I thank God for an upward glanc

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Artificial Burdens

In Oakland, California, Peter Rizzo fe from a canoe into a lake. Weighte down by an artificial leg, he was drow ed.

Some today are so weighted dow with artificial things they are doin more drowning than swimming when comes to the rescue of the perishing. B artificial things some are "drowned lik pigs when they attempt to swim". "drowned as by the flood of Egypt."

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MEMORIAL CHAPEL IS GROWING

Jimmy Speight, Debra Marlowe, and Julie King

On Sunday, March 25, Debra Marlowe, Jimmy Speight, and Julie King were baptized during the morning worship service. Julie and Jimmy were saved during regular worship services; Debra came to know the Lord through the testimony of the Young World Singers, who were on the campus a few weeks ago.

The Weeks Family

During the month of March, the Weeks family and Mrs. Anita Lupton, one of the associate houseparents, were received into the church by letter. The Lord has blessed in many ways during the first part of 1973 and there are many other ways in which the church has grown, as well as membership.

Mrs. Anita Lupton

In a recent quarterly conference, the church voted to cover the pulpit, aisle, and vestibule areas with carpet. As you may have noted on Superintendent's Day, the congregation had already painted the church sanctuary.

Please note that all of these projects are being completely financed by the membership of Memorial Chapel. Should some other congregation or individual wish to share in the ministry of Memorial Chapel church to the children of the Home, you may send your gifts to Memorial Chapel, Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. The members of the Memorial Chapel church praise the Lord for His blessings and guidance, and urge their fellow Christians to pray for our ministry to our Children's Home.

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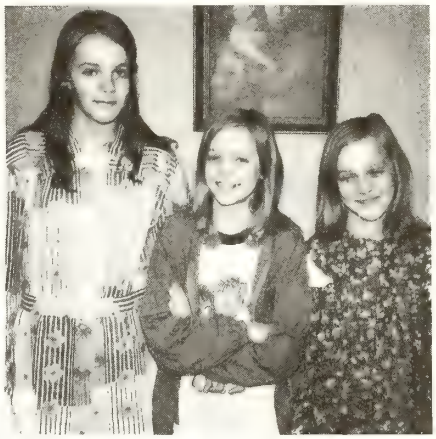

Cathy, Debra, and Donna Cone

Cathy, Donna, and Debra Cone came to live at the Children's Home during March of this year. They came from the Stanhope area near Spring Hope, North Carolina. They joined the Smith Cottage family, where Mrs. Bertha Batts serves as housemother. The Cone girls have adjusted very well to life at the Home and are doing fine. We invite you to come to visit the girls in Smith Cottage and get to know Debra, Cathy, and Donna. Cathy is 11 years old and Donna and Debra are twins, 10 years old. All of the girls, as you can see, are tall and slender for their age. Visit the Home soon and get to know all the children, especially the Cone sisters.

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NEWS NOTES

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urday, youth night. On Saturday, the youth will participate and refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

Testimonies and singing will enrich each service. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton, and all concerned desire your prayers that the Holy Spirit might make each service a spiritual awakening for those attending.

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KISSING AND MAKING UP

I don't know who said it. But some fellow said that nowadays when sweet young things kiss and make up, she gets the kiss and he gets the make-up. But I think the lovers of Tennyson would not find fun in that—when they recall Tennyson's exquisite "we fell out . . . and kissed again with tears."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 15

Jesus Christ Is King

Lesson Text: Zechariah 9:9, 10; John 18: 33-37; Philippians 2:5-11

Memory Verse: Acts 2:36

I. INTRODUCTION

Rulers of the earth always have had to strive to hold on to their right to govern. Their sphere of rulership is always restricted, too. Human rulers have a limited area over which they are supreme and have that for only a certain length of time.

God gave Isaiah a vision of Himself at a time of great national corruption and impending devastation, resulting in discouragement for the prophet. Just when he needed it most, Isaiah was given the privilege to see God on His throne and to hear from angels that the whole earth is filled with His glory (see Isaiah 6:1-8). In Isaiah's vision God was seated on the throne; He was not grappling for power, seeking desperately to maintain His position as men do.

In His wise eternal plan, God ordained that His Son should one day be King over all the earth. Through Him God would demonstrate His right to rule on the earth. When He came the first time, Christ offered Himself as Israel's Saviour and her King.

The people of Israel rejected Christ as their King: "We will not have this man to reign over us" (see Luke 19:14). Because of this rejection, God told the people that the kingdom of God would be taken from them (see Matthew 21:43). Christ will come again and establish His earthly kingdom (see Revelation 20:1-10), which was promised by the Old Testament prophets and by Him at His first advent.

The One who will come and establish His kingdom on earth and rule the world with a rod of iron is actually King at the present time (see Ephesians 1:20-22). People and spirits may disobey the King now, however, because His earthly kingdom is not yet established. He is Lord of heaven and earth and is accomplishing His will and purpose. What He wants most from those who have trusted Him as personal Saviour from sin is that they allow Him to be King in their lives.

—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jesus is still the answer to the need for justice in the world.

B. One of the keynotes of the Christian life is rejoicing for the coming of the Lord.

C. When Jesus comes to bring justice and salvation, we really will have something to shout about.

D. The Lord used a lowly animal, and when He uses us, He wants us to be truly humble.

E. The coming of Jesus will bring all wars to an end to establish universal peace.

F. Jesus voluntarily ceased to exercise some of His divine attributes, but He never ceased to have a divine nature.

G. Because Jesus had to be obedient to go to the Cross, we also need obedience to carry our crosses.

H. Jesus was a common Jewish name, but now it is the mightiest name of all.

—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

God's plan to establish His Son as King of all kings of the earth was laid during the aeons of eternity that preceded the creation of the heavens and the earth. With great care, He gradually unfolded the plan. Eve learned that her seed would bruise the head of the serpent, Satan. Abraham received the promise that through his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

From Jacob's twelve sons, Judah emerged as the tribe from which the people's rulers would come (see Genesis 49:10).

Even then, the plan had not been completed. Its final and flowering glory would germinate by the power of the Holy Spirit, spring forth in Bethlehem, be nurtured in Nazareth, and come to full bloom at Calvary. The web of prophecy and fulfillment had been sp and even Pilate, whether in contempt in ironic admission, had this capt nailed to His Cross: "Jesus of Nazar the King of the Jews."

All else had been but prelude to t Yesterday's plans were today's realit First came death, but this was follov by the resurrection and ascension to right hand of God, where He had becc majesty enthroned on high.

From that time until now, every ma character, every man's value, and testing of every soul has been de mined with reference to King Jesus. established life's standard and deat example.

Son of God and descendant of Davidic lineage, Jesus lays claim to ma allegiance. Perfect in mercy, justi and wisdom, He is preeminently qualif to fill His post. Possessing total auth ity in this world to come, He transce the bounds of time and eternity. submit ourselves to such a one as t should be our controlling ambition; serve Him our sole desire.

The reign of our King is a pres reality, although His greatest glory still to be revealed—that time when shall bow before Him and proclaim H Lord of all.

—Standard Lesson Comment

IN PLEA TO GOD

A Sonnet

by Celia Hales

May, Lord, I not succumb to doubts fears
But find thee always in my need. If
Bring dashed hope with months of p if tears
Unbidden flow with force—make, L as mild
My cross as ye wilt choose, with kn edge that
Ye only have. I ask not softness, L
For such would weaken gifts thou g which at
Thy feet someday I shalt return. T cord
Which binds our hearts as one is writ in
The promise of thy Son. Recall He s
"The Kingdom is within." Unless I r
Thee out my heart by deeds ungodly
Stay by me, Lord, possess my all, thrall
My ev'ry wish. **Then** canst I feel t call.

urches and Ministers Available

RE: This column is provided, when ed, for any church that is seeking a or and for any minister who is seeking urch to serve and would like to give notice. Please send the necessary in- ation to the editor of "The Free Will ist." Each notice will run for two is- only.)

e Rev. Gurney R. Chase, age 32 and ee Will Baptist minister, desires ch or pastoral work. He may be hed by writing to Route 4, Box 11, ton, North Carolina; or by telephon- 523-3429.

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e Rev. John W. Sexton of Route 1, 71-A, Plymouth, North Carolina 62, is available for pastoral work. s married, age 41, and the father of e daughters, ages 16, 12, and 8. He be reached by writing to the above ess, or by telephoning 793-2782.

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he Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces he will be available for full- or -time pastoral work on July 1, 1973. may be contacted at Route 2, Box , Grifton, North Carolina 28530 (tele- ne 524-5186).

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y the end of June, the Rev. H. A. bbs will have completed three years ervice as pastor at Tee's Chapel Free Baptist Church. For two of those e years, he tried to persuade the rch to go to a full-time service. In uarterly meeting recently, the church d by a large majority to begin full- e in July, but at that meeting Mr. bbs announced that he would be ing at the end of the year to take work elsewhere. Mr. Grubbs had le a prior commitment to another rch before Tee's Chapel decided to full-time. Tee's Chapel is in need of astor for the coming year, a man can lead the church into a full-time vice, a man who will have faith and patient with us, a man who believes t God has called him to this field. information about, or application for, work, write Mr. Edward Weaver at te 1, Princeton, North Carolina 69; or call 936-2326. Tee's Chapel rch is a medium-sized church, with r 200 in the Sunday school and about members in the church. We are l able to carry out any project chosen. The church is located seven miles east of Smithfield, North Carolina, on the Brogden Road.

Questions & Answers

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mentals of our faith, will doubtless return to the Church of Rome. In that day there will be in full bloom all the mysticisms that had their beginning in Babylon. This union will doubtless be the channel through which the mysteries of Babel will continue.

"And when also we look at its fearful history, with the awful tortures of the Inquisition, a name which still makes us shudder, we are filled with horror. We are told that tens of millions were cruelly martyred and done to death in the name of Christ by this Church. These were shot, stabbed, stoned, drowned, beheaded, hanged, quartered, impaled, burned, or buried alive, roasted on spits, baked in ovens, thrown into furnaces, and put to death by hundreds of other fiendishly conceived methods. Many were tortured in the most abominable ways. The history of Christendom was one huge horror for centuries because of these dreadful things."

Dr. Barrow's answer to this question will be concluded in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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in Yokohama was leveled. Three-fourths of Tokyo was destroyed by fire. Nearly three hundred thousand died, and two and one-half million were made homeless. Disease and despair prevailed throughout the nation.

The American people, who always respond generously in times of disaster, sent food, clothes, and medical supplies to Japan by shiploads. More than two million dollars was collected from Americans anxious to help.

But the Japanese warlords forgot. On December 7, 1941, their airplanes rained death and destruction on Pearl Harbor!

There are many in our nation who live for God and faithfully serve Him, but myriads have forgotten Him. Have you forgotten God?

PRAYER THOUGHT

Numerous people never remember God until they face a great tragedy here on earth, and need His guiding assistance. Do not wait until this time before you call on Him in prayer!

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Illustrations for Today,* Moody Press.)

Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church
Plymouth, North Carolina
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1973

Theme: "Victory Through Faith"
Scripture: Luke 18:8

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
—Devotions, Mrs. Tom West
—Welcome, Mrs. Frances Spruill
—Response, Miss Alice Webster
10:20—President's Message, Mrs. Lula Daw
—Recognition Time
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries and Missions Offering
10:40—Mission News, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
10:50—Children's Home News, Mr. Sam Weeks
11:10—Offering for Children's Home
11:20—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
11:30—Message, the Rev. Herman Grubbs
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Faith Is the Victory"
—Devotions, Mrs. Joseph Maitland
1:15—Mount Olive College News
1:30—Youth Work, Mrs. Betty Sawyer
1:40—Business
2:00—Report of Committees
2:15—Closing Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers"
—Benediction

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In Memory of Clayton Earl Warren

It is with great sorrow in my heart that I write these few words in memory of Clayton Earl Warren.

He passed on to receive his reward on December 19, 1972. Mr. Warren was born June 27, 1924. He was a faithful member of the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina, and was loved by everyone who knew him. We regret the thought of him being taken from us, but we know that the Lord does what is best for all of us. Mr. Warren was patient in all his sufferings, leaving his condition in the hands of the Lord.

We consider both life and death a mystery, but, after all, it is not a fact that a man has lived or that a man is dead that counts; it is rather, how he did live and how he did die.

His funeral was conducted at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by the pastor, the Rev. Phillip Jones. His body was laid to rest in the Pinewood Cemetery near Greenville, North Carolina.

He leaves to mourn her loss his wife, Velma Warren. May the good Lord comfort and sustain her as she waits her summons from on high to be reunited with him where there is no sorrow, no pain, no tears, and no sad farewells.

There is an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.

Beyond the gate our loved one
Finds happiness and rest;
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

—submitted by a friend,
Mrs. Esper Futrell

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A Remembrance of Mrs. Ollie Robinson

As I sit here this March 11, 1973, a Sunday night after a wonderful church service, I remember "Granny," as I called Mrs. Ollie Robinson, my mother-in-law. She died July 25, 1972, at the age of 80. Today I saw things come to pass in answer to her prayers. She prayed so earnestly for our church to be revived. And today her granddaughter Jan and her husband sang in the church service, and God sent His Holy Spirit to bless everyone present.

She prayed so much for all her grandchildren. She rarely missed a quarterly or association meeting in the past 24 years, and often she took her granddaughters Jean and Jan with her. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, . . ." (Ecclesiastes 12:1) was Scripture that she often quoted to them. Another favorite Scripture was, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

In her final illness, she did not suffer as badly as some, for God was always there. I remember walking quietly across a country road, up the rock st and hearing her as she sang softly cious old hymns. But she never sang church. Her part there was in servi of testimony or Bible discussions. "Tr up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart fr it" (Proverbs 22:6). ". . . This cup the new testament in my blood: this ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembra of me" (1 Corinthians 11:25). Th were some of her favorite Scriptu We can't bring her back, but with Go help we can follow her pathway, Bible.

—submitted by
Mrs. Ruby Robins

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How is your day? Rainy?

How is your heart? Heavy?

How is your mind? Troubled?

How is your outlook? Dark?

How is your future? Uncertain?

Do perplexities weigh so heavily upon you that you want to die?

Do anxieties twist within you until you are so tied in knots that you feel that you will never be able to relax again?

Do burdens bend you so low that you feel that you can never be lifted up again?

Do the pains in your heart stab at the very core of your being to the extent, that while trying so hard to bear the pain, you know within yourself that your suffering will never subside but will consistently become worse?

Have you cried many tears lately, only to find that they have provided no relief?

Have you, in trying to be helpful, found that your doing so has done little good, and perhaps your intentions have been misunderstood and misrepresented?

Have you suddenly discovered that your good friend has become your enemy, merely because you were not willing to go along with one of his whims but voiced your opposition because there was a moral issue involved?

Have you tried hard to succeed in being an example but have found that because of your numerous imperfections the example you set forth has not been sufficient?

Did you find last night's sleep interrupted time after time because of nightmarish thoughts that developed into horrible dreams?

Did you find it hard to face this day because you knew what lay in store for you, and that which lay in store was something so unpleasant as to make you want to run and hide?

Did you lift your eyes to the mirror but after getting one look decide that you couldn't bear to face yourself, let alone another?

Did you droop your shoulders and slacken your pace because the joyous way had become a foreboding one, and you felt that you hadn't the strength or moral fortitude to go on?

Was yesterday so bad that you knew today would be worse, and so you refused to ponder the possibilities of the dreaded tomorrow?

Was your world so plagued with discord and scourgings that you knew that despite your stoutest efforts you would fall victim to all it proposed to inflict upon you?

Was the light you followed so dim that you stumbled over some unseen thing in your path and therefore were afraid to venture onward?

Was the smile that was a permanent part of your face suddenly erased, never to return, because of possible verbal or physical abuse?

Will you lift your voice in a mournful wail because of sorrow, replacing the songs of happiness that had burst forth so freely, so frequently during former times?

Will you look at all the ugliness of the world, disregarding its many beauties, because suddenly your manner of looking at things has become different?

Will you stop pursuing that distant, all-important goal which you had set for yourself, because a few failures on the way have proven to be too discouraging, too disheartening?

Will you allow fate to be your master, when before you had been the champion of every cause, equal to any occasion, able and desirous to prove that nothing would get you down?

Having considered all of these questions and their involvements, their difficulties, and seemingly impossible resolves, do you feel that there is just no way out?

Our only answer would have to be: The way out is the way up, and the way up is to God. Try Him!

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Sinful Neutrality

by the Rev. F. B. Cherry

EXT: "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, . . ." (Judges 5:23).

The fifth chapter of Judges, from which our text is taken, is a song, the song of Deborah and Barak. Jabin, king of Canaan, had held Israel in oppression for twenty years. Now Israel had won the victory; the oppression of Jabin had been broken. So they burst forth in this song of triumph.

There are many songs in the Bible. In Exodus 15, there is the song of deliverance which the Children of Israel sang to celebrate their deliverance from Egypt. In Numbers 21, we have the song the Israelites sang in joy over the water that God gave them in the wilderness. In the time of Hezekiah, Israel sang when the burnt offering was offered (see 2 Chronicles 29:30). In the days of Nehemiah, the people were taught to sing when the temple was reorganized (Nehemiah 12). Singing has always been a sign of life to the people of God.

Our text occurs in this song of Deborah, but we really do not know much about the city of Meroz. Apparently, it was a city that failed to come to the aid of the Lord's people when they needed them. Evidently, they wanted to be neutral; they did not care to become involved.

Neutrality seems to be popular today. In the last presidential election, President Nixon often spoke about the "silent majority." What he was really talking about was the majority who want to be neutral, who do not want to speak out, who do not want to stand up and be counted. Richard DeHaan of the Radio Bible class has just recently concluded a series of messages on the "Silent Majority." He was speaking about the majority of church people who want to be neutral; they are not willing to take a stand in witnessing for Christ.

Neutrality may be a good trait under some circumstances, but there are circumstances where it is sinful. It is our purpose in this brief message to name some kinds of neutrality that are sinful.

IGNORES BIBLE TRUTH

There is a neutrality that ignores some of the great fundamental truths of God's Word. This type of neutrality is sinful because no one can be righteous and ignore the truth of God's Word.

Have you ever heard anyone say, "We are all working for the same place"? Maybe it was an effort to excuse the marriage of a loved one to an unbeliever or a Roman Catholic. Or it might have been an effort to appease a member of one of the cults. Whatever might have been the motivation, the Bible says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). So you see, we are not working to go to heaven, and the person who uses this statement has to ignore the great truth of salvation by faith.

Take another example: "After all, all men are brothers." People who say this are completely ignoring John 8:44 which says, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Of course, there are many other passages of Scripture that teach that some are the children of God and some are the children of Satan.

One more example: "If you don't look out for yourself, no one else will look out for you. This seems to be the favorite saying of some. They use it to justify their selfishness and their unwillingness to take a definite stand and work for the Lord. It completely ignores these words of Jesus, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Isn't this passage really saying that if we look after the things of God, He will look after us?

How can a Christian ignore the truth of God's Word in order to be neutral? We believe that this kind of neutrality is sinful; yet many are doing it. They need to remember that "Silence may be golden, but it is also yellow."

INDIFFERENT TO RESPONSIBILITY

In the second place, there are those who are indifferent to their responsibility in their efforts to be neutral. Who would say that for one to be indifferent to his responsibility is not sinful?

Many parents take the attitude that they do not want to prejudice the minds of their children by teaching them the Bible. So the parents, trying to be neutral, are indifferent to their responsibility to their children. We may be sure that Satan does not leave a child alone to make up his own mind, but from an early age he is working on the mind of the child. Parents should do the same thing.

Every pastor hears the statement each week, "Although I wasn't at our church last Sunday, I was in church." This is supposed to keep the pastor from saying anymore to him. Now we are willing to admit that any church is better than no church. We are also willing to admit that when you are away, it is better to attend another church than not go at all. But doesn't this whole idea ignore one's responsibility to his own church?

Make a little experiment. Decide that you are going to be neutral so far as women are concerned; one is as good as another. Then if your wife says something about you not coming home, just tell her that she doesn't have a thing to worry about, you were with a woman. Try it; you won't like it!

By being neutral and refusing to witness and take a stand for the Lord, we are indifferent to our responsibility to others. Through the years, I have had many ambitions, but as I grow older they all are fading out and one is coming into stronger focus—I want others to see Christ in me. Isn't this the only way

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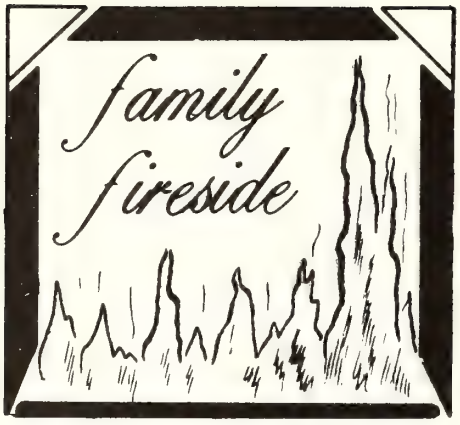

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:15

A Frightful Dream

A mother said to me, "Pastor, I had a most realistic dream last night. I dreamed that I went to heaven and made the heartbreaking discovery that not one of my five sons was there! Then I awoke, weeping bitterly!"

Seldom had I known a mother who displayed so little concern for the spiritual welfare and eternal destinies of her sons. I felt that I should speak some searching words to her. I said kindly, "Madam, God, in goodness, may have given you this dream to give you a sleepless concern for the salvation of your unsaved sons. The dream could be an actuality if you do not earnestly pray for their salvation and do your best to bring them to the Saviour."

Prayer Thought

How much thought have you given to the salvation of your sons and daughters? Could this heartbreaking dream prompt you to do more to lead them to the saving grace of the Father?

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:18

Stick-to-itiveness

In an article entitled, "Here's Why There'll Always Be an England," the Cleveland, Ohio, *Plain Dealer* said, "During a recent marriage ceremony in Bournemouth, the bridegroom fainted at the altar steps. No sooner had the bride gotten him on his feet again than the best man slumped down. A bridesmaid collapsed in the aisle. Before the service was completed, four guests were carried out. But finally the bridegroom, Alan Farwell, was married by Rev. William Stedmont to Gillian Seare.

"The vicar attributed the fallout to sheer nerves, although guests mentioned the extreme heat. The point is that probably only in England would the ceremony have been carried to a successful finish. A less stouthearted bride would have decided after both the groom and the best man fainted, that she could do better elsewhere and would have called off the marriage. But in England, the home of the bulldog and Winston Churchill, one muddles through. One faints only to rise again to exalted deeds. There'll always be an England."

Prayer Thought

One should never turn his back on any particular situation. God has never failed to help the many sinners of today if they will only ask for His forgiveness.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:2

"Preach the Word"

Some years ago in Buffalo, New York, two young men broke into a photographic studio on a Sunday night. The aged owner was there. The youths murdered him and then robbed the studio.

Headlines of the crime were front-paged in Monday's papers. The two youths were apprehended and charged with murder. Their names seemed familiar to a secretary of one of the local churches, who always wrote letters to those whose names were written in the visitors' book. The names of the two murderers were found in the book.

The young men were in church on Sunday morning and murdered on Sunday night. The pastor's sermon subject in the morning service was "An Educated Ministry." Only God knows what might have happened if the minister had preached Christ and told of Christ's power to change desperately wicked hearts.

How urgent is the need for pastors and teachers to "preach the Word."

Prayer Thought

Never pass up the chance to preach the Word of God to your fellowmen. There will always be someone in desperate need of learning of the Bible and its meaning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Scripture Reading—Acts 17:27

Crowded Churches and Penitentiaries

Two ministers were commenting on the strange anomaly that, although many of the churches throughout America are crowded, the penitentiaries are crowded also.

Said one, "What America gravely needs today is a resurgence of old-fashioned, heart-transforming, Holy Spirit-convicting and converting religion—a spiritual awakening such as the present generation has not seen."

The other expressed wholehearted agreement, asserting, "Despite our great inventions and our amazing technological and educational advances, the indubitable fact remains that success or failure, sweetness or bitterness, depends entirely on the reaction of our hearts—whether destructive or constructive."

Prayer Thought

Perhaps the many crowding the church pews are not any of the same who eventually crowd our penal institutions. But the more likely possibility is that some are, some who have perhaps heard lukewarm gospel and responded with lukewarm hearts. How tragic!

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Scripture Reading—Luke 12:15

Spiritually Dead

A wealthy financier said to Dr. G W. Truett, "You think I have won in race, don't you?"

Dr. Truett replied, "Yes, in a way have."

With an anguished look on his fac financier said, "The world says that I won and am a business success." after a moment of tense silence, he fo ly said, "I would give every dollar I if I could weep about my spiritual c tion like I did when I was a boy. have so completely given myself to acc lating a fortune that I have neglecte soul. Now I seem to be dead to spi things."

Prayer Thought

Many people place their wealth and fortune much higher than God's bl strength. Are you guilty of this?

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Scripture Reading—Jonah 2:9

She Couldn't Save Herself

In the early spring of 1919, a co school near Center, North Dakota, was missed early because of a raging bliz Hazel Miner, one of the older pupils, s ed home in a buggy with her two brothers. In the raging tempest, the b turned over and the horse got loose. H wrapped her little brothers in blan They got beneath the overturned bu As night came on, the blizzard raged. cold became more intense. The noble removed her coat and spread it and he over the boys.

When rescued the next day, the were living. The sister had frozen death!

How noble and enduring is self-sacrif love for others! In saving others, H could not save herself; neither could Saviour who died a vicarious death for sin of the world.

Prayer Thought

We will probably never be called u to sacrifice our lives so that another m live. But we can sacrifice everyday so another might live better. Only then we follow the lead of Him who gave all on the Cross.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 32:1

The Plank of God's Free Grace

As one of God's aged servants lay dy a friend said to him, "Soon you will de from this life to be forever with the L What are your thoughts now?"

The dying man feebly replied, "I h just been thinking of my sins and failu I have tied them up in a bundle thrown them into a pit. I have collec all my good words—my sermons, vis prayers, and gifts. Now I am going heaven on the plank of God's free gr

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Minister of the Week

e Rev. R. N. Hinnant

August, 1969, the Rev. R. N. Hin- left his native state of North Caro- to reside in Louisiana, thus ending years of active ministry in the Free Baptist denomination. This minis- was one of song as well as sermon; much time was spent counseling ministers and laymen. He served hurches, some of them four different s. One of the highlights of his y years of work was a tour of the Land.

rother Hinnant, the tenth child of en children, was born to N. B. and y J. Hinnant on August 17, 1900, grew up on his parents' farm in ston County, North Carolina. (His rent love for the country way of life later reflected in his ministerial rs, which were entirely centered in l areas.)

t eleven years of age, he united with Free Will Baptist Church in Micro, th Carolina. In May, 1919, he fin- d high school at the Ayden Seminary, later that year, was licensed to ch by his church under the pastorate he late Rev. S. H. Styron.

is preparation for the ministry was ived at the Moody Bible Institute in ago, from which he graduated in ust, 1922. That October he was or- ed by the Western Conference to ch the gospel. More was yet to e in this eventful year. In Decem- he married Stella Fay Wray of Lew- n, Pennsylvania. She, too, was a duate of Moody Bible Institute, with ajor in music.

le also attended Atlantic Christian ege, graduating in 1929, and did duate work at North Carolina State versity.

uring the early years of his ministry, r. Noble" was associated with the late . Bob Self in evangelistic work as di- tor of music. "Miss Stella" served pianist. Through the following years, labors broadened as he served as sident of the Church Finance Associa- n (22 years), president of the Free il Baptist Press (27 years), secretary the North Carolina State Convention years), secretary of the Western Con- ence (34 years), board member of the ldren's Home, trustee of Mount Olive College, board member of Cragmont, member of the Sunday School Board of the National Association, president of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, and moderator of the union meeting of his district. With the late Rev. R. F. Pittman, he compiled the old **Hymns of Praise, No. 2.** Later he served as chairman of the committee which edited the **Free Will Baptist Hymnal.** He was also on the committee that drafted the National Treatise of Free Will Baptists, and North Carolina Discipline of 1955.

Brother Hinnant remains a member of the Western Conference of North Carolina and loves his denomination. Despite the lack of Free Will Baptist churches in Louisiana, however, he still labors for the Lord. He has served as interim pastor of the First Southern Methodist Church of Amite, and at present, he teaches the Adult Bible Class in the First United Methodist Church of Denham Springs.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hinnant cordially invite their friends to visit them, their daughter, Doris Fay, and their grandchildren, Karen Fay and Christopher Ray. Letters, too, are most welcome. Their address is P. O. Box 712, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726.

—Doris Fay Hine, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Hinnant.

(Editor's Note: We remember Mr. Hinnant very favorably and enjoyed our relationship with him during the years in which he served as president of the Press board. We hold him and his wife in high esteem and cherish their friendship.)

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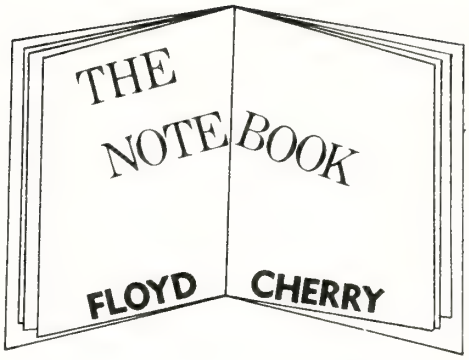

It is a heartening sign that our College and our Mission Board have become interested in teaching and promoting personal evangelism among Free Will Baptists. In my opinion this can do more for us than any other thing at this stage of our history. But it is also evident that it will take more than an interest on the part of a few leaders and study classes to accomplish the job.

Many of our people do not believe that apart from the grace of God all men are lost. If men are not lost, if the gospel cannot help them, why spend time and effort to reach them? No individual or group of individuals in a church can become effective soul winners until they believe in the lost condition of man and the power of the gospel to help.

Still another barrier is the fact that many of our church members, not only will not participate in a visitation program in their church, but are actually opposed to such a program. This is not something that I think; it is something that I know.

Why would a church member oppose a visitation program in his church? It could not be considered a foolish expenditure of the church's money. A visitation program is one of the cheapest activities the church could have from the standpoint of financial expenditure. It could not be that it will do harm in the community. While someone might point to one who was offended because of an untactful approach, many, many more could be pointed out who have been won to the Lord through a visitation program. It is not because his church would be the only church doing it. The fastest growing churches in the world today, regardless of denomination, have an active visitation program. There is only one reason why a church member would oppose a visitation program in his church: He does not want to participate, and he feels guilty when others do it and he does not participate.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Hickory Grove FWB Church Plans Spring Revival for April 16-21

The Rev. Jack Mayo

The Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church announces its spring revival for the week of April 16-21. The church is located on Highway No. 33, four miles east of Bethel, North Carolina. The guest evangelist for the services will be the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church. Beginning time each evening is 7:30.

A special invitation is extended to singing groups.

The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, and the congregation invite the public to join them for these revival services.

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Spring Revival Slated at Warsaw FWB Church, April 16-21

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Warsaw, North Carolina, on April 16-21. The Rev. W. L. Bronson, pastor of the Wilmington Free Will Baptist Church, will be the evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:45.

The pastor of the Warsaw church, the Rev. John Raeford Lee, and the members invite everyone living near Warsaw to come to hear Mr. Bronson. The church hopes to have special singing each evening.

Mount Zion Church, Kenly, Announces Week of Revival

Revival services will begin on Monday night, April 16, at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, April 21. The Rev. Dewey C. Boling, pastor of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, will assist in the services. Special singing will be featured each evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

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Rosebud FWB Church to Hold Revival, April 16-21

Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, North Carolina, plans a revival for the week of April 16-21. Services will be at 7:30 p.m.

The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Raymond Sasser. He will be assisted by the pastor of Rosebud church, the Rev. Floyd Smith.

Special singing will be rendered each night. The pastor and the congregation will welcome your presence during the week.

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April 16-21 Are Dates for Revival at Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, announces its spring revival for the week of April 16-21. The guest speaker for the services will be the Rev. Larry Coats of Route 7, Kinston, North Carolina. Each evening a special prayer service will be held at 7:15, followed by the revival service at 7:30.

The pastor, the Rev. C. M. Coats, invites the public to join with the congregation for these services.

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Rooty Branch FWB Church Announces Pre-Easter Revival, April 16-20

The Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will hold its annual pre-Easter revival services on April 16-20, p.m. The services will be sponsored the woman's auxiliary of the church different ministerial student from Mo Olive College will be speaking each ni Special singing will be featured.

The pastor of the Rooty Branch chu the Rev. Jack Burnett, will assist in services. A cordial invitation is ext ed to the public to attend.

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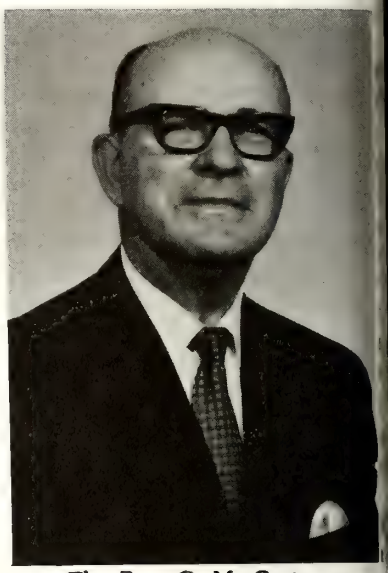
Pastor Resigns After Total Service of 15 Years to Church



The Rev. C. M. Coates

The Rev. C. M. Coates of Smithfie North Carolina, has resigned as pas of the Riverside Free Will Baptist Chur Route 1, Princeton, North Carolina. served the church for a total of 15 yea The first pastorate was from 195 1957. The second term served was fr 1965—1973.

Mr. Coates is serving two church He averages 30 visits per week to hom and hospitals. He conducted 27 f erals and performed 11 marriages 1972. He attends weekly prayer a monthly auxiliary meetings.

Mr. Coates is a trustee of Mount Ol College. He has served on the ordaini council in the Cape Fear Conference 10 years, on the mission board for years, and has served as president the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference. present, he is the assistant moderator the Cape Fear union meeting.

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Senior Citizens Honored by Ladies' Auxiliary of Rock Spring Church

The ladies' auxiliary of the Rock Spri Free Will Baptist Church, Bailey, No Carolina, honored the senior citizens the church and community during morning worship service on April Each senior citizen was recognized, a

adies were presented corsages and gentlemen, boutonnieres. Seats were ved in order that the group could seated together. There were 17 r citizens present.

rs. La Rue Manning planned the pro- and wrote the message that she in honoring the group. Miss San- Whitley and Miss Cathy Strickland "The Church in the Wildwood."

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New Creations to Present ram at Core Creek Church

e New Creations will present a pro- of gospel music and testimony at Creek Free Will Baptist Church, City, North Carolina, on Sunday, l 15, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Carol ansley is pastor. The program will ist of some popular selections of el music and some selections of stian folk music.

ey ask that you remember them in prayers that God will use them in own way to glorify His name.

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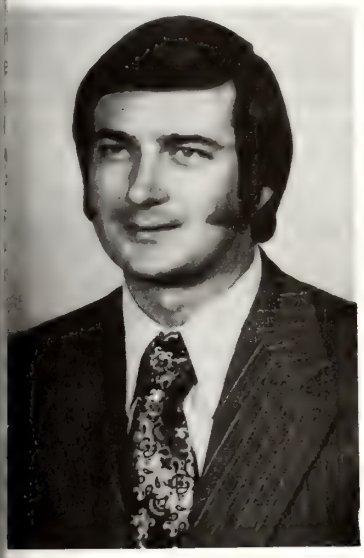
ld "Mac" Wallace to Speak evival at Marlboro Church



The Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace

he Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, pas- of the Sherron Acres church, Durham, th Carolina, will be the evangelist for val services at the Marlboro Free l Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, th Carolina, on April 16-21. The ser- s will begin each evening at 7:30, h the pastor, the Rev. N. Bruce Bar- , assisting.

pecial music will be a part of each vice. You are invited to come for week of revival.

Coming Events . . .

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Raleigh, North Carolina.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

April 14—State Sunday School Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.

April 14—Mount Olive College Music Festival and Visitation Day at Eagles Nest Conference Center, beginning 10:30 a.m.

April 14—Third League Union of the Eastern Conference, Free Will Baptist Assembly Building, Beulaville, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 14—Third Eastern District Youth Fellowship, Sandy Plains Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina.

April 28—State Youth Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, 9:15 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (program).

The Rev. Vance Link to Speak In Revival at Edgewood Church

Revival services will begin at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church near Crisp, North Carolina, on Monday night, April 16, and will continue through Saturday night, April 21. The Rev. Vance Link will be the evangelist. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson.

Special singing will be featured each evening by visiting singers and the home church. Everyone is cordially invited to share the blessings of these services with the church members.

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Virginia Beach Church Plans Upcoming Revival Services

Revival services are scheduled at the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church for April 16-21 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. J. B. Starnes, evangelist, will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones. Special music will be rendered throughout the week. A nursery for small children will be provided.

The church is located at 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The public is invited to share in the fellowship of this week.

Revival Services Announced At Rose Hill FWB Church

Revival services for the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will be held April 16-21 at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Bobby Bazen, pastor of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist.

Special singing will be featured throughout the week. The Rev. N. Dan Beaman, pastor of the Rose Hill church, and the congregation invite your attendance.

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Revival In Progress at Stony Hill FWB Church

Revival services are in progress at the Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Middlesex, North Carolina, with the Rev. De Wayne Eakes as the evangelist and the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, pastor.

Special music is scheduled each night by the church choirs and visiting groups. The services will continue through Saturday night, April 14, beginning each evening at 7:30.

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BLOWING ONE'S TOP!

Keep your temper! Nobody else wants it! When under fire, how easy it is to give offending ones a piece of our minds, which results in our losing our own peace of mind.—W. B. K.

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LONG TO MELT

"Icebergs have been known to take as long as two hundred years to melt." This statement from science urges us to say that, judging from the warmth some humans possess as to spiritual realities, they will still be icebergs if they live to be two hundred!

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

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The General Youth Conference

It appears that some rumors have gotten around that the General Youth Conference, sponsored at Cragmont Assembly since 1953 by the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, will not be held this year.

This is an error. The conference is scheduled for the usual time, the week after the second Sunday in June (June 11-18); a staff has been employed; the program is in preparation; and registrations are coming in. It is true that in a few cases schools will run over through the 11th, but a number of principals contacted have given assurance that all tests will be over and that, in most cases at least, young people who register for the conference can be excused for that final day.

Again this year, the Rev. L. E. Ballard will do the registration work and act as the business agent for the convention in connection with the conference. The Rev. Jack Mayo will serve as director of the conference activities, with Mr. Steve Little as his assistant. Other staff members and chaperons have been carefully selected as to Christian character and ability.

Please get registrations in as early as possible. The following registration blank can be used for one or more names from the same church. Fill out carefully and send to the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, with a $7 deposit on the overall $37 fee for each person registered.

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Honor Roll for Kitchen Fund

The following is the honor roll of Captain Raymond Sasser. Mr. Sasser was instrumental in the initial purchasing of the Cragmont property and was very eager to help in this fund raising effort.

Western WA Convention	$100.00
Black Jack Church	75.00
Hickory Grove Church	68.50
Mrs. Ada B. Sasser	50.00
The Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Sasser	100.00
Mrs. Effie Webb	50.00
Mrs. Daisy Owens	50.00
Stony Hill Church	50.00
Total	$543.50

Mr. Sasser writes, "I sincerely appreciate the cooperation of all who made contributions through me as a captain for this project. This is a very worthwhile and needed facility for Cragmont, and I trust that many of the others contacted by me will support this and other activities of Cragmont."

Registration Blank

GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mail to the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina, with $7 deposit per person.

Make checks payable to L. E. Ballard or General Youth Conference, **not** Cragmont.

Please register the following from ..... Free Will Baptist Church:

Name..... Age..... Address.....

Name..... Age..... Address.....

Name..... Age..... Address.....

Name..... Age..... Address.....

(If more space is needed, write on sheet of paper and attach.)

Items Needed for Kitchen-Dining Hall

The Black Jack Free Will Bap Church near Greenville, North Caroli has pledged to furnish the new din hall with folding chairs and new tabl We appreciate this generous gift!

There are also some items that will needed in the new kitchen. We going to use all of the old kitchen equ ment, but there are some new items t we will be needing. Perhaps y church or church group will want to dertake a special drive to furnish or more of these items. The list is follows:

Item	No. Needed	Pr
Wall Type Gas Heating Unit	2 (each)	$
30 Lb. L. P. Gas Deep Fat Fryer	1	$4
L. P. Gas Warming Table for Food	1	$4
Portable Scrap and Tray Table	1	$1
55 Cup Electric Percolator	1	$

If you, your church, or church gro would like to give one of these iten please contact De Wayne Eakes, P. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 2785 telephone 239-6471. Write or call B fore you send the money, so as to sure that no one else has already chos the particular item you wish to give.

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Partial 1973 Camp Schedule

The June 4-9 Youth Frontier Confe ence will not be held this year due to t late closing dates of the public school

Other conferences include the follo ing:

General Youth Conference, June 11-16 The Rev. Jack Mayo, director; the Re L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washingto Street, Greenville, North Carolin 27834, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Christian Cadet's Conference, June 25-3 —The Rev. Raymond Jones, 310 Sout erland Street, Durham, North Carolin director-registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, YFA grou July 2-7—Mrs. David W. Hansley, L Grange, North Carolina 28551, regi trar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, AFC grou July 9-14—Mrs. David W. Hansley, L

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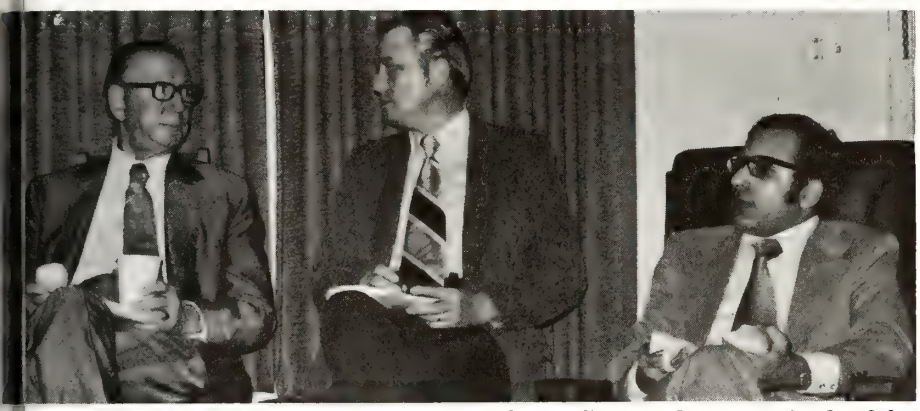
Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDY UNDERWAY



A committee has been established at Mount Olive College to determine the feasibility ecoming a four-year college. Dr. Raymond Gibson (left) served as a special consultant at committee and is shown conferring with Dr. Michael Pelt (center), chairman of the Department of Religion and Dr. Jamil Shami (right), dean of students, who chairs the ouyear study committee. Dr. Gibson is professor of higher education at Indiana Uniersity and is credited with establishing the first Department of Higher Education in America.

e Mount Olive College Board of rustees has authorized a committee to tudy the feasibility of Mount Olive Colleg becoming a four-year institution.

e committee has formed and is present conducting a broad in-depth study nt the question.

. W. Burkette Raper, president of ne College, stated, "I cannot overemphasize the importance of our approaching his study with open minds. To predetermine, before the facts are in, whether or not we should seek senior olege status would seriously jeopardize he future of the College. I have confidence in this committee and I am sure hat it will do both a conscientious and competent job."

resident Raper appointed Dr. Jamil hami, dean of students, to chair the committee, calling him "imminently qualified as a result of both his training nd his background."

ersonally," said Dr. Shami, "I view he role of the committee and my role n it as an honor, as we will be entrusted with one of the most important tasks n the history of Mount Olive College.

rom a professional point of view we are approaching our task objectively and we shall employ the latest in research methods and findings to achieve our goal."

Factors which will be considered are the relationship of Mount Olive College to the Free Will Baptist Church and its needs; enrollment, both present and proposed; accreditation; physical facilities needed to maintain a four-year college; curricula and related programs; faculty and personnel needs; and budget.

Dr. Shami stated that he did not know how long the study would take, but that they would take as much time as needed to do a thorough and complete job.

President Raper concluded his announcement by saying, "Increasingly in recent years many friends have encouraged Mount Olive College to become a four-year institution. This is a laudable ambition and one that must not be undertaken without our knowing the full requirements and conditions for being a senior college. We are indeed developing a truly distinctive college at Mount Olive, and we must be careful not to jeopardize its future by undertaking what is unrealistic for us. But at the same time we should not limit our future by lack of vision and dedication.

"Whether Mount Olive remains a junior or becomes a four-year college, our goal is to be a college that can bring fulfillment to the lives of those of us who commit ourselves to it and one that can make a meaningful and lasting contribution to our students, to our sponsoring church, and to our state and nation."

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of February totaled $270.

In Memory of

Mrs. Laura Barefoot, by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carroll, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mrs. Minnie Byrd, by Mr. Gary Fenton Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Albritton, Mount Olive, N. C.

Mr. Jasper Byrd, by Ms. Rachel Jennette, Mouni Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lola Davis, by Davis Original Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Davis, North Carolina.

Mr. Joe P. Davis, by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hare, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Mr. James Godwin, by Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jewel Grimes, by Ms. Lena May Sutton, Faison, North Carolina.

Mrs. Melissa Dawson Henderson, by Core Creek Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Cove City, North Carolina.

Mr. Robert L. Moore, by Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Luther Branson Ring, by Ms. Margaret L. Nichols, Durham, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Linville Hendren, Elkin, North Carolina; Mrs. C. G. Armfield and Ophelia Paul, Elkin, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Talton Jr., Oxford, North Carolina; Miss Carolyn Hunter, Charlotte, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Ricks, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Luther B. Ring, by Mrs. Clarence A. Crews, Reidsville, North Carolina; Mrs. Louis J. Ring, Clearwater, Florida.

Mr. Rodney Earl Scott, by Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mr. Connie Stuckey, by Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Mr. Preston Thompson, by Mr. and Mrs. Randall Albertson, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Alice Willis, by Davis Original

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Mount Olive News

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Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Davis, North Carolina.

Mrs. Victoria A. Watson, by Junior Sunday School Class, Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina.

Mr. Dan Walker, by Mr. Gary Fenton Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Dr. Hervy Kornegay Sr., Mount Olive, North Carolina.

In Honor of

Friendship F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary, by North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Wilson, North Carolina.

Gifts

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of March totaled $344.50.

In Memory of

Mr. John Hugh Andrews, by Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Laura Barefoot, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Willie G. Bass, by Miss Imettie Raper, Wilson, North Carolina.

Mrs. Minnie R. Byrd, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. E. C. Casey, by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Dr. and Mrs. Hervy Kornegay, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Clinton Davis, by Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina; Mrs. Pluma Sullivan, Pikeville, North Carolina; Fellowship Sunday School Class, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina; Miss Imettie Raper, Wilson, North Carolina.

Ms. Mattie G. Davis, by Corinth Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary, Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Jamesville, North Carolina.

Mr. C. W. Heath, by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy Jr., Cove City, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Laster Henderson, by Mrs. W. Grover Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Melissa Dawson Henderson, by Core Creek Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina.

Mrs. Nealie Hill, by Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson, by Hines Memorial Class, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. John A. McLeod, by Mr. and Mrs. Crafton Tart, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary B. McPhail, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Miss Minnie Novine Moore, by Miss Imettie Raper, Wilson, North Carolina; Mrs. Pearl Blalock, Lucama, North Carolina; Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

Mr. Russell H. Mooring, by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama, North Carolina.

Dr. F. L. Norris, by the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Thigpen, Beulaville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Claire Hodges Paschall, by Miss Imettie Raper, Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Luther B. Ring, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Norman Lee Sasser, by Rachel Jeanette, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. William Silverthorne, by Mrs. David S. Grande, Chesterfield, Virginia; Mrs. Mozelle H. Sims, Richmond, Virginia; Mr. Bryan M. Whorton, Merritt, North Carolina.

Mrs. Myrtle Stroud, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Florence Styron, by Philathea Class, Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lula Taylor, by Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510.

Mrs. Lula Taylor, by Sunday School Class Number 12, Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, Arapahoe, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Maltby Taylor, by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Furman C. Watson, by Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lillie B. Westbrook, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Durwood Worthington, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

In Honor of

Vanessa Dianne Corbett, by Ladies Auxiliary, King's Cross Roads Church, Farmville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ann Mayo, by Mount Olive Extension Homemakers Club, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Parker and sons, by Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church, Youth Auxiliaries, Clinton, North Carolina.

The Rev. Edward Taylor, by Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina.

The Rev. John Williams, by Youth Group, King's Cross Roads Church, Fountain, North Carolina.

Gifts

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

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PELT RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Michael Pelt

Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Mount Olive College Department of Religion, has been named to receive a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D. C.

"The fellowship is designed to aid professors in the humanities to become better interpreters of their field through a broader understanding of their own area or areas related to it," Dr. Pelt said.

Only one hundred such fellowships are granted annually for junior college professors.

Dr. Pelt indicates that his study will concentrate on the religions of the Graeco-Roman world and its influence upon early Christianity. Also included will be a "focus on the social and religious climate of the Hellenistic age and any possible parallels to our own age."

August has been set as the departure date for Dr. Pelt, his wife, and their children to leave for England. Dr. Pelt will do the bulk of his research at Cambridge University, but will also utilize other nearby sources such as the British

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Dr. Barrow's column this week is a con-uation from the last two issues of *The ee Will Baptist*. The question is repeat- below.

Question: Please explain, "And he cried ightily with a strong voice, saying, bylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and become the habitation of devils, and e hold of every foul spirit, and a cage every unclean and hateful bird" (Reve-tion 18:2).

Answer (cont.): A false religion brings od to none. When the Early Church came so contaminated with the world d so Babylonized and Romanized that was thoroughly displeasing to almighty d, He set in motion a group of perse-tors in Jerusalem that purged it then. is, of course, was prior to the Prot-tant revival, when again the church came polluted and He raised up Prot-tants to break the yoke of Rome. nce, we have had wars and then re-vals to keep a remnant of the church rged. Evidently now, however, in ite of all the means available and all e men of God who are being employ- to get the gospel to the whole world, ore men are becoming apostate. More ople are being born than are being ved, leaving a larger ratio of unsaved ople in the world with each passing y. Before too long—perhaps sooner an we would like to admit—God will ke immediate steps and thereby bring e universal judgment He so often reatens in the Bible. He tells us two ings for our present consideration as e read of this Babylon. "Now the irit speaketh expressly, that in the tter times some shall depart from the ith, giving heed to seducing spirits, d doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in pocrisy; having their conscience sear- with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); or the time will come when they will t endure sound doctrine; but after eir own lusts shall they heap to them-lves teachers, having itching ears; And ey shall turn away their ears from the uth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:3-5); "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:36-39).

These warnings in the Bible and especially those in Revelation should cause Christians to be on the alert at all times, going out into the "hedges and highways," compelling all the unsaved to accept the invitation of God before it is too late. Soon the door to the church age will be eternally closed; He will break out the unfruitful wild olive branch, destroy it, and graft in again the tame olive branch. "And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Romans 11:17-21). Read the whole chapter.

Many other parables teach the same truth. In the parable of the sower, God the sower sows good seed, which are the saved. The devil (the enemy) sows bad seed, or false Christians. The tares from the devil's sowing continue growing until the harvest, then the angels gather them and they (false religious teachers) are burned. Farmers know that tares, when growing, bear a striking resemblance to wheat, but at reaping time they are readily distinguished. Babylonism in some of its cult forms resembles Christianity, but its results are in direct contrast to the results that come through Christianity. The Protestant movement brought us far on the way as a separated people, looking Godward and patterning our lives according to the teachings of the Bible. But the revival of Romanism and the coming of the cults manifested the work of the satanic forces that, at least for the time being, have covered or in part veiled the light of true Christianity. Now the dark shadows of the ecumenical movement, with its effort to carry all forms of belief into one religious wagon and shelter it under one false religious covering may be the instrument in the devil's hands that lays the ground work for universal Babylonism. Such moves are neither produced of God nor of the thinking of the natural man apart from the supernatural power of the devil (as seen in Revelation, Chapters 12-17). The devil, symbolized by the red dragon, gives the antichrist his power, and he in turn gives the power to the false prophet—hence all the mysteries and powers we hear about that accompany false cults. We have seen nothing as of now that shall compare to the antichrist's and false prophet's maneuverings during the great tribulation, for then the antichrist is to cause stars to fall from the heavens. Let us be aware of anything not manifested in harmony with Christ as revealed in the Bible.

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CRAGMONT NEWS

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Grange, North Carolina 28551, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Woman's Auxiliary Conference, August 13-18—Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, co-directors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar. (Fee: $40.)

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PLEASE NOTICE

The Third Eastern District Youth Fellowship will meet at the Sandy Plains Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 14, rather than the previously announced date of April 16. All concerned should pay close attention to this announcement.

STORIES

for our youth

BRIAN'S OFFERING

by Anna Hartzes

IT seemed to Brian that everyone in the Bible class was speaking at once, eager to tell what he would give to the Henderson aid drive. Only Brian remained silent.

His face burned from shame because he was sure everyone knew that he was not making an offering. How could he offer something when his own clothes were hand-me-downs and when there was no money in his pockets or in his secret box at home?

He watched the others as they walked to the front of the room to hand Mrs. Pierce the money they had intended to use for buying candy, ice cream, or some other luxury.

"I'll give Amy Henderson my new blouse," Patricia said. She added, "I hope our house never burns down the way the Hendersons' did."

Brian felt sick to his stomach when Mrs. Pierce said, "Giving something that is yours and not asking your parents to give for you is the right attitude. The rest of you may bring your offerings to church tonight."

Brian wished that he could get his sister's mumps by tonight so that he would not have to face the class without a gift.

He worried all through the Bible lesson and barely followed the thought in Psalm 139:23: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."

Mrs. Pierce's voice sounded far away as she explained, "Sometimes we appear on the outside to be something that we aren't. How we are on the inside, what is in our heart, is the important thing to God."

After class when one of Brian's friends asked him what he planned to offer to the Henderson Fund, Brian flushed with embarrassment. His friend had already donated his pay from raking a neighbor's yard.

Frantically Brian tried to think of some kind of reply. Suddenly a pain shot up his side. He leaned over and massaged the place where the pain had struck.

"What is it? Appendicitis?" his friend asked.

Brian shook his head. "I must have pulled a muscle when I did some cleaning for Mrs. Gordon next door." He straightened up, relief in his face. "The pain's gone now."

"You work for her often. Does she pay well?"

"She can't afford to pay me," Brian answered.

Brian caught the look that passed over his friend's face, a look that seemed to say, "Are you out of your mind? Working for nothing!"

As Brian walked on home, he thought, If Mrs. Gordon had paid me for working, I'd have money to donate to the Hendersons. He was immediately ashamed of himself for wanting to receive money from an old woman who could not afford to pay him.

As he neared Mrs. Gordon's house, she called to him from her rocker on the front porch, "Will you bring in my potted plant? I'm afraid too much sun may wilt it."

He hurried to do as she asked.

"Thank you so much. You are such a help to me," she said as he returned the plant to the place where it was usually kept. "I wish I could pay you for your help," she sighed.

Brian saddened, thinking about his offering for tonight. "That's all right," Brian said, trying to be a cheerful helper.

At home, he told Mother about th Henderson drive. "I wish I had som thing to give."

Mother pursed her lips and thoug for a minute. "Maybe we can spa a little from our grocery money for yo offering," she said.

"Everyone else is giving money clothes of his own. I want to off something that is mine," Brian said.

Just in case he might have forgotte something, he checked over his thing but there was nothing to offer. He s and thought. Mr. Henderson had bee at church today. After Bible class Bria had heard Mr. Henderson tell someon that a lot of time would be needed clear the yard after his house was r built.

Brian decided that he could offer a afternoon to help clean up the yard, b an offering of work would seem lik nothing to the class. They would valu only something that could be seen, suc as money or clothing. However, the B ble lesson they had studied said th outward appearances do not intere God. It said that God is interested what is in a person's heart.

In his heart, Brian wanted to give.

"To give my help is all I have to o fer. What the class thinks is not as in portant as what God thinks," he said ou loud.

That night, Brian stood in front of h class and with all thought toward plea ing God said, "My offering is an afte noon to help clear the Henderson yard.

"Your offering was the best one," h classmates told him afterwards, an Brian smiled happily.

—My Pleasur

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Christian Ministers and Laymen To Establish New Home Missions

Contact:
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Secretary-Treasurer

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Fayetteville
North Carolina 28305
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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Quilts for Our Children

Pictured left to right are Mrs. Renfrow (Children's Home), Mrs. Estelle Phillips, Mrs. Artis Brown, Mrs. Bessie Wall, and Mrs. Blanche Griswold.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pleasant Plains Free Will Baptist Church at Selma, North Carolina, arrived at the Children's Home last week with gifts, which consisted of six beautiful homemade quilts and a blanket. We are so grateful to these wonderful ladies for their efforts and willingness to make life more comfortable for our children. Mrs. Renfrow, the housemother of Deans Cottage, accepted the gifts on behalf of the Home.

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"What Our Home Means to Me"

Well, to start off with, the Home is marvelous! I have a wonderful housemother, Mrs. Renfrow, and I live with eight other girls that are great.

The Home is just beautiful. Everybody is willing to help you and I'd like to tell you why it means so much. Well, I left the Home once and stayed at a foster home for a year and it was bad. I thought I had it made, but I didn't. The only place that I've really got it made is at the Home; so, the Home is great and I wouldn't leave again for anything, because there's so many wonderful people here. Mostly, I like Mr. Humphrey, he's great!

All I've got to say now is, if it weren't for the Home, I don't know where I'd be now. And I thank God for the Home and the people who give their time and money for us.

—Mary Ann Warren

I have been here almost eight years and I can surely say it has been heaven. I have the sweetest housemother on campus, Mrs. Rulli. I am thankful that I have food to eat and most of all that someone cares and loves me. You know, if I weren't here, I probably would not have all these things. I have a lot to be thankful for and I am.

—Betty Jean McLawhorn

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LIFE AT OUR HOME

Far too many American families today have forgotten from whence cometh their health. It takes more than bread, meat, and vegetables to make a child healthy. At the Children's Home, we believe that our health and strength cometh from the Lord. We teach our children to give thanks to God for his blessings to us.

A group of girls from the Smith Cottage give thanks before supper.

No child is too young to learn wherein his life is sustained. "Train up a child in the way," the Christian way, and "when he is old, he will not depart from it" (see Proverbs 22:6). Our children pray together, and we believe that the Holy Spirit hears these tender prayers and answers every one of them with a cup full and overflowing with blessings. It is said, "a little child shall lead them" (see Isaiah 11:6).

Bill and Andy teach Mitch and Delma a simple daily blessing.

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SCHOLASTIC NEWS

The following children from the Home are "A" students: Claudius Elmore, Joyce Woodard, Brenda Garris, Sandra Anderson, Vickey Lee, Molly Garris, Bonnie Dement, Angie Nichols, Mitch Joyner, Ronald Elmore, and Terry Faircloth. "A" averages had been obsolete until the past two grading periods at the Home. We congratulate these 11 students who have proven that "the kids from the Home are the best kids in school." This has been our slogan this year as we have worked toward super grades, super behavior, and super personalities.

Terry Faircloth and Joyce Woodard made all "A's". Terry was a low "C" student two years ago. When asked what he could say to those who are still in this category he said, "Now it's easy to make 'A's.' Last year I struggled to do my best, to pay attention, to have my work on time." We did have to keep pushing and encouraging Terry last year, but this year he is working on his own. We are so proud of his decision to do his best (no matter how hard it would be or how long it would take him to attain his goal).

Joyce Woodard was a high "C" student last year. When she was asked what made the difference, she said, "I am happy this year." Joyce represented our Home at Explo '72 this past summer. We are proud of her because she has a beautiful personality and attitude as well as beautiful grades.

Brenda Garris and Ronald Elmore were low "C" students last year. Brenda had a deep sorrow that blocked her way, but after much prayer she has been able to be an alert, progressive student. Again, we are thankful! Ronald just made up his mind to finish what he started and to have the best grades on campus. We commend his determination.

There are 16 others who nearly made this column this time with "B" averages.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 22

Christ Conquered Sin and Death

Lesson Text: John 11:17-44; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 51-57

Memory Verse: John 11:25, 26

I. INTRODUCTION

This is our Easter lesson and it is taken from perhaps the most significant accounts of His resurrection outside the Gospels themselves. We like to call this the victory chapter of the Bible, because there would never be victory over sin and death had it not been for the resurrection of Christ.

Many religions today have an element that refers to life after death. But only Christianity, the true religion, has a living Saviour, One risen from the dead and who has emphatically said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Whatever hope false religions may offer their adherents regarding life after death, Christianity offers a better hope.

Christ was the firstfruits of the resurrection. He arose on Easter Day to show the world that sin and the grave could not hold Him captive. He arose also to remind His followers that physical death is not the end of all things, that when their bodies are placed in the ground this does not mean all is over. The child of God shall live again. He will be raised at the coming of Christ in the rapture, an event, we must keep saying, which can happen at any moment.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jesus was the first of many who will know the victory of resurrection.

B. The "Jesus people" are right in saying that there is only one way to heaven.

C. The resurrection of believers will take place at the second coming of Christ.

D. Following the rapture of the saints, the Lord Jesus will overcome every enemy, including death, and will usher in the sovereign rule of God.

E. One day Christ will have complete victory. It's good to know that we are already working for the winning team.

F. The rapture will occur in the twinkling of an eye. There will be no time to get ready at that late date.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

Until the glorious triumph of Jesus Christ over man's two greatest enemies, sin and death, they had both been points of frustration and defeat of such proportions as to discourage and dishearten some of the strongest men who had ever lived.

Sin, always with us, seems almost built within our natures. We are beset with our wrongs, small and big, until they seem either insurmountable or, through our self-excusing, insignificant. Death, always about us, seems final, irresistible, and victorious over our noblest efforts. If we could only resist the sin and conquer death.

Foolish minds have tried to assert this victory by foolish conclusions such as these: death and sin are unreal and mere figments of our imaginations; since death is inevitable and sin inescapable, do not worry about them; indulge the latter and accept the former. But no matter how we try to deny or escape, they will not go away; and their reality cannot be questioned seriously. Sin is our common denominator. They must be reckoned with realistically.

The great and glorious truth about which Paul exulted in 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 is that Christ's victory may be our own victory. Had Christ's conquest of the grave achieved everlasting life for Himself alone, there would be no gospel. "Good news" in the New Testament refers to the singular fact that we may now, by the grace of God, share in the greatest victory of all history, the victory of Christ over the grace.

—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

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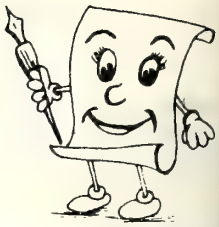
GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

The best cure for "winter blahs" is a dose of **spring spirit.**

My feet were really dragging that morning. It had rained and everything was muddy. Cloudy skies meant it might rain some more and nothing could be done in the yard.

Mentally I checked over my lists: "Things I Want To Do," "Things I Need To Do," and "Things I've GOT To Do." Most of the "Things I Want To Do" can't be done until the "Things I Need To Do" are done. And the "GOT To Do" list includes things I don't really want to do anyway. So I was in a fussy mood.

But a yellow-bellied sapsucker was having breakfast on the tree just outside the door. He should have flown when the door slammed, but I'm glad he stayed. It's the first time I've ever seen one that close. His eyes are set in a black patch which curves down and back like spectacles going over his ears. I had never seen the white on the wings before. And I didn't know he had a split tail.

While I was birdwatching, another bird in a different tree began to sing. My spirits lifted to meet his song while I tried to find him. And though I never saw that one, his song stayed with me and it was a good day all day.

Job said we could learn from the birds. I learned that morning those fellows know how to trust God. It was muddy and wet to them, too; but here was one going about his duties in an orderly manner (getting food from the tree), and there was the other singing praises to his Creator. Why shouldn't I be happy too?

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, . . ." (Song of Solomon 2: 11, 12).

Spring is here.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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SINFUL NEUTRALITY

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at we fulfill our responsibility to hers and glorify our Lord?

We are told that in the city of Chathooga, Tennessee, a Negro man worke in a machine shop with many other en, both white and black. But this an, Matt Duvall, loved the Lord and s a faithful Christian. One day one the white men in the shop cursed and ok the name of the Lord in vain. Matt d to him, "Boss, please don't do that. hurts me so bad to hear my Lord's me used like that." The white man rsed more and turned on Matt, telling n in no uncertain terms to mind his n business. A few weeks later there s an explosion in the shop and the ite man was badly injured. In the ergency room of the hospital where he s carried, he was told that his inies would be fatal and asked if he nted anything. He replied, "Yes, ase send for old Matt Duvall and bring n here. I want him to kneel by my d and pray for me."

Yes, there are those who ignore the eat truths of the Bible in their efforts be neutral, and there are those who e indifferent to their responsibility in eir efforts to be neutral; but that is t all. There are also those who sit y by in their neutrality and let others to hell.

OLY LETS SOULS DIE AND GO TO HELL

Sometime ago, a national news wire rried the story of a young woman who s attacked and murdered on the eets of New York City. The story d that 37 people witnessed the incint, but not one offered to do a thing help. When a reporter went to these ople and began to ask them why they d not try to help the girl, he got varied swers: "It wasn't any of my business," didn't care to become involved," "I ally didn't know what was happening." e fact remained that 37 people had tched a crime and had done nothing out it because they wanted to be utral.

Are you afraid to talk to others about sus Christ and His claims upon their es? Are you afraid you will offend meone? Do you feel that it is none of ur business?

INVITES DEATH

Only one more thing remains to be d: There is a neutrality which invites ath. When Pontius Pilate tried to be utral concerning Christ, he literally enabled the mob to put Jesus Christ to death. As long as a man tries to be neutral about Jesus Christ, he is condemned; a man cannot be neutral about Christ and be saved.

Attention: North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries

The 1973 session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary will convene on Thursday, May 10, with the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina. Each auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of $5.

Many auxiliaries mail their fee in advance. This is a good thing to do, as it saves the delegate the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last minute to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having represented.

IMPORTANT: Please mail your fee before May 1, if possible, so that I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 10. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fee, as the convention needs your support. Mail fees to the address below.

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The Rev. John W. Sexton of Route 1, Box 71-A, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962, is available for pastoral work. He is married, age 41, and the father of three daughters, ages 16, 12, and 8. He may be reached by writing to the above address, or by telephoning 793-2782.

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By the end of June, the Rev. H. A. Grubbs will have completed three years of service as pastor at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. For two of those three years, he tried to persuade the church to go to a full-time service. In a quarterly meeting recently, the church voted by a large majority to begin full-time in July, but at that meeting Mr. Grubbs announced that he would be leaving at the end of the year to take up work elsewhere. Mr. Grubbs had made a prior commitment to another church before Tee's Chapel decided to go full-time. Tee's Chapel is in need of a pastor for the coming year, a man who can lead the church into a full-time service, a man who will have faith and be patient with us, a man who believes that God has called him to this field. For information about, or application for, the work, write Mr. Edward Weaver at Route 1, Princeton, North Carolina 27569; or call 936-2326. Tee's Chapel church is a medium-sized church, with over 200 in the Sunday school and about 250 members in the church. We are well able to carry out any project chosen. The church is located seven miles east of Smithfield, North Carolina, on the Brogden Road.

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TO THE MEMORY OF MY DADDY

John Henderson Ingalls was born on January 31, 1853, and passed away on December 12, 1904, leaving a vacant place in our home that no one else could fill.

I want to thank my heavenly Father
For the daddy that was mine;
He was so thoughtful, kind, and true
And seemed to be happy most of the time.

He loved to sing the songs of old
And was a member of the church choir;
His voice he'd raise in singing God's praise,
And yet he never ever seemed to tire.

He was born during slavery time;
Therefore, he did not get much education.
His daddy died in the Civil War,
Trying to help protect his family and his nation.

He wanted his children to go to school
Come rain or snow or bright sunshine;
Even now I yet remember the rides on mule and cart
With my daddy and the two brothers of mine.

I am hoping to meet him up in heaven
So I can tell him his efforts were not in vain;
For the education he helped me to get
Has been a pleasure and much joy again and again.

Oh! What a glad day that will be
When away from this sin-cursed world
My daddy's face I can see—
The daddy I loved so, with his little baby girl.

—Sallie Ingalls Carraway

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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singing, 'In my hand no price bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.' "—Told by Donald Grey Barnhouse.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you should be faced with death in the next few minutes, could you truthfully say that you have lived a life suitable to God's expectations?

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EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE REAL THING

by Edna J. Woolard

Mrs. Woolard is a member of the People's Bible Church, Greenville, North Carolina. Each week she writes messages such as this one for the bulletin of her church. Currently she is enrolled in a creative writing class at Pitt Technical Institute, Greenville. It was through her participation in this class that the editor received permission to print this essay in *The Free Will Baptist.*

We are told that a certain soft drink is the real thing. Well, if it is, it's about the only thing left in America today. What we think is a beautiful wood cabinet turns out to be plastic. A lovely fur coat is found to be no more than the product of modern ingenuity—nylon that looks, feels, and wears like the real thing. A lovely hair style becoming the lady whose face it graciously frames is as likely as not to be an acrylic wig that looks just like real hair. And even our food is affected—have you tried a soybean hamburger?

Americans are apathetic. We accept everything as though we believe we deserve nothing but a reasonable facsmile —that phony materials passing for the real counterpart are rightfully our lot in life. Many imitations, of course, are all right and very beneficial, but it seems as though the American public has been brainwashed to the extent that anything is entirely acceptable. Perhaps this is why false religion has and is taking such giant strides. People, acustomed to accepting everything else at face value, have also become spiritually lazy; they readily accept any reasonable-sounding line of religious persuasion. If, by chance, some nag of conscience tries to whisper reason to them, they casually stifle it with the argument that even if it isn't just exactly like that taught in the Bible, it surely must be just as good. But it isn't—and people everywhere need to be told that it isn't. But who will tell them? Will the real Christians who have not accepted a counterfeit? We must. We are the only ones who have the real thing. And Christ commands us to take His gospel to the masses. The saving gospel of Christ is real, because He is real!

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Museum. Preliminary academic prepar tion will be done at Duke University th summer.

Dr. Pelt received his Ph.D. from Duk in 1966. He has been a member of th faculty at Mount Olive College sinc 1957.

"My interest in the religious quest of the Graeco-Roman world," Dr. Pe said, "is similar to that of other scholar who, in the study of primitive Chri tianity, have found it necessary to e amine the historical background and cu tural setting in which this religion ha its beginnings.

"It is the purpose of this study t ascertain those factors which contribu ed to the rise and rapid growth of ce tain religious movements in the Graec Roman world, to describe the distin guishing characteristics of such mov ments, and to estimate their impact upo the development of early Christianity."

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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They are as follows: Cliff Garris, Ranc Faircloth, Denny Edwards, Ricky Fai cloth, Donald Elmore, Charles Warre Mary Ann Warren, Vicky Lee, Janic Jones, Sally Alford, Margaret Demen Jo Ann Anderson, Jane Hill, Johnny Fai cloth, Mitch Joyner, and Tim Pittman

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FAITH OR LOVE, WHICH?

A friend asked Judson, "Was it fai or love that influenced you most to to Burma?"

He replied, "There was little of eith in me at the time. 'Twas Christ's co mand, 'Go. . . preach the gospel to eve creature.' "

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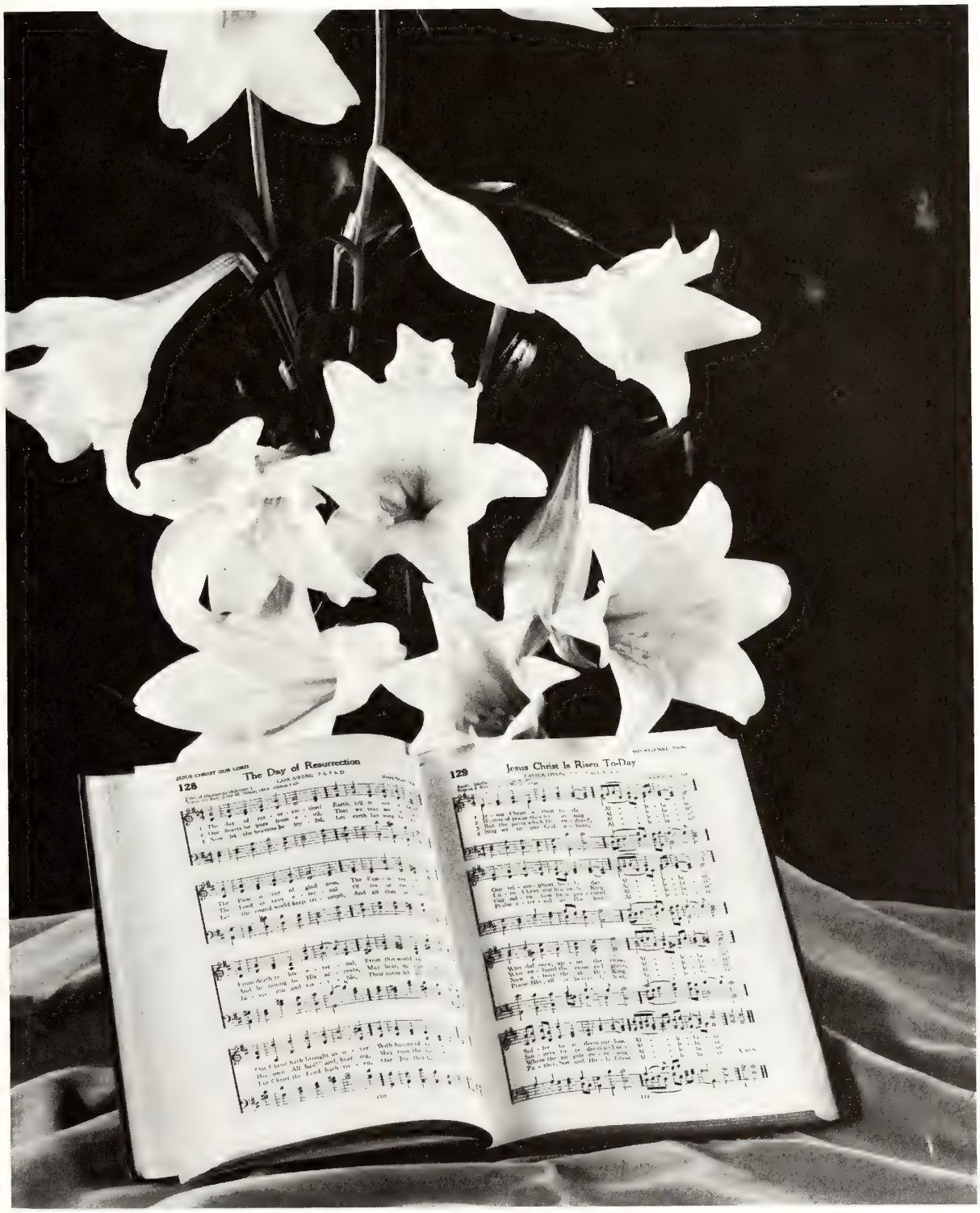

EASTER ALIVE! HOW ALIVE ARE YOU?

EDITORIAL...

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EASTER ALIVE!

Isn't it grand to be alive? Isn't it grand to be able to breathe, to see all the splendors of nature: the blooming dogwoods, the pink and white and red azaleas, the blossoming crab apple trees, tulips and hyacinths, Easter lilies, flowering shrubs? Isn't it grand to be able to hear the song of birds, the shouts of joy of playing children running back and forth across the now green grass? Isn't it grand to feel the warm sunshine, the cool breeze, the touch of a loved one's hand? Isn't it grand to be able to smell the odors of spring? Isn't it wonderful to be a living person who can enjoy all that life has to offer, to be healthy and strong?

As wonderful as it is to be alive, one can be the most alive person in the world and be dead! How so? you may ask. We would answer, of course, by reminding you that one can be alive and well in body but dead spiritually in trespasses and sins. Many neglect to consider this side of life and rebuke us for being so morbid as to bring up such a subject during the time when everyone is feeling just a little better, a little more like "battling" on because of spring. Nevertheless, it is a fact: Unless one is alive spiritually, he may as well be dead physically; for there's no real life apart from Christ. . . .

We shall herald the arrival of Easter shortly. We have Easter because of Christ, and because Christ lives, so may we live. The story of His resurrection has been told countless times; the fact that mankind must receive Him or evermore live apart from Him has been amplified by every means of communication. The pleading of a sainted preacher so often has fallen on cold hearts and listless ears. How sad, we say; yet we ourselves do very little individually to alter the fact that many of our friends, even, disregard the condition of their souls and give little consideration to their spiritual welfare.

Why preach on? one may ask. Because as long as men are dying without Him, there is a great need to preach on! No matter how many flowers bloom, no matter how many birds sing, no matter what—without Christ, life is meaningless, void, empty, and, yes, dead!

Easter is more than just a holiday to be enjoyed. Easter is more than a circled date on the calendar—we hope. Easter is the day set aside to commemorate the glorious resurrection of the Son of God—the triumphant, victorious, bursting-forth from the tomb to realness of life, that we, too, the believers, may have it with Him.

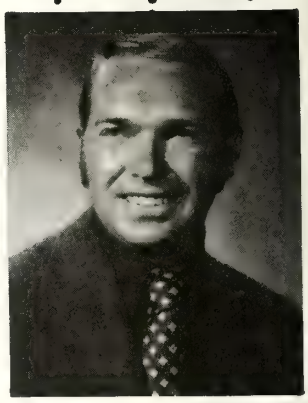
God's Son suffered untold agony for us. Sinless, yes; but man-forsaken, cross-bearing, and bleeding, He walked our "death row" and paid all the price that would ever be needed for sin; but even His friends ran for cover when the time came—even those who said that they would gladly die with Him. Isn't it sad that mankind is so pitifully weak and cowardly? Even today we suffer for every other cause willing, even desirous to do such; but when we are called upon to do a little suffering for Him we find it unbearable. Need we go on?

Use your imagination. Look into those pain-filled eyes of the Christ. See His blood-streaked face, that raw and bloody face plucked of its beard; the crown that was placed mockingly on His head, thorns digging in, piercing and hurting that sacred brow. Look at those stooped shoulders as He stands before the jeering, laughing, riotous crowd as they shout in their blood-thirsty cry: "Crucify him; crucify him! Away with this man; we have no king but Caesar!"

Watch as He stands tortured and humiliated, alone and unwanted, despised by those He loved and for whom He would give His life. Watch as He turns in the direction of Peter who had denied even knowing Him, when a short while ago he had adamantly proclaimed that he would never leave Him. Watch as Christ looks lovingly toward him with a saddened gaze, tender with the everpresent compassion of His divine heart. Look at Peter as he hangs his head and weeps bitterly. Look at yourself as **you**, too, deny this blessed Man. . . .

How *can* you deny Him, though, when you consider what He did for you? How can you dress in your finery, placing emphasis on the materialistic values of the Easter season, when "Christ" is what it's all about? How can you sit comfortably in your pew on Easter morning, knowing that He could have called ten thousand angels to loose His bonds, but would not, because He loved the world so much?

This year, if never before, look at Easter in the proper way. Be happy in it, sure; but let Christ take preeminence. Yes indeed, it is grand to be alive; but without Christ, you are as dead as dead can be. A question: How alive are you? . . .



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LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK BILL TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

Write your legislators today and urge them to vote NO on Hse Bill No. 9 (LBD) when it comes before the General Assbly. The original bill has been liberalized by the pro-liquor fces that it is now totally unacceptable. Please state your rsons why LBD should be defeated, and we submit the follow-in:

"PIECEMEAL" LEGISLATION

I. This bill is no longer a statewide referendum on Liquor-b the-Drink. It has been amended to get around the referen-dn to result in 100 different elections on the issue. The pro-liuor forces evidently feel that if the issue were voted upon stewide, it would be defeated. Therefore, their tactic is piece-mal legislation to "nibble us to death" with county by county ctions.

House Bill 9 now calls for a statewide vote to allow each o the 100 counties to have votes on the issue. What will this ct the taxpayer? We are told that a statewide election will ct about $500,000, and then the cost of 100 county elections wl be added expense placed upon the taxpayer.

This is ridiculous. We are putting all of this expense on th taxpayer concerning an issue that will result in a few restau-rnt and motel owners to make "fantastic" profits off of the se of liquor.

It is hard for us to understand why the pro-liquor forces vll not allow this issue to be settled at one time by the voters c N. C. if we are to have an election, rather than piecemeal sle—county by county.

FEEDING THE "FAT-CATS"

II. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it is "at-cat" legislation. When our present ABC system was insti-ted in N. C. about 36 years ago, it was established on the inciple that any profits made from the sale of liquor would to state and local governments to try to pay for some of the mages that result from the sale of liquor. However, LBD is a parture from this basic principle which will allow a few peo-e to make exorbitant profits ranging from 400 to 800%. An itorial by the Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting Company, Charlotte, C., stated recently that the average business profit today is ly 4½%. No wonder everytime the General Assembly meets e restaurants and motel element in N. C. wants to pass legis-tion to enable them to get rich from the sale of liquor. Profit not a dirty word, but it is dirty when it is to be made from product that causes so much trouble, and the overburdened xpayer has to pay for these damages.

MORE LIQUOR CONSUMPTION

III. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it will sult in an increase of the consumption of liquor in our state. e Health, Education, Welfare report on "Alcohol and Health" veals the fact that states with by-bottle sales only like N. C. ve a lower per-capita consumption rate than states with by-ttle plus by-the-drink sales. We have enough difficulties in

'Biennial Resurrection' Or 'They Never Give Up'

N. C. already with the flow of liquor, and if there is one thing that we don't need, it is more liquor. We cannot understand why any thinking person would want a system that will result in the increased consumption of liquor.

It is easy to understand why LBD will result in an increase of consumption. It is a basic business principle of the greater availability of a product the greater the distribution of that product will be. Right now in N. C. there are about 324 outlets for the sale of liquor. If we go to LBD, we will have a minimum of 3,000 plus outlets. It stands to reason that more liquor will be sold with 3,324 plus outlets than just 324 outlets.

MORE HIGHWAY FATALITIES

IV. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it will encourage DRINKING AND DRIVING. Perhaps this reason should be stated first, for just recently Dr. Paige Hudson, chief medical examiner for N. C., reported in a joint Highway Safety Committee of the N. C. General Assembly that single and multiple car accidents in N. C. over the last 3 years reveal that 64% of all fatalities indicated the evidence of liquor in the blood.

We believe that we need measures to discourage the practice of drinking and driving rather than to encourage the practice that is causing the needless loss of so many innocent people on our highways. In 1972 we set an all-time record for high-

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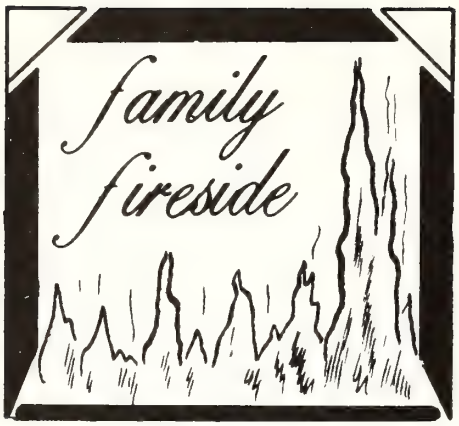

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 18:10

A Lighthouse Lesson

A friend told us that he was visiting a lighthouse lately, and he said to the keeper, "Are you not afraid to live here? It is a dreadful place to be in constantly."

"No," answered the man, "I am not afraid; we never think of ourselves here."

"Never think of yourselves! How is that?"

The reply was a good one: "We know that we are perfectly safe, and only think of having our lamps brightly burning, and keeping the reflectors clear, so that those in danger may be saved."

This is what Christians ought to do. They are safe in a house built on a Rock which cannot be moved by the wildest storm; and in a spirit of holy unselfishness they should let their light stream across the dark waters of sin, that they who are imperiled may be guided into the harbors of eternal safety.—*The Quiver.*

Prayer Thought

Those who are secure in their being devout Christians have the responsibility of sharing their beliefs with others. Consequently the non-Christians may see the Light and be steered into eternal safety.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:19

While the Blaze Is Young

Not long ago a young man was caught while trying to flee from a post office that he had robbed of several hundred dollars. When his pastor visited him in prison he asked, "Roy, when did you begin to steal?"

The answer was, "I guess I began when I was in the first grade. One day I took some pennies from my brother's bank to buy some candy. He didn't miss them, so I never put them back as I'd intended to. Then I began to take pencils from the fellows' desks and change from the girls' pockets in the coat room. None of the things I took seemed important at the time, but the habit kept growing on me, and here I am."—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

What better indication could one find of the need to begin teaching a child right from wrong at the earliest possible time? Parents, take heed!

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:27

His Forgiveness Won Him

In the home of Dr. Goheen, a missionary to India, a native was dusting furniture and carelessly upset a beautiful vase, which fell to the floor, breaking in many pieces. The frightened native dropped on his knees before Doctor Goheen, begging for mercy. The doctor smiled and said, "Never mind; I forgive you." The astonished servant looked for a moment upon the quiet face of the Christian man, where there was not the slightest trace of anger; then leaping to his feet he cried, "I believe! I believe!" He then told how, as a servant in the home, he had been gradually coming to know Christ through the doctor, and now his readiness to forgive had won him completely to the Master.—*Christian Work.*

Prayer Thought

Christ not only forgives us of our many sins, but forgets them as well. Setting an example of a Christian life to non-Christians is very highly recommended in Christ's eyes. Are you setting an example of Christ to someone?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture Reading—Mark 16:15

Home Help

Philipps Brooks was once asked, "What is the first thing you would do if you had accepted a call to become the rector of a small, discouraged congregation that is not even meeting its current expenses?"

"The first thing I would do," he replied, "would be to preach a sermon on, and ask the congregation to make an offering for foreign missions."

Philipps Brooks was never called to that kind of a congregation, but many gatherings today are proving in their own experience that the best way to keep out of debt, develop a healthy spiritual condition, to be a real service to the local community, is to adopt a real missionary policy and make offering for carrying the gospel of Christ into all the world.—*Glad Tidings.*

Prayer Thought

We must not forget our many missionaries when prayer time is present and the offering plate is passed at all church meetings. In carrying out these two tasks, our minds will be free from guilt as to the number of lives that are saved from sin in the foreign fields.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 26:41

God Does Not Lie

God punished sin. A mother and her little girl of five were visiting. The little girl misbehaved, and her mother said, "Sarah, you must not do that." The child soon forgot and did it again. The mother said, "Sarah, if you do that again I will punish you." Soon the child did it again. When it was time to go home the mo went for her hat, and Sarah was sad the punishment to come. A young noticed it and said, "Never mind, I will your mother not to whip you." The was, "That will do no good; my mo never tells a lie." As God is true, He not clear the guilty. Punishment is su *Christian Union Herald.*

Prayer Thought

God has sent pastors to all of the chu es to preach His Word and tell of His vation that was made on Calvary. We given many opportunities to be saved live Christian lives. However, when Ju ment Day arrives we must give an acco of ourselves. If this account does not His approval, punishment will be gra and no more chances to be saved will provided.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:16

Scenery Cannot Save

Chief Justice Chase was once riding the train through Virginia. As they stop at an insignificant town, they told him Patrick Henry was born there. He st ped out on the platform, and said, what a magnificent scene! What glor mountains! I do not wonder that a pl like this gave birth to Patrick Henry." farmer, overhearing him, said, "Well, stra er; those mountains have been there since I can remember, and the scen hasn't changed much, but I haven't s any more Patrick Henrys around here I can remember."—*Otterbein Teacher.*

Prayer Thought

Even though the scenery is the same ways, the surroundings are not. When are in touch with sinful ways, we m certainly will acquire some of these wa if we do not keep in touch with Go Word.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:3

Going by the Book

A carpenter, when a companion qu tioned the correctness of some work he w doing upon a building, pulled out a no book and looked at it. "I am obeying structions," he said. "I'm not the contra tor and I'm going by the book." But a tle later, when he was ridiculing his frie for the latter's refusal to undertake certa work on the Sabbath, he was surprised his own reply: "I am going by the Boo Someone else is responsible for the fi outcome; all I have to do is to obey structions. If that is the safest way to when you are building a house, it is t safest way to do when you are building life."—*King's Business.*

Prayer Thought

How many of us are blind to the fa that are recorded in the Book, the ho

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CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE MEETING HELD IN RALEIGH

Ministers of our denomination who attended the annual meeting of the Christian Action gue held in Raleigh, North Carolina, Tuesday, April 3, at the Baptist Building, are pic- d with the Rev. Coy Privette, president, of Kannapolis. Left to right are the following: Rev. Walter Reynolds of Ayden, the Rev. R. H. Jackson of Benson, the Rev. David rles Hansley of Goldsboro, the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr. of Snow Hill, and Mr. ette.

Elected to the Board of Trustees of the Christian Action League were seven representa- s of our denomination: the Rev. Wayne King of Pink Hill, the Rev. R. H. Jackson of son, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen of Greenville, the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr. of Snow l, the Rev. Raymond E. Jones of Durham, the Rev. David C. Hansley of Goldsboro, and Rev. Walter Reynolds of Ayden. Hansley and Reynolds also received the honor of being ted to the executive committee of the League.

WHAT IS The Christian Action League of N. C.?

he Christian Action League is a state- le interchurch agency. It is a non- fit, religious organization dedicated the solution of problems created by use of beverage alcohol.

Our main trust toward solving hese problems is toward prevention —through educating our youth, in- orming the general public, and leg- slation. We also attempt to repair he damage already done by alcohol. Ve are available for counseling and ooperate with other agencies in re- toring alcoholics and their families o usefulness. We also conduct sur- eys and do research as time and inances permit.

he Christian Action League is not a w organization. It was originally char- ed under the name of The Anti-Saloon League over 70 years ago. Subsequently, the name was changed to The Allied Church League and then to The Christian Action League. Our objectives are to prevent and to solve the problems related to the use of alcoholic beverages and other harmful drugs. Our approach is being constantly updated to keep abreast with our changing society and with modern research.

We encourage total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages, since it is the only sure method of preventing alcoholism, alcohol related highway accidents, and other tragic results of drinking.

Any Christian communion concurring in our purposes and objectives and electing to participate in the work becomes automatically one of its sponsors and is entitled to representation on our board of trustees.

The executive committee is composed of the seven officers and chairmen of the following committees: Education, Finance, Policies and Programs, Publications and Good Government, and Representatives from the Denominations. This committee meets quarterly.

WHY DO WE NEED THE CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE?

* 1. Alcoholism is America's Number One social problem today. One in every ten Americans has a serious alcohol problem. There are 500,000 new alcoholics each year. C.A.L. works to prevent alcoholism.
* 2. Drinking and drug use among teenagers is increasing rapidly. C.A.L. cooperates with schools, churches, and others to educate our youth and to prevent the spread of teen-age drinking. Alcohol is the most widely used DRUG today.
* 3. Alcohol is responsible for at least 25,000 highway deaths each year. C.A.L. works to make America aware of this crime and to reduce these needless deaths through education and legislation.
* 4. It is better to prevent alcohol problems than it is to try to solve them. C.A.L. works at both ends, but primarily for prevention.

WILL YOU LEND A HAND?

1. By praying for God's guidance for our efforts in this great cause.
2. By joining the hundreds of people now contributing to C.A.L. (Please send your check to C.A.L., Box 2126, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.)
3. If your church is not a contributor, by talking with your minister and the finance committee to get the League included in the budget.
4. By contacting your local school authorities to see if they are complying at least in "spirit" with the state law requiring instruction on alcohol and other narcotics. We would be happy to offer guidance regarding this alcohol education program.
5. By writing the governor and your state legislators about bills dealing with alcohol problems.
6. By calling or writing your local TV stations when they air spots that we furnish.
7. By reading up on alcohol problems and drug abuses. Write us for materials.
8. By organizing a study group on alcohol and drug problems.

—the Rev. D. P. McFarland, Director
Box 2126, Raleigh, North Carolina
27602

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Gum Neck Church Hosts Albemarle Union, League, SS Conventions

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, North Carolina, will host the Albemarle union meeting and league convention on April 28, and the Albemarle Sunday school convention on April 29.

The program for the union meeting, scheduled for the morning of April 28, is as follows:

Opening Session

10:00—Devotions, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Earl Minchew
—Response, the Rev. Harry Jones
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements

Business Session

11:05—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
—Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
—Report of Missions, via Literature
—Report of Press Foundation, via Literature
—Report of Cragmont, via Literature
11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
11:30—Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Worship

11:35—Hymn
11:40—Special Music, Host Church
11:45—Message, the Rev. Charlie Overton
12:30—Benediction
—Adjournment
—Lunch

The program for the league convention, scheduled for the evening of April 28, is as follows:

7:30—Devotions
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

The program for the Sunday school convention, scheduled for the morning of April 29, is as follows:

Opening Session

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Lyn Jones
9:55—Welcome by Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. J. T. Liverman
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvin Foreman
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. Madge Vanhorn
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer

Business Session

10:55—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
—Treasurer's Report
—New Business
—Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
—Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Session

11:55—Special Music, Host Church
—Message, the Rev. L. A. Ambrose
12:30—Benediction
—Adjournment
—Lunch

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The New Creations to Present Program of Singing and Testimony

The New Creations, left to right, a Nancy Wilkins, Watha; Howard Scott, Ke ly; Gail Ball, Kinston; Linda Haddoc Chocowinity; Bobby Taylor, Columbi Tommy Evans, New Bern; and Vernon M Coy, Cove City. Not pictured is Debor Davis, Deep Run.

The New Creations of Mount Olive Co lege will present a program of gosp music and testimony at Kenly Free Wi Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolin which will host a city-wide youth nig on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jam Joyner is pastor of the host church ar co-ordinator of the program, workin with the other churches and ministers i Kenly.

The program will consist of som popular selections of gospel music ar some selections of Christian folk musi Through music and testimony they see to share what Jesus Christ has done i their lives. They ask that you remem ber them in your prayers.

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Revival Services Slated at Elwood Lane FWB Church

Revival services will begin on Apr 30 and continue through Sunday, May at the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptis Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Th Rev. James A. Evans will be the visitin evangelist.

Your prayers and presence are reques ed for this special week at the Elwoo Lane church. The Rev. H. Paul Jenkin is pastor of the church.

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Easter Sunrise Service and Revival Announced for Union Grove Church

The choir of the Union Grove Free Wi Baptist Church at Route 2, Fremon North Carolina, is preparing an Easte sunrise service to be presented on Apr 22 at 6 a.m. You are invited to atten this service.

A revival will be held at the Unio Grove church from April 23-28 at 7:3 each evening. The Rev. De Wayne Eakes pastor of the Little Rock Free Will Bap

ti Church, Lucama, North Carolina, will b the speaker. Special music will be fetured. A prayer service will precede tl revival service at 7:15 each evening. The Rev. Bruce Jones, pastor, and the church membership invite your attendance.

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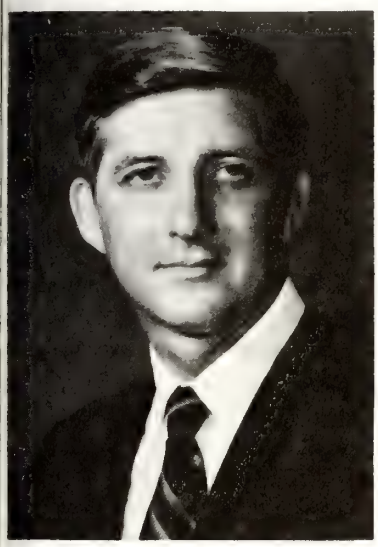
Revival at Reedy Branch Church To Be Led by Evangelist Link



The Rev. Vance Link

A revival will be held at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1 Winterville, North Carolina, on April 2-27. Evangelist will be the Rev. Vance Link. He will be assisted in the services the pastor of the Reedy Branch church, the Rev. Willis Wilson.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Special music will be featured throughout the week. The public is invited.

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Original Easter Drama to Be Presented First Church, Wilson, April 22

"Easter, the Beginning," an original drama written by Nancy Matthews, will be presented at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, on Sunday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. The play uses the resurrection as the beginning of a series of events that will end only when Jesus returns to earth again. The main plot of the play deals with the events on earth immediately after the rapture. It incorporates the songs, "I Wish We'd All Been Ready" and "The Ring Is Coming."

Mrs. Matthews is a member of the first church in Wilson, where she serves as the secretary to the Sunday school and a member of the choir.

The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, cordially invites everyone to come and view this most moving drama.

Coming Events . . .

April 26—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary study course on the auxiliary manual, Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 28—State Youth Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, 9:15 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (program).

April 29—Meeting of Fourth Union district, Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

May 10—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Fourth Union District Meeting At Walnut Creek FWB Church

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will meet at the Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church on April 29. The theme will be "Is This Me?" with Scripture taken from Luke 12:19, 20.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour"
—Devotions, Mr. Donald Webb
—Welcome, Mr. Ben Rollins
—Response, Mrs. Edgar Gay
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Hymn, "More Like the Master"
11:30—Special Music, the Generation Group
—Sermon, the Rev. Bobby Harrell
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mr. R. B. Lancaster Jr.
—Special Music, Watery Branch Church
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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President of N. C. YFA to Speak In Youth Revival, Beaverdam Church

A youth revival at the Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina, will begin on April 20 and will continue through April 22. Tommy Evans, president of the North Carolina YFA, will be the guest speaker. Services will start each night at 7:30, and on Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The church cordially invites the public to attend these services. Everyone is requested to pray for a great revival, one in which many decisions for Christ will be made.

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First Union Meeting of Western Conference to Be Held April 28

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with the Branch Chapel church, Johnston County, on April 28. Following is the program:

Morning Session

10:00—Morning Devotional, Dwight Hawley
10:15—Welcome, Luby Tyner, Host Pastor
—Response, to Be Selected
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Reports of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship
—Congregational Singing
—Offering for the Children's Home
—Special Music, by Host Church
—Sermon, Graham Faucette
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

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Pre-Easter Revival Services To Be Held at Bethany Church

Pre-Easter revival services will be conducted at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, on April 18-21. Services will begin nightly at 7:30. In addition to biblical messages by the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, special singing will be featured by the local church choir and visiting groups.

The public is cordially invited to share fellowship with the congregation in these services of praise and spiritual renewal.

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Robert's Grove Church Schedules Revival, April 23-28, 7:45 P.M.

The Robert's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina, will hold revival services beginning Monday, April 23, at 7:45 p.m., and continuing through Saturday, April 28. The evangelist will be the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Francis Garner.

The church and its pastor invite everyone to come and worship the Lord during this special week.

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our Church Auxiliaries

STATE AUXILIARY TO CONVENE

The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary will convene May 10 at 10 a.m. at the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina.

For those planning to stay overnight, you may write the River Neuse Motel, P. O. Box 100, Oriental, North Carolina, 28571 for reservations. Rates are as follows:

Single—1 person	$9.00
One Bed—2 persons	12.00
Two Beds—2 persons	14.00

Directions to Oriental are as follows:

Coming into Bridgeton on Highway 17, take Highway 55 east to Oriental. The church is to the left as one enters Oriental. It can be seen from the highway.

Coming through New Bern—Highway 70 East—cross the Neuse River Bridge at the Holiday Inn to Bridgeton, taking Highway 55 east to Oriental.

If you wish further information, you may write Mrs. J. S. Simpkins, Box 61, Oriental, North Carolina.

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Attention: Eastern District Auxiliary

The very heart and core of the auxiliary are missions.

Our mission project for 1973 is the support of Sandra Jones, who is now in the Philippines. There is a wonderful work going on there, and I want to thank all of the auxiliaries, churches, and individuals who have made this possible through prayers and support.

At the same time that I am grateful, I am also burdened, because many of our auxiliaries have not as yet responded. Our district is very much below its $625 quota.

Please, please pray about this and try to get your money in before the State Convention on May 10. Don't let me down; more important, don't let Sandra down; most important of all, don't let God down. Please earmark your money "Sandra Jones Support."

I hope to see all of you at the State Convention on May 10.

Mrs. Adaline Gray
Eastern District Missions Chairman

At our spring convention in March, we voted to have a district-wide study course (or workshop) on the woman's auxiliary manual. There is a real need for this study, since so many officers and members do not know all their duties. To be an efficient auxiliary, its members must know the method of operation. We should "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

As your study course chairman, I urge you to attend this meeting. It will be on Thursday, April 26, at the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina. We will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the host auxiliary.

If you have enough members to attend, you can count this as one of the studies on the standard of achievement.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you at Cove City.

In His service,
Mrs. R. J. Bryan

Attention: North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries

The 1973 session of the North Ca lina State Woman's Auxiliary will c vene on Thursday, May 10, with t Oriental Free Will Baptist Chur Oriental, North Carolina. Each auxilia should represent with one delegate f each 25 members or fraction there plus a registration fee of $5.

Many auxiliaries mail their fee in a vance. This is a good thing to do, as saves the delegate the trouble of han ling the money. Also, in the event som thing happens at the last minute to pr hibit your representing in person, yo auxiliary is registered as having repr sented.

IMPORTANT: Please mail your fee b fore May 1, if possible, so that I w have time to get the list prepared a delivered to the convention registratio committee for use on the morning May 10. If you cannot possibly atten please mail your fee, as the conventio needs your support. Mail fees to th address below.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
State Treasurer
517 Westover Avenue
Wilson, N. C. 27893

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THE MOST PERFECT LANGUAGE

Many authorities on philology hav claimed that the ancient Greek is th most perfect language that has ever ex isted in the world! But any languag which confesses Jesus before the worl comes near perfection in God's sight.

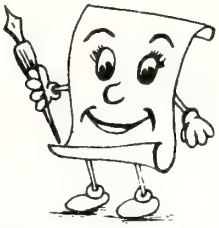
"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

1973 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SERIES

The 1973 DVBS materials are now ready, and area showings will be as follows:

APRIL 24, 7:30 P. M.	**SAINT MARY'S CHURC New Bern, North Carolin**
APRIL 26, 7:30 P. M.	**SELMA CHURC Selma, North Carolin**
APRIL 27, 7:30 P. M.	**DANIELS CHAPEL CHURC Route Wilson, North Carolin**

The annual workshop will be held in Ayden, Saturday, May 5. Everyone is urge to attend one of the area showings and/or the workshop.



NOTES

by Nina Grace Register

I had lived in Jerusalem the year Christ was crucified, I probably wouldn't have known anything about it.

Much of it happened at night. A decent woman wouldn't have been on the streets during those hours. So I would have been home with my family—asleep in bed unless someone were sick. If the procession had passed directly in front of my house, I might have been aware of it. It could have passed unnoticed, too: There was a lot of commotion in Jerusalem that Passover weekend.

The next day my husband or son might have told me about it at the midday meal. I'm afraid my only reaction would have been the pious relief a woman feels when she hears three more criminals have been brought to justice. So much has been happening lately, a woman hardly felt safe in the streets anymore!

And if I had heard Him preach and recognized His name when they told me He was being crucified, I doubt that I would have gone to Calvary that day. You see, after the Passover feast there would have been much cleaning to be done. Then, too, I would have been preparing for the approaching Sabbath. At the darkness in midafternoon you would have found me rushing to get clothes in and to close the shutters before it rained or hurrying home from the market. Up on the Hill. A good, religious, respectable wife and mother had no business in that crowd of riff-raff. If my husband or son had gone, one of them would tell me about it. But both of them would have previously told me how horrible the crucifixions were, how rowdy the soldiers were, how disrespectful the passers-by were, how stripped of all self-respect the victims were, and would have warned me to stay away. None of my friends would have been there, either. They would have been preparing for the Sabbath, also.

Later, the next week, if someone had told me Jesus rose from the dead, I might have listened. I would have thought some hysterical friends of His invented the story because they couldn't accept the fact that He had died. You know how people are. Who ever heard of anyone coming back to life after being dead for three days! I might have listened, but I probably wouldn't have believed it.

Times haven't changed much, have they?

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Student Body Elects President

Left to right are Jack Greenslade, president; Linda Carter, secretary; and Vernon McCoy, treasurer.

For the first time in its history, the student body of Mount Olive College has elected a foreign student as its president.

The honor fell to Jack E. Greenslade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Greenslade of Hamilton, Bermuda.

The rising sophomore stated, "It's a challenging opportunity which I look forward to—it's no five-minute job, not if one wants to be successful at it."

Greenslade said that he wanted to attend college in North Carolina since he has relatives here. He chose Mount Olive because it was small and placed a great deal of emphasis on the individual student.

Elected to serve as secretary to the SGA was Linda Gale Carter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter of Warrenton. A rising sophomore, she is majoring in elementary education and has received numerous honors at Mount Olive this year, including being chosen as a Bryan Scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and "Miss Mount Olive College." Linda is a member of the Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

Vernon McCoy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. McCoy Sr. of Cove City, was elected as treasurer of the student body. Also a rising sophomore, Vernon is majoring in accounting. Vernon is a member of Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City.

Other SGA officers will be elected in the fall.

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Mount Olive College Plans Laymen's Conference

A conference designed especially for laymen will be sponsored by Mount Olive College on May 25, 26. The theme of the conference will focus on "The Church's Task in Today's World," and will be in three divisions: "Lay-Witness," "Stewardship," and "Christian Education." The program will include worship experiences, prayer groups, teaching sessions, and group discussions.

The conference will begin with the 6 p.m. meal on Friday, May 25, and will end on Saturday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. The registration fee will be $10 per person, which will include meals, room, linen, and towels.

For information and application forms, please contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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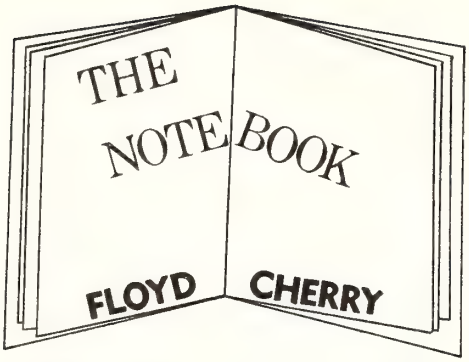

While reading one of Dr. R. G. Lee's sermons recently, I came across a phrase that I do not remember seeing before: "indecent composure." All my life I have heard of "indecent exposure," "indecent speech," "indecent morals," etc.; but this is a new phrase to me.

Dr. Lee used the phrase to describe our inability to become excited. Our society has stressed "self-composure" to the point that many of us no longer have the ability to get excited in any way about anything. However, this was not true about Jesus. When He saw the house of God being desecrated by the money changers, He got excited and drove them out. There are some things that ought to excite us, and there is such a thing as "indecent composure."

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The **Biblical Recorder**, the official magazine of the North Carolina State Convention of Southern Baptists, carried an article entitled, "Three Kinds of Churches: People's, Pastor's, Lord's," in the February 24, 1973, issue. This article was written by T. James Efird, pastor of the Whitehall Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Efird lists the three kinds of churches as follows:

1. The people's church is one in which the pastor is an employee of the congregation and is treated as such. The people tell him what to do. He has no authority to make decisions even in little matters.

2. The pastor's church is one in which the pastor or preacher is in full control. He tells the people what to do and how to do it.

3. The Lord's church is one in which the Lord Jesus rules supreme in the hearts and lives of pastor and people. The pastor recognizes his responsibility under Christ to be a shepherd to the flock.

This is a good article. It should cause its readers to ask the question, What kind of church is my church?

NEWS NOTES

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Spring Revival Plans Announced By Powhatan Church, Clayton

The Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Clayton, North Carolina, is holding its spring revival services this week, April 16-21. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of the Stony Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The services begin each evening at 7:30. Special singing is being featured. The church and its pastor, the Rev. Melvin Moore, invite the public to attend.

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Rosebud FWB Church Schedules Revival for April 16-21

A revival is in progress at the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, North Carolina. Speaking each evening in services beginning at 7:30 is the Rev. Raymond Sasser from the Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Special singing is being rendered throughout the week. The Rev. Floyd Smith, pastor, and the congregation invite you to join them for the remainder of these services.

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Moseley's Creek Church Plans Week of Revival, April 23-27

The Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dover, North Carolina, will hold a revival during the week of April 23-27, beginning service each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Bobby Harrell is pastor of the church.

A different minister will speak each night. The schedule is as follows: Monday, the Rev. James Warren; Tuesday, the Rev. Everette Harper; Wednesday, the Rev. Elmer Rouse; Thursday, the Rev. Preston Haddock; and Friday, the Rev. Rudy Shepherd. Special singing will be featured throughout the week. On Tuesday night, the church will welcome the "One Way for Christ" Singers of Kinston, North Carolina; and on Thursday, the Singspirations, also from Kinston, will participate in the service.

The public is cordially invited to share with the church members this week of spiritual renewal.

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Change of Address

The Rev. Cooper P. Thompson announces that his new address is 1207 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, telephone 537-8509. His former address was Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SUPPORTERS OF CAMP VANDEMERE

Dear Co-worker in Christ:

I believe that God is willing and provided a place for us as Free Will B tists to have a camp here in East North Carolina. It is not my belief t we have to ask ourselves if there i need. I think that we really know t ministry has no limits; and with g supervision, it can reach many yo people and adults for Christ.

With these thoughts in mind, we board of Camp Vandemere, are hop for a camping program at the camp t year, 1973. We are appealing to all Fr Will Baptists for support.

The board of directors of Camp Van mere Inc. recommended to the East Conference of Free Will Baptists h with the Core Creek church in October 1972, a budget of $37,500. Of t amount, we have received approximat $4,000 for which we are truly thankf however, the need is great! We can build unless we have your support. T hour is here when we must decide. N we challenge you, your church, and p tor to ask God's blessings upon you, t you may support this work for Christ.

Yours in His service,
Rev. Luther Swinson, Chairm
Board of Directors

HELP PLEASE

Priorities for a camping program a the securing of a camp director, ca taker for the camp, dietitian, and nur These are a must for the camp. If y know those who could be secured work in these capacities, please re them to the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Brid ton, North Carolina, telephone 638-37

Equipment needed includes the f lowing: tractor with bush hog, la mower to fit tractor, walk-in cooler proximately 7' x 8', water heater for d ing hall (140-150 gallon, gas or electr but gas preferred), and piano for s vices.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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uestion: In a recent answer to a tion you said that we should pray out ceasing. Would that not require repetition, against which Jesus ned His followers?

nswer: No, I do not think so. The e teaches us to pray without ceasing. y without ceasing. In every thing thanks: for this is the will of God hrist Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18). Note that these es are placed in the midst of a passe of Scripture (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22) in which some worthwhile instructions and doctrinal truths are set forth. Bible suggests many worthy objects prayer and much to do in the way of ect Christian conduct. This leads us understand that the obedient Christ is the free Christian, who is both wed and encouraged fully to carry the desires of the heart that are en to the regenerated person. A truly enerated heart is a changed heart, the affections of this newly born son set on things above, and not on e things with which we fell in love le in the natural state only. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new ature: old things are passed away; old, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17); "But the natural man eiveth not the things of the Spirit of d: for they are foolishness unto him: her can he know them, because they spiritually discerned. . . . For who n known the mind of the Lord, that may instruct him? But we have the d of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:14, 16); at at that time ye were without ist, being aliens from the commonlth of Israel, and strangers from the enants of promise, having no hope, without God in the world: But now Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were off are made nigh by the blood of ist" (Ephesians 2:12, 13); "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and eigners, but fellowcitizens with the nts, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Now with the freedom the new life gives us, we are special, privileged folk. But our new privilege carries with it special responsibilities. God rejected Esau because He knew he would maintain a careless, nonchalant attitude toward the covenant (even though he was the first born male in his father's family and from a natural point of view eligible to be the heir). So you see, responsibility plays its part when an inheritance is involved. This is true also in the new covenant. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:11-18).

We are given quite a responsibility in being directed to follow Jesus in performing our Christian duties. These duties, of course, include following what the Bible teaches us on the subject of prayer. We should point to Him as our example in this and in all the other things that He directed us to do. "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" (John 3:34); "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39); "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. . . . All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:35, 37); "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:16, 17); "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. . . . If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:4, 7); "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24); "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: . . . And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. . . . I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. . . . They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. . . . Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. . . . And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:1, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26).

Dr. Barrow's answer to this question will be concluded in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

Is someone's birthday coming up soon? What better gift than a subscription to THE FREE WILL BAPTIST?

STORIES

for our youth

TOO GOOD TO DESTROY

by Norah Smaridge

THE kite fell into the driveway again, and Johnny jerked it up in disgust. He could get it up all right, but in a couple of seconds down it fell! He looked at it crossly. The pink paper had torn a little. He supposed he could mend it, but why bother? He'd throw it in the trash.

He was taking the lid off the can when Margie called to him over the hedge. "Hey, Johnny, what are you doing with your kite?"

"Throwing it away," Johnny said. He felt a bit guilty. He had had the kite only a week, and it had cost a dollar and a half.

Margie came through a gap in the hedge. "Couldn't you give it away or something?" she asked. "It's a shame to throw it away!"

"It's mine, so I guess I can do what I please with it," Johnny said. He was sick of Margie trying to tell him what to do. He laid the kite on top of the rubbish and slammed down the lid. "Now I'm going to Pete's," he said.

He went down the road to Pete's house, but Pete wasn't home. "His mother has just taken him to the dentist," Pete's father said. "Come over later, Johnny."

"OK, thanks," Johnny said. He walked slowly in the direction of George's house. Maybe they could work on George's new jigsaw puzzle.

He was almost there when he saw a group of small children, shouting and yelling. They had a very large carton, and they were kicking it and beating it with sticks.

Johnny approached them, filled with curiosity. The carton was strong and new. It looked as though it may have held a new stove at one time.

The children stopped their kicking and banging when Johnny walked up to them. "Where did you get that carton?" he asked.

"Mrs. Stewart said we could have it to play with," Joey Parker told him.

"Do you call that **playing?**" Johnny said. "You're only trying to break it. It's a good carton—Why don't you make something out of it like a house or a fort?" he suggested.

"A **fort**?" The kids crowded around him excitedly. "Will you help us make a fort?" they asked him.

Johnny nodded. He usually didn't like playing wih such young children, but this wouldn't exactly be **playing.**

"Some of you go get your crayons," he ordered, "and some string. I'll ask Mrs. Parker to lend me a pair of scissors." He began to drag the carton into Joey's yard.

The next hour flew by. He asked some of the children to find stones. He set the carton on them so that the fort would look as if it stood on a rocky hill. He cut an opening in the side and made a drawbridge from half of the carton lid. Then he showed the children how to color the carton to look like gray stone.

Mrs. Parker spotted the fort from her kitchen window and came out to admire it. "It's wonderful, Johnny," she said. "Can we find a flag to put on it?"

The fort was nearly finished when Johnny went home. The others could finish the crayoning themselves. He walked along, feeling pleased with himself.

He was turning into his driveway when he saw Margie going through the gap in the hedge. "Hey, Margie!" he called. He told her what he had been doing, and Margie listened. "Those kids would have just torn up the carton,' said. "I—" He stopped. Margie holding something behind her b "What have you got there, Marg Johnny asked.

Margie's face looked red. "It—I your kite out of the garbage can," said. "Maybe I shouldn't have, but **did** throw it away." She held out kite. "The tear is only a little one. could mend it and give it to Petey Jo son. He has so few toys."

Now it was Johnny's turn to be barrassed. Come to think of it, he been just as stupid and destructive those little kids. He had thrown a the kite just because he had lost temper.

"Of course Petey can have it," he s now. "I think I have some colored ta Do you want to help me fix the kit And for the second time that day, he v happy because he could help someone

—My Pleasu

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The Rich Fool

And he told them a parable, sayi The land of a rich man brought fo plentifully, and he thought to himse "What shall I do, for I have nowhere store my crops?" And he said, "I w do this: I will pull down my barns, a build larger ones; and there I will sto all my grain and my goods. And I w say to my soul, 'Soul, you have amp goods laid up for many years; take yo ease, eat, drink, be merry.'"

But God said to him, "Fool! This nig your soul is required of you, and t things you have prepared, whose w they be?"

So is he who lays up treasure for hi self, and is not rich toward God.— **Luke's Gospel.**

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INFORMATION ABOUT

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MARCH RECEIPTS AT CHILDREN'S HOME

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, gratefully cnowledges the following receipts for the month of March, 1973. Receipts have en mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing, but totals are wn here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement receipts for March, 1973, compared with March, 1972.

tributions Received	1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
emarle Conference	$ 343.27	$ 630.69	$(287.42)
e Fear Conference	555.86	1,078.44	(522.58)
tral Conference	2,834.32	2,351.67	482.65
ern Conference	2,716.36	3,057.41	(341.05)
Dee Association	25.75		25.75
lmont Conference	100.00	167.83	(67.83)
River Association		50.00	(50.00)
tern Conference	3,459.26	1,615.53	1,843.73
er Religious	65.00	35.00	30.00
er States	43.00		43.00
Total Religious Contributions	$10,142.82	$ 8,986.57	$ 1,156.25
ents and Relatives	$ 1,111.60	$ 934.20	$ 177.40
nds and Others	1,247.00	750.00	497.00
n Sales	3,942.90	2,132.33	1,810.57
dends	1.14	27.92	(26.78)
teen Sales	352.40	183.00	169.40
unds	779.01	51.73	727.28
cellaneous Income	305.40	31.41	273.99
Total Other Income	$ 7,739.45	$ 4,110.59	$ 3,628.86
Total Income for Month	$17,882.27	$13,097.16	$ 4,785.11
The above was received for the following:			
eral Fund	$17,764.61	$13,018.16	$ 4,746.45
e Woodard Fund	5.00	5.00	
nant Loan Fund	31.66		31.66
zer Savings Account	81.00		81.00
Savings Account		74.00	(74.00)

RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

emarle Conference

um Neck	$ 50.00
lalachi's Chapel	50.00
lount Tabor	93.27
lymouth	150.00

e Fear Conference

asey's Chapel	50.00
opewell	196.36
leasant Grove	10.00
aint Mary's Grove	105.00
hady Grove	127.00
mithfield	35.00
Vooten's Chapel	32.50

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	445.00
Bethany	178.48
Community	50.00
Daniels Chapel	50.00
Edgewood	5.00
Elm Grove	100.00
Free Union	229.67
Friendship	35.54
Greenville	110.00
Gum Swamp	205.00
Hickory Grove	155.00
Howell Swamp	10.00
Hugo	4.00
Hull Road	260.00
Kings Cross Roads	88.54
Little Creek	55.00
Ormondsville	55.00
Owen's Chapel	80.00
Peace	12.50
Reedy Branch	65.00
Rose Hill	108.74
Saratoga	50.00
Tarboro	150.00
Walnut Creek	50.00
Winterville	281.85

Eastern Conference

Antioch	40.00
Arapahoe	110.00
Bethlehem	170.92
Bethel	10.00
Bridgeton	50.00
British Chapel	55.00
Core Creek	74.64
Daly's Chapel	50.00
Deep Run	45.00
Dublin Grove	86.06
Edwards Chapel	20.00
Folkstone	75.00
Friendship	43.41
Gethsemane	240.00
Juniper Chapel	5.00
Kinston	65.00
Lanier's Chapel	20.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	30.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	41.17
Eula Jones	5.00
Auxiliary District	224.68
New Bethlehem	19.54
New Haven	32.39
Northeast	39.52
Oak Grove	75.00
Oriental	65.26
Pearsall's Chapel	155.63
Pilgrim's Home	225.00
Pilgrim's Rest	5.00
Piney Grove	84.73
Rock of Zion	43.86
Rooty Branch	10.00
Sandy Plain	156.50
St. Mary's	68.05
Verona	110.00
Whaley's Chapel	150.00
Woodington	15.00

Pee Dee Association

Oak Grove	20.75
White Oak	5.00

Piedmont Conference

Mount Olive	100.00

Western Conference

Barnes Hill	10.00
Branch Chapel	11.00
Calvary	164.00
Everett's Chapel	277.08
Flood's Chapel	50.00
Friendship	180.44

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Man Responds Through Faith

Lesson Text: Matthew 16:13-16; John 20:24-31; Acts 16:25-34; Romans 10:5-13

Memory Verse: Acts 16:31

I. INTRODUCTION

Dr. A. J. Gordon, while traveling on a train, engaged in a spirited conversation with a fellow passenger on the subject of faith. "I differ with you," said the man, "in that any person is admitted to heaven because of a little bit of theological scrip called 'faith.' I believe that when God receives one into heaven He makes a searching inquiry as to his character rather than inspection of his faith."

Presently the conductor came along and examined the tickets. When he had passed, Dr. Gordon said: "Did you ever notice how a conductor always looks at the ticket but takes no pains to inspect the passenger? A railway ticket, if genuine, certifies that the person presenting it has complied with the company's conditions and is entitled to transportation. So faith alone, my friend, entitles one to that saving grace which produces a character well-pleasing to God."

Dwight L. Moody once said, "I prayed for faith and thought it would strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read, 'Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now begin to study my Bible and faith has been growing ever since."

This lesson will help us to learn that man responds to God through faith as he studies the words of God. When we listen we hear. When we pray God speaks to us. When we read His Word our faith increases.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Let us not give up hope for the doubting Thomases. Include them in the next prayer meeting. Jesus can reach them.

B. Jesus meets us at the point of our need, but He met Thomas at the point of his doubt.

C. The mists of doubt will disappear when we have a personal encounter with Jesus.

D. The way out of insecurity is to make a bold and positive confession of Jesus as Lord of our lives.

E. Even things which are invisible are very real to the eye of faith.

F. Saving faith always becomes available when the Word is proclaimed.

G. In order to be saved, a person must respond by faith in the heart and by oral confession that Jesus is Lord and Saviour.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

"Doubting Thomas"—the epithet has been with us as long as we can recall, and it is usually spoken in an unfavorable manner.

Thomas serves, then, as a classic study in the faith-doubt relationship. It may be hard sometimes for us to realize that there is room for doubt among Christians and would-be Christians. But there is room for doubt if it is honest doubt—a doubt that yields to convincing evidence and, when it must, accepts by faith those conclusions based upon demonstrated premises.

Faith cannot be a totally isolated matter. It is always related to one's knowledge and circumstance. We cannot believe anything about which we have heard nothing. But, faith necessarily extends beyond that which is known, leaping across a gap of the unknown to focus upon that which is beyond. Just as we cannot leap without the traction of a takeoff spot, our faith must begin with and leap from solid facts.

From the historical standpoint, our faith in Jesus as the Son of God rests upon two primary facts—the dependability of the eyewitnesses whose accounts are recorded in the Scriptures and the intricate pattern of prophecy and fulfi ment regarding Jesus Christ.

Our proper response begins with fai in Christ. That man who rejects Jes as his Saviour has no hope of salvati (see Mark 16:16). Wherever it is sa in the New Testament that any man w saved, his belief in Christ is either stat directly or implied.

—**Standard Lesson Commentar**

Cragmont Treasurer's Report for March

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as f lows for the month of March, 1973:

Balance		$10,344
Receipts		
Churches	$1,756.09	
Gifts	180.00	
Youth Conference	50.00	
Auxiliaries	175.00	
Sunday Schools	51.59	
YFA	25.00	
Kitchen Fund Drive by the Rev. H. A. Grubbs	1,328.20	
Kitchen Fund Drive by the Rev. J. B. Starnes and the Rev. Jerry Rowe	1,347.99	
Total Receipts		4,913.
Total for Which to Account		$15,258.
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 247.56	
CPA	400.00	
Total Disbursements		647.
Balance in Checking Account, April 1, 1973		$14,610.
Savings		2,393.
Grand Total		$17,003.

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LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK BILL TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

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y fatalities in N. C. with 1,981 highway deaths. We know t in at least 1,200 of these a drinking driver was involved. T s makes LBD a mortal issue of the first magnitude.

DOOR-MAT FOR THE MAFIA

V. Liquor-by-the drink ought to be defeated because it opens t door to the criminal element. We already have indications a alleged corruption in ABC systems due to recent investiga- ns. If there is corruption in a state-controlled system where re are no personal profits, what about a system that will be ablished solely on the basis of "fantastic" profits off the sale liquor. There is no doubt about it when liquor profits are s high, it is an open invitation to the criminal element.

TOURISM ARGUMENT DEAD

VI. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it is n necessary for tourism. We have heard so much about Vir- ia and its liquor-by-the-drink, but according to the reports we e received, our tourist business has been growing in N. C., le Virginia has shown a loss. The point is that people don't e to N. C. because of the availability of liquor-by-the-drink. y come to N. C. because we have something to offer, and ically our tourism is directed to the family. With the moun- s in the West with skiing and religious retreats, the coast the East, Carowinds and other attractions in the Piedmont, re is an appeal to the total family and not the element who looking for liquor and "loose" women.

WHAT'S NEXT — GAMBLING?

VII. Liquor-by-the drink ought to be defeated because of at comes next. We have noticed there is a pattern at this nt. Sometime ago Virginia and Texas and Tennessee approv- some type of LBD legislation, and now they are facing the tle with the gambling element. It seems that one follows other. After gambling, what's next? Some folks say: hy don't we go ahead and approve LBD so we can have some t?" It just doesn't work that way, and other states can tify to this fact.

LIQUOR — NO. 1 DRUG PROBLEM

VIII. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it morizes our No. 1 Health Problem. The National Commission Marijuana and Drug Abuse reported just recently that alcohol the most abused and most used drug of all. With the morization and merchandising of LBD, we are encouraging use of what has been determined as the "starter" drug. National Commission on Marijuana pointed out so clearly the greater the availability the greater the use, and this is why they opposed the legislation of marijuana.

IX. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated for it doesn't deal with our "damnable" brown-bagging practice. LBD will not do away with "brown-bagging," and furthermore there are provisions in the proposed bill where an establishment may have **both** at times. This is not control, but making the whole matter out of control. Also the people of N. C. have never had the opportunity of expressing themselves on the matter of "brown-bagging." This was implemented by legislative act, and we stand ready to join any legislator that wants to do away with this practice which may be called "the wettest piece of legislation in existence today."

X. Liquor-by-the-drink ought to be defeated because it will result in more alcoholics and not less. Why? Every study that we have ever seen has revealed wherever there is an increase in the consumption of liquor there is a corresponding increase in the number of alcoholics. Charles Dunn, our able SBI Director, has said, "If we get as many drug addicts in N. C. as we have alcoholics, God help us."

These reasons along with many, many others could be listed for opposition to LBD.

Remember: "All that is necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing."

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Write the members of the General Assembly that represent you today. A personally written letter will have far more influence than you will ever realize. These legislators are sensitive to the thinking of their constituents. On many issues these legislators never receive any correspondence, but we know from previous experience that a vast volume of letters have changed many Yes votes to No votes. For instance, two years ago, a legislator that was in the wet column voted NO because he received some 1,500 letters from his people asking for a NO vote while he received only 8 letters asking for a YES vote.

2. Urge your church or official church board to pass a resolution opposing LBD. However, personal letters are far more effective; but it is good to do both.

3. When writing to your legislator, say a good word about his work. The "sorriest" member of the General Assembly has some good points.

4. Contact the political powers of your community and secure their support. Many of the legislators have an "open ear" to some key people in your community. Secure the support of these individuals and have them to contact your legislator.

5. Remember the work of the Christian Action League with your prayers and financial support as it seeks to represent the Christian position in the moral and ethical issues facing our state.—Used by permission of **TOMORROW**, D. P. McFarland, Editor.

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24 New Members Accepted During 1972

Santa Ana, California—Wycliffe Bible Translators announced in December the acceptance of 224 new members for translation and support ministries during 1972. Of the 224 new members, Australia contributed 10; Belgium 1; Canada 28; Finland 2; France 1; Germany 2; Great Britain 13; the Netherlands 6; New Zealand 3; Peru 2; Sweden 3; Switzerland 9; and the USA 144.

Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics purpose to translate God's Word into the vernacular for the remaining tribes of the world that do not have the Bible. The new year begins with 2,901 Wycliffe members at work in more than 550 languages in 25 countries. This figure includes 270 short-term assistants.

According to the candidate department, Wycliffe is seeking 150 new translator members in 1973 and 100 men and women for support ministries.

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Church Extension Financial Report

The Rev. Taylor Hill, secretary and treasurer of the Church Extension Department of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, reports as follows. The report covers contributions received through March, 1973.

Receipts

Holly Springs Church	$ 407.31
Piedmont Conference	100.00
Wooten's Chapel Church	92.40
First Church, Greenville	300.00
Pleasant Plain Church	75.00
Gum Neck Sunday School	25.00
Eastwood Church	250.00
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary	212.71
North Carolina Missions	196.28
Black Jack Church	214.09
Elm Grove Church	150.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	15.00
Cora Mitchell S. S. Class, First Church, Goldsboro	25.00
Faith Church	50.00
Virginia Beach Church	50.00
Grayson Spencer	20.00
Free Union Church	115.76
Bethany Church	30.29
First Church, Tarboro	61.35
Mrs. Ada B. Sasser	20.00
Total Receipts	$2,410.19
Disbursements	955.71
Balance on Hand	$1,454.48

Mr. Hill reports that contributions are not coming in as needed. Church Extension must receive greater priority if it is to succeed. Please send all contributions to Mr. Hill at 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Bible? There are many today who have no certain set of rules by which to live.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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Holly Springs	90.00
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Peoples Chapel	235.00
Piney Grove	130.06
Pine Level	5.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00
Pleasant Hill	50.13
Pleasant Plain	50.00
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Stancil's Chapel	28.
Stony Hill	25.
Union Chapel	65.
Unity	50.
Wilson	1,125.
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Living Waters	65.
Other States	
Shelby, Ohio	43.
Memorials	
W. W. Silverthorne (8)	
The Rev. Lonnie Cayton	
Mrs. Myrtle Stroud (5)	
Mrs. Claudia Alford	
The Rev. J. C. Griffin Sr.	
Mrs. Emma Casey	
Roger Strickland	

"ONLY BELIEVE"

"What's all this talk about 'Only Believe'?"

"Why, don't you know? That's the theme for the North Carolina State Youth Convention!"

"It's that time again?"

"Yes, it's been a whole year, and the State Youth Convention is here again!"

"Well, why don't you tell us about it?"

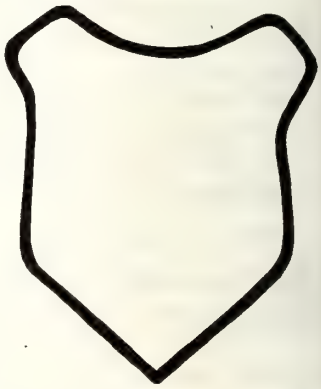
"Okay, I will!"

On April 28 the State Youth Convention will meet at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 o'clock. A very interesting program has been planned by the State youth committee. Young people from the entire state are urged to come and join together on this day. A blessing is in store for each person who attends the convention.

Name tags have been designated for each district again this year. Each person should wear a tag. The colors for the district are as follows:

Albemarle—yellow
Eastern—red
Central—green
Piedmont—light blue
Cape Fear—purple
Pee Dee—royal blue

Ministers attending the conventi should see "Ma" Hansley for their whi name tags. This year all name ta should be made by the same design. T designated design is as follows:



Lunch will be served on the groun for those who attend. All young peop are urged to be present. Come a bring a friend!

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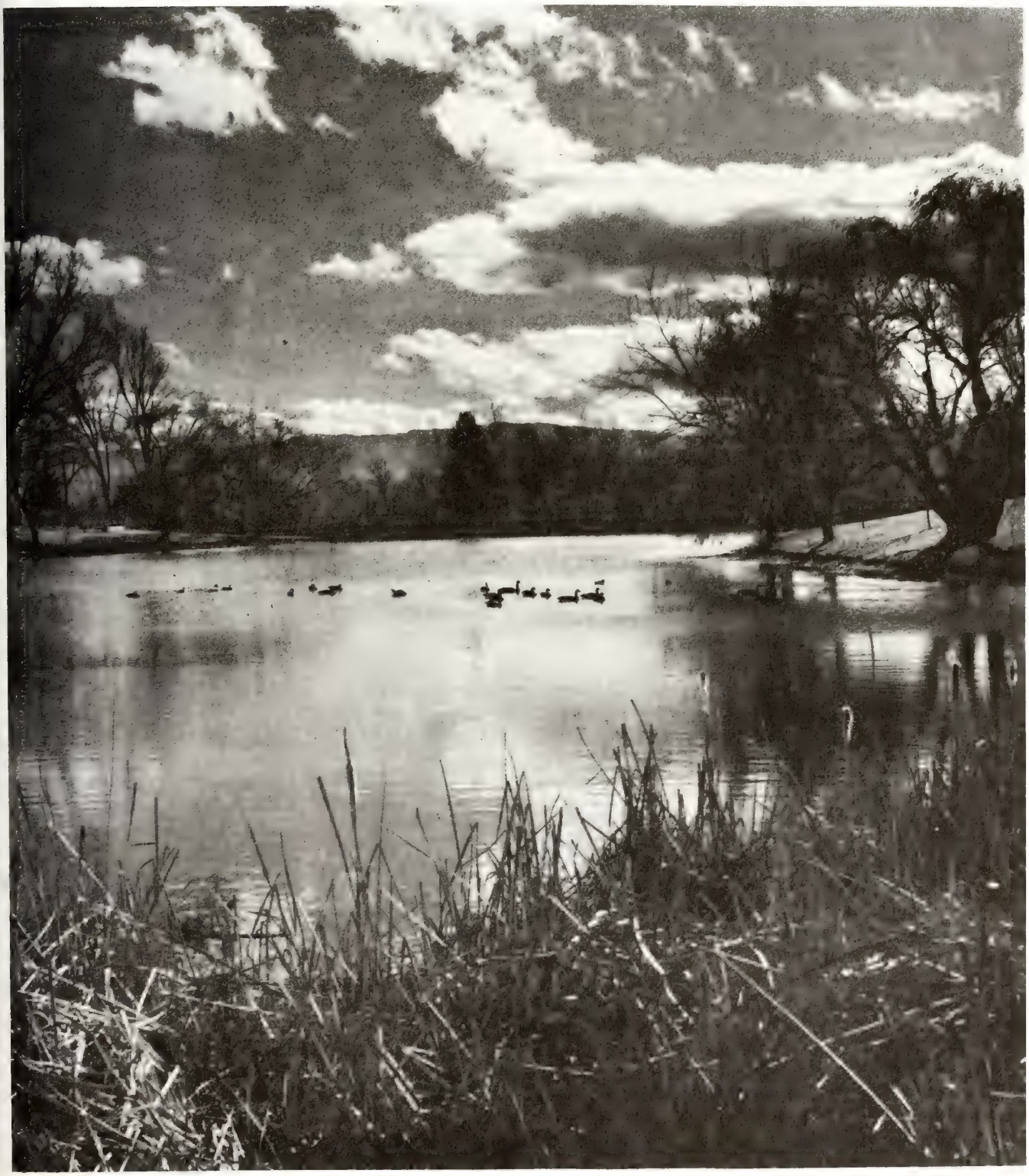

THE EXIT FROM EDEN: GATEWAY TO RICHEST TREASURE?

EDITORIAL...

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THEIR SOLITARY WAY

Guest Editorial by Celia Hales

Reflect, if you will, for a moment on the words with which the renowned seventeenth century poet John Milton brought to a close his great epic, **Paradise Lost:**

> In either hand the hastening angel caught
> Our lingering parents, and to th' eastern gate
> Led them direct, and down the cliff as fast
> To the subjected plain; then disappeared.
> They, looking back, all th' eastern side beheld
> Of Paradise, so late their happy seat,
> Waved over by that flaming brand; the gate
> With dreadful faces thronged and fiery arms.
> Some natural tears they dropped, but wiped them soon;
> The world was all before them, where to choose
> Their place of rest, and Providence their guide.
> They, hand in hand, with wandering steps and slow,
> Through Eden took their solitary way.

The scene is the final expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden. Notice that in Milton's account both linger a bit before the angel hastens them on, and both weep momentarily. Moreover, their wandering steps on the way from the garden are slow. The lingering, the weeping, the slow steps are all evidences given by Milton to stress our first parents' reluctance to leave their former home. Milton very deliberately chose to emphasize the fact of reluctance—and well it is that he did so, for Adam and Eve indeed had lost untold blessings for themselves and their children (who include, of course, all of us). This is the negative aspect, the pessimistic outlook that characterizes the expulsion.

There is, however, in this passage another strain of thought that lifts the reader's mind and spirit upward, and it is this part that cries for emphasis (though it be often overlooked). There are blessings of God to Adam and Eve even in the very moment that He must order their removal from Eden. Milton was aware of this, for the cited passage notes Adam's and Eve's **momentary** weeping, as if to point out their awareness of a reason for optimism. The next two verses give that reason—those blessings of God:

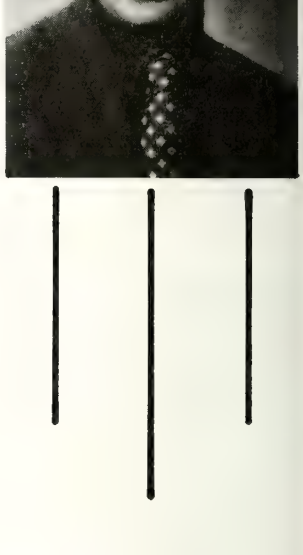
> The world was all before them, where to choose
> Their place of rest, and Providence their guide.

Milton is saying here that God offers a whole world to Adam and Eve, a world which may be viewed in two senses: the physical world, composed of both nature's beauty and her barrenness; and a spiritual world, made up of life itself, of joy and tribulation as we know it today. Their place of rest—physically and spiritually—in this world is left to their own free choice (a further blessing). And this choice, if they so desire, will be made with Providence (God) as their guide.

Nothing that was offered by God to Adam and Eve was left off in His blessings to their descendants. We too are encouraged to enjoy the loveliness of the natural world, and the pleasures of the unseen, spiritual realm. We too are creatures with free will, the will to make the choices that will help create the pathway upon which we will walk in the future. And, of course, the most blessed gift of all: God offers His hand to us, to lead us along that pathway.

Consequently, as Adam and Eve, hand in hand, make their solitary way through Eden, out into the gift of a whole world, God does not forsake His own. His hand is also in theirs, in a spiritual sense, and that one fact makes their journey ahead less filled with the emptiness of aloneness. We see that the act of greatest disobedience has become the gateway to richest treasure—if Adam and Eve, and we, their children, so choose. Their solitary way—and ours—need only include the recognition of and love for a God who sees and follows that way from above.

(Miss Hales is an editorial assistant at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.)



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The New Birth as the Foundation for Christian Education

W. Burkette Raper, President
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HE premise of this message is the belief that the source and foundation for Christian education is the spiritual re-creation of man by the Holy Spirit.

If this assertion sounds like an overstatement, consider these words of Jesus to Nicodemus: ". . . With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3—All quotations are from **The Living Bible.**)

Nicodemus, a leading religious teacher among the Jews, had approached Jesus on the basis of Jesus being a teacher: "We all know that God has sent you to teach us," (see John 3:2), he began, but Jesus immediately went to the heart of how one knows God: ". . . Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven; . . ." (John 3:5, 6).

I believe in education because I know how much it can mean to a person. It can make the difference between (1) a life that is ever expanding with higher horizons and (2) a life that becomes more and more restricted in its outlook until it closes in with nothing except ignorance and prejudice as the guidelines by which one lives. But education, like a house, is no better than the foundation upon which it rests.

The New Birth

The foundation of **Christian** education is the **new birth.** Nicodemus wanted to discuss Jesus' ministry from an academic point of view—"we know you are a teacher" (see John 3:1)—but Jesus turned the discussion directly to the root of the meaning of the Kingdom of God, and that was the re-creation of man by the Holy Spirit.

One of the major themes of the Bible is that man is a sinner. "Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal" (see Romans 3:23). True, God created us in His image (see Genesis 1:26), but we rebelled against God (see Genesis 3:1-6) and as a result of rebellion, the nature of man was changed from good to evil. We call this experience the "fall of man," which Paul described in Romans 5:12, "When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. His sin spread death throughout all the world, so everything began to grow old and die, for all sinned." "We started out bad, being born with evil natures" (see Ephesians 2:3), and this condition of man we call "original sin."

The doctrines, "The Fall of Man" and "Original Sin," explain why Jesus emphasized to Nicodemus that man must be born again—re-created by the Holy Spirit—if he is to be in right relationship with God. Education can do much to help man, but it cannot correct his most fundamental problem—restore him to fellowship with God. The basic problem of man is not his ignorance, but his nature; education can cure his ignorance, but it cannot change his nature. This change can occur only through a re-birth—a re-creation by God.

The most serious problems which plague us today—war, racial conflicts, exploitation of one's fellowman, alcoholism, drug addiction, immorality, greed, and pride—are not due to our ignorance, and education by itself cannot solve these problems.

In 1939 Germany had one of the highest levels of education of any nation on earth, yet it plunged the world into its most devastating war and at the same time subjected millions of its own citizens (Jews) to the most inhumane suffering known in history. The use of alcohol and drugs, infidelity in marriage, dishonesty in business, and expressions of self-centeredness have no direct relationship with how much education one has; these problems are the fruits of man's nature.

The only way we are going to change effectively this world will be through changing people, and the only way people can be permanently changed is through their being born again. "The unregenerated man," wrote Walter Lippmann, "can only muddle into muddle."

Jesus taught that a tree is known by its fruit (see Luke 6:44), and Paul described for us the fruit (conduct) of the man who has not been born again: ". . . impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, spiritism (that is encouraging the activity of demons), hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group—and there will be wrong doctrine, envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all that sort of thing . . ." (Galatians 5:19-21).

In contrast, Paul also listed the fruit of those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (see Galatians 5:22, 23).

Now, the difference in these two codes of conduct is not one's education but his nature. It was for this reason that Jesus brushed aside Nicodemus' academic approach to His ministry and immediately went to the heart of the matter—the nature of man. Before one could be taught the life of the kingdom, Jesus said, it would be necessary for him to be born again—to be re-created by the Holy Spirit and become a new creature. It is only after we are born again that we can live the Christian life.

In words addressed to Christians in Rome, Paul wrote: "Following after the Holy Spirit leads to life and peace, but following after the old nature leads to death, because the old sinful nature within us is against God . . . . You are con-

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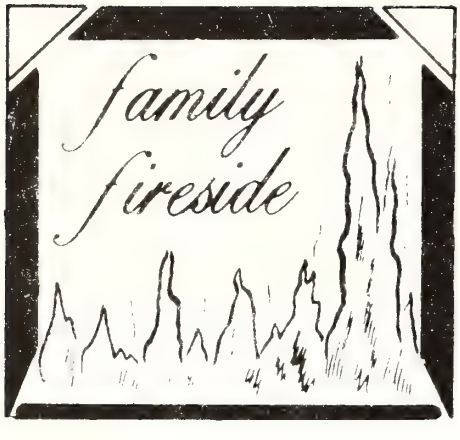

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12:14

THE HOG AND THE BOY

A few years ago people were gathered about a prize hog that was being exhibited at the Dallas Fair. This creature had just been presented with a blue ribbon, his hoofs had been manicured, and his hair looked as if he had just returned from the beauty parlor. The man who bred and raised that creature was surely a success in that particular. But the one who had this hog in charge was a small boy, possibly twelve years of age. He was sallow-faced, hatched-heeled, hollow-chested, and seemed bent on burning up all the cigarettes in the world as soon as possible. The most arresting part of the whole story was this. The owner of the prize hog was the father of the pathetic boy. What was wrong with this father? Not that it was wrong for him to do well in treatment of animals, but he became so interested in them that he was blind to the best for his boy. He fell into the deadly sin of majoring on minor things. —*The Covenanter Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A child's unbringing must be most important to all parents. No material object or idol should ever be placed before this. Parents, remember that no child asked to be brought into the world.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:6

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

An old schoolmaster said one day to a clergyman, who came to examine his school, "I believe the children know the catechism word for word."

"But do they understand it? That is the question," said the clergyman.

The schoolmaster bowed respectfully, and the examination began. A little boy had repeated the fifth commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother: . . ." (Exodus 20:12), and he was asked to explain it. Instead of trying to do so, the little boy, with his face covered with blushes, said, almost in a whisper, "Yesterday, I showed some strange man over the mountain, and the sharp stones cut my feet. The man saw they were bleeding, and gave me some money to buy shoes. I gave it to my mother, for she had no shoes either, and I thought I could go barefooted better than she could."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It was much better for the little boy to demonstrate the fifth commandment than to try to explain it. How many youngsters today would sacrifice any of their possessions for someone else?

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture Reading—John 5:24

HEARING IT THROUGH

A certain wayward young man ran away from home and was not heard of for years. In some way, hearing that his father had just died, he returned home and was kindly received by his mother. The day came for the reading of the will; the family were all gathered together, and the lawyer began to read the document. To the surprise of all present, the will told in detail of the wayward career of the runaway son. The boy in anger arose, stamped out of the room, left the house, and was not heard from for three years. When eventually he was found he was informed that the will, after telling of his waywardness, had gone on to bequeath him $15,000. How much sorrow he would have saved himself and others, if he had only heard the reading through! Thus many people only half read the Bible, and turn from it dissatisfied. The Bible, says, "The wages of sin is death," yes, but it says more, it says, "but the gift of God is eternal life."—*Herald and Presbyter.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Some today never hear the full meaning of Christ's salvation, but they will be blinded with facts on Judgment Day. Are you guilty of this?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:16

"IS HE TALKING ABOUT YOU?"

A woman and her little daughter were in a service in which the preacher spoke about how obedience toward God is revealed in the manner in which one attends to the small duties of everyday life. He described how many parents neglect their spiritual duties in the home, how they return night after night without praying for God's watchful care, and how in the morning they fail to thank Him for rest, protection, and the blessing of the new day. The little girl listened attentively, then turning to her mother, she whispered, "Mama, is the minister talking about you?" The simple question pierced the mother's heart. She said nothing, but that night she knelt before her bed, confessed her sin, and asked God's help in carrying out her duties as a Christian mother.—*King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should be made thankful for God's many blessings not only in church services, but each day as well. Mothers and fathers should set an example of this to their ones. The Christian's faith is everlast

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:1

NO MONEY—NO LEARNING—BUT JO

A prayer meeting was being held mission chapel. A poor man came kneeled. He could not understand even simple gospel message. While others rejoicing, he kept on saying, "Jesus!" w was all the prayer he knew. Soon he and with a happy face, he said: "I am a poor man; I have no money and no le ing, but in my heart I have an unabl speak-it-out joy."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Fancy words in prayer are not ne sary in order to get the full meaning your thoughts across. One must be sinc truthful, and dedicated to Christ to rec His blessings.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture Reading—Exodus 22:23

SHE FELT ALONE

A little girl was in an orphan's home it was observed that she never cried. day one of the matrons asked her, "Why you not cry? I have never seen you c The little girl replied, "I have no one cry to since Mama died."

It was a glorious thing for every Ch tian that Christ said, "Lo, I am with alway," meaning everyday, under all cumstances. The Christian can cry to H call Him, and share with Him whate joys come into life.—*Baptist Standard.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What would we do if we had no one whom to tell our troubles, however la or small? What a comforting thought know we always have Someone's shoul to cry on when we need it.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:2

ORITUARY OF MRS. PRAYER MEETING

"Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at First Neglected Church, on Worldly A nue. Born many years ago in the midst great revivals, she was a strong, healt child, fed largely on testimony and Bi study, soon growing into world-wide pro nence, and was one of the most influen members of the famous church family.

"For the past several years Sister Pra Meeting has been failing in health, gradu ly wasting away until rendered helpless stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, in tivity and weakness of purpose and w power. At the last, she was but a shad of her former happy self. Her last wh pered words were inquiries concerning t strange absence of her loved ones now bu in the marts of trade and places of worl amusements.

"Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. F form, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to t

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

A Day with the State Sunday School Convention

n Saturday, April 14, the State Sun- School Convention held its annual ting at the Home. It was a wonder- day for us at the Home because more n 450 of our people were with us. sincerely thank the Convention for ding to hold its meeting here. It s a happy day that will be remember- by us for many days to come. Please e back soon.

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NOTICE!

As host for the State Youth Conven- , the Children's Home extends a cor- invitation to all to come on April Please take this opportunity to par- pate in the Convention and to visit Home jointly. Lunch will be served campus by the Home. After the con- tion, an open-house tour will be con- ted through the facility. You are lcome, so come.

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Founder's Day

Founder's Day will be celebrated at the dren's Home on May 19. This will a day of festivities similar to past ebrations. Letters will be written to h church, and also a lengthy article ll be published in **The Free Will Baptist,** plaining the details for the day. Please serve this day for your Children's Home d come to visit with us.

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OWN ON THE FARM

This article is published to inform our nomination about the farm activity re at the Children's Home. Our farm very much alive and highly produc- e. From July 1, 1972, through March , 1973, the gross cash sales from the farm totaled $16,415.05. The produce raised by the farm and consumed by the Home during this period amounted to a cash value of $6,065. Both figures added together amount to $22,480.05 gross profit for a nine-month period. Last year (12 months) the gross profit totaled $19,800, so there is a significant increase over last year.

Mr. Patterson, the farm manager, with Mr. William Nicholson, his farm assistant, and Bud Hill, a member of the Home, are shown while planting the Home vegetable garden.

There are 380 acres of land on this geographical site — about 200 acres in wooded area and 180 acres in the clearing. Of the cleared land, 60 acres is in pasture for cattle and 120 acres is under cultivation. The cultivated land consists of 20 acres wheat, 15 acres rye, 70 acres of corn and about 15 acres of various vegetables. The tobacco allotment was leased for $2,800 this year.

The livestock on the farm consists of 61 head of cattle, 122 head of hogs and 28 turkeys.

A portion of the swine are eating their evening meal. The herd of swine consists of 18 sows, four boars, and 100 pigs less than a week old.

A sow feeds her newborn pigs. Little pigs are arriving each day; already we have 100 and there are more to come.

Here we see the turkeys, two toms, and six hens. There are 20 other small turkeys not shown in this photograph. The turkeys are raised as a hobby by Mr. Clarence Mitchell. Since January, 38 have been killed and placed in the freezer for future consumption at the Home.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests, and drives, but to no avail. A post mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with the lack of faith, heartfelt religion, and general support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power.

"In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save the third Wednesday night of each month, when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the men's handball team."—*Free Will Echo.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our outside activities require a large portion of our "off-the-job" time. People forget that Christ should be number one in their lives. If we neglect teachings of Him now, we may be forgotten on the most important day of all.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations,* Eerdmans.)

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The new model cars have foam rubber seats, but judging by the accident records, the need for the hour is foam rubber riders.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

S. S. Convention Draws Record Attendance

With 94 Sunday schools representing, the 1973 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, meeting at the Children's Home, Middlesex, on April 14, set a record for the largest attendance since the denominational division in 1961. In fact, available records show only one session in the history of the convention with a slightly larger number of schools representing, but with fewer individuals registered.

Here is a digest of the individual registrations for the 1973 session.

Registering as pastors	48
Registering as superintendents	39
Registering as teachers	78
Registering as general officers in schools	38
Registering as district or state convention officers	9
Registering as pupils without office in schools	153
Registering as visitors from other denominations	5
Total number registered	370

Most of the children of the Home attended, but only a few registered. Also two or three visiting groups did not register. It has been conservatively estimated that more than 400 were in attendance during the day. Several general officers also checked in as teachers on their cards, but were counted only in one category.

Interest in the convention was good, and later there will be more detailed articles regarding some of the features, as well as reports on resolutions and motions passed.

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First Church, Plymouth, Plans Revival And Homecoming for Upcoming Week

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, will hold revival services from April 29 through May 5 at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Lynn Grubbs of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

On Sunday, May 6, homecoming will be observed at the church. The Rev. Herman Grubbs, pastor, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served at noon. A special song service will follow, beginning at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in these services.

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Link Family Honored at First Church, Wilson, on April 13

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link and Family

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link were honored on Friday night, April 13, at a supper given by the Young Woman's Prayer Fellowship of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. The members of the fellowship prepared and served the meal. During the evening the fellowship presented Mr. and Mrs. Link with a plaque which contained a tribute to them. The tribute, written for the fellowship by Nancy Matthews, reads as follows:

"A family's home is their castle; their church is their foundation; their community and friends are their security. You, Vance and Mattie Lou Link, had all that. You were working for the Lord and you were quite popular wherever you went in your service. You had many opportunities that were very appealing.

"But when you said, 'Lord, all I am and all I have is yours,' you meant it. You gave your home, your church, your community, and your friends back to God because He said, 'I need you, Vance and Mattie Lou.'

"You are trading your comforta home for living conditions that may undesirable. You are trading the secu of your friends for the suspicions unloveliness of a people degraded by You are trading a ready-made church one which will take diligent work an abundance of love for each preci new member.

"Though we hate to give you up, praise the Lord for your consecrat and dedication and your courage to 'I'll go where you want me.'

"And you are not going alone. only will the Lord be with you on e step of your journey in the foreign fi but we pledge to you our prayers, love, and our financial support.

"Words can't express the depth of love and our gratitude for your cour to do as Jesus said, 'Go ye therefo and teach all nations, baptizing them the name of the Father, and of the S and of the Holy Ghost' (Matthew 28:19

"Vance and Mattie Lou, you have come very dear and very precious to We love you as we love members of own family and our close perso friends.

"May God be with you and bless yo

Young Woman's Prayer Fellowshi
First Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina
April 13, 1973

The Young Woman's Prayer Fellowsh is grateful to have had the opportuni to honor the Links in this way. T members of the fellowship pledge to t Links their prayers, love, and support the future.

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Second Union Meeting of Central Conference to Be Held April 28

The Second Union Meeting of the Ce tral Conference will be held at t Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Rou 1, Winterville, North Carolina. Regi tration will open at 9:30 a.m., and t meeting will convene at 10 a.m. Ra dolph Harris is program chairman a Curtis Jones is moderator.

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Sandy Plain FWB Church Announces Homecoming on Sunday, April 29

On Sunday, April 29, the Sandy Pla Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, Nor Carolina, will observe homecoming. T activities of the day will begin with Su day school at 9:45. The worship servi will follow at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Llo Vernon, a former pastor, will bring t message.

A picnic lunch will be served on t grounds at noon. A special song servi

w be held in the afternoon with various grups from the area taking part.

he pastor of the Sandy Plain church, th Rev. Wayne King, and all members of th church invite all former pastors, fomer members, and friends to come an enjoy the day with them.

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Senior Citizens Honored by Young Women of St. Mary's Grove Church

Left to right are Mr. Elbert Barbour, Mrs. Ellen Austin, Mrs. Bertha Fagg, Mrs. Fannie Coates, and Mr. Victor Penny.

The young women of the Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, honored the senior citizens of their community with a coffee hour on Sunday, April 15, from 3 p.m. There were approximately 60 people present.

The service began by congregational singing of "Stand Up for Jesus." Mrs. Owen Roberts, vice president of the Young Woman's Circle, gave the welcome; Mrs. Gladys Adams responded.

The choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Kneel at the Cross." A quartet composed of Mrs. Opal Coates, Marlynn Matthews, Mrs. Rosalee Barbour, and W. A. Roberts sang "I've Got That Old Time Religion" and "Come Unto Me." Each guest was then recognized by Mrs. Helen Floyd.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson, pastor of Saint Mary's Grove church, challenged the people with the thought, "What will **we** do with Jesus?"

Mrs. Dianna Dannenburg, Mrs. Opal Coates, and Mrs. Rosalee Barbour sang "There's Something About That Name" and "He Touched Me." This was followed by congregational singing of "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Frank Matthews gave the benediction.

Mrs. Phyllis Higgins, president of the Young Woman's Circle, invited the people to the fellowship hall for coffee and cake. Some reported that they had seen people there whom they had not seen in many years. The people asked that this be continued as an annual affair.

"Mount Olive College Day" to Be Observed at Rose Hill Church

The Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, April 29, as "Mount Olive College Day." The Rev. N. D. Beaman is the pastor.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will speak at the morning worship service. Music will be provided by the Mount Olive Singers under the direction of Mrs. Viola Hilton.

Friends of the College in the Winterville area are cordially invited to attend this special service.

Coming Events . . .

April 26—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary study course on the auxiliary manual, Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 28—State Youth Convention, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, 9:15 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (program).

April 28—Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference, Croatan Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

April 28—Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, 9:30 a.m. (registration), 10 a.m. (beginning).

April 29—Meeting of Fourth Union district, Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

April 29—Central Conference Sunday School Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, 3 p.m.

May 10—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

May 16—Founder's Day celebration at the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, 10:30 a.m.

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Fifth Eastern District SS Convention Planned at Croatan FWB Church

The Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention will be held at the Croatan Free Will Baptist Church on April 29. The theme will be "Man Responds Through Faith." The program is as follows:

10:00—Opening, Charles Mason, president, Sunday School Convention
—Prayer, the Rev. Clifton Styron, pastor, host church
—Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
—Welcome, Clyde Belangia, superintendent, host Sunday school
—Response, Roy Batson, Trent church
10:15—Recognition Time — pastors, Sunday school officers, and delegates
10:20—Offering for Sunday School Convention
10:25—Sunday School Lesson, Elmer Rouse, Wintergreen church
10:45—Program, host church
11:00—Business Session
—Minutes, Miss Velma Morris
—Treasurer's Report, Vaughn Hill
—Denominational Enterprise Reports
—Presentation of Awards
11:20—Hymn, "Rock of Ages"
11:30—Sermon, the Rev. Clifton Styron, pastor, host church
12:00—Adjournment

The officers are as follows: Charles Mason, president; Harvey Whitford, vice president; Velma Morris, secretary; Vaughn Hill, treasurer. The program committee is composed of Hazel Stilley and Mary Williams. Members of the finance committee are Irene Morris, Marie Whitford, and Eva Mae Clark.

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Gray Branch FWB Church Calls The Rev. James Warren as Pastor

The Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Deep Run, North Carolina, has called the Rev. James Warren as its new pastor. Mr. Warren will begin his new duties on the second Sunday in May.

Mr. Warren is also the pastor of the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of the Sandhill community near Kinston, North Carolina.

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Revival in Progress at Holly Springs Church, Newport

A revival is in progress at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, which will continue through April 28. Services are at 7:30 each evening.

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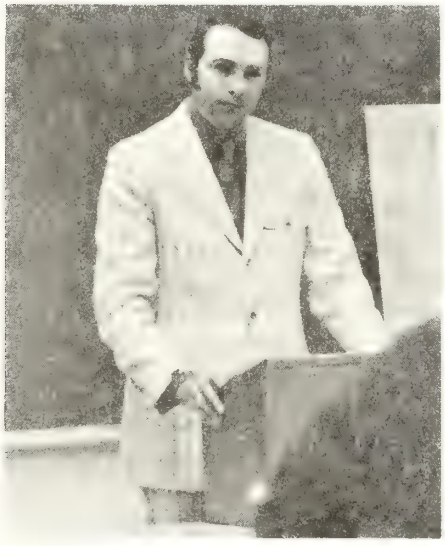
Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MANNING AND HUMPHREY ADDRESS CLASS

Mr. Tommy Manning, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, director of campus life at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, were guest lecturers at Mount Olive College recently. They addressed a class, taught by President W. Burkette Raper, which is studying the history, doctrine, and government of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Manning and Mr. Humphrey spoke in the absence of Dr. Raper, who is visiting the Holy Lands.



Mr. Tommy Manning, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Press

Mr. Manning illustrated the history and purpose of the Free Will Baptist Church through an eloquent story of the crucifixion. "Without Easter," he said, "there would be no need for the Free Will Baptist Press.

The Press, which is 100 years old this year, has been located in Ayden, North Carolina, since 1895. It is the source of numerous publications utilized by the denomination. One of these is **The Free Will Baptist**, which regularly carries news of Mount Olive College. Associated with the Press are four bookstores, one located in Ayden at the site of the Press, and others in Smithfield, Wilson, and New Bern, North Carolina.

Mr. Humphrey gave a comprehensive overview of the purpose fulfilled by the Children's Home. "The great majority of children at the Home are not orphans," he said, "but children from broken homes. They did not have the love and security which they should have had. The Children's Home is a redemptive process in which we try to restore the child's faith in himself, in other people, and, primarily, in God."

Mount Olive College maintains special relationships with the Home in order to provide assistance for those who wish to continue their education at the College.

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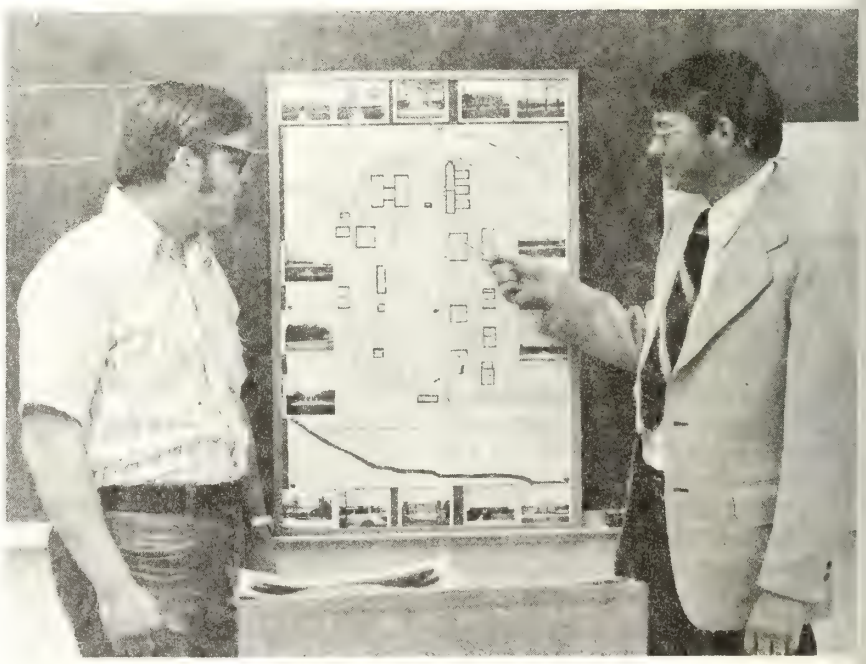
Miss Creech Awarde Scholarship

Miss Janet Creech

Miss Janet Sharlene Creech, daugh of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Creech of Go boro, North Carolina, has been awar a scholarship at Mount Olive College the academic year 1973-74.

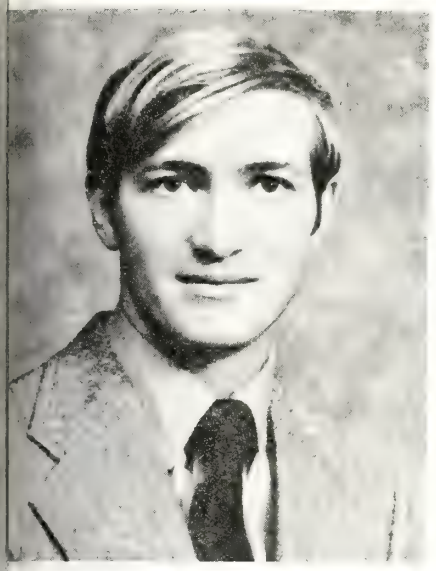
Miss Creech is a senior at Goldsb High School and a member of the Fi Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsbo of which she is the organist. She i member of the National Honor Socie president of the Goldsboro High Tour Choir and was a Governor's School no nee this year.

Miss Creech plans to major in mu while at Mount Olive.



The Rev. Stewart Humphrey (right) discusses the facilities of the Free Will Bapt Children's Home with Dwight Hawley of Wilson, North Carolina, following a lecture Mount Olive College.

Scott Sowers Reveals New Dedication



Scott Sowers

Scott Sowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sowers of Snow Hill, North Carolina, ne to Mount Olive College last year as orelaw student.

Now all that has changed.

Scott is a ministerial student who is king forward to an evangelical min-ry. "I first felt the need to go into ministry," Scott said, "when I was out ten years old, but later my ughts turned to other things. The a of becoming a minister recurred riodically, but I suppressed it.

"I think that I was finally aided in king the choice because Mount Olive lege did not force religion on me. I s allowed to think things out for my-f and find my own way.

"There are too many 'Mama called and ddy sent' preachers. I wanted to make s decision on my own."

And make it he did. His commitment been growing ever since.

Mount Olive College uses a supervised rk program as part of its training for nisterial students. Under this pro-m, a student is assigned to a church ere he works with a minister and ns firsthand experience in the field of nistry.

Scott is participating at Northeast Free l Baptist Church in Mount Olive ere, among other things, he works h a youth group. His popularity is dent as one watches the faces of se whom Scott leads in Bible study.

Originally Scott had wanted to attend arge university. "But my parents," h said, "wanted me to go to Mount ve College.

"I was convinced they were right after I visited the campus," he continued. "The general attitude of the students and faculty convinced me that this was the place for me.

"Time has proven that I made the right choice. Mount Olive offers the kind of education I was looking for; it is a complete education, not just an academic one.

"Here at Mount Olive, there is more interest in the student and what he learns rather than just what he puts down on a test paper. The emphasis is on learning and not on grades. But, of course, grades are important," Scott added.

He obviously feels that education is an important part of his preparation for the ministry. "If I am going to love God with all my mind, I must cultivate my mind to the best of my ability. If I am going to be God's representative in the world, then I think that God would expect me to be on a good educational level," Scott stated. "And I'm going to do my best."

MISSIONS

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

NOTICE

The article entitled "A Call for Prayer," by Harold Jones, that appeared in the January-February missions newsletter "Command" was written in December, 1972. The conditions and persecutions described in the article have practically ceased.

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness in answer to prayer. Thank you for your continued prayer support. The Lord is truly the Master of all circumstances. To Him go the glory in trials and joy.

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HOUSE CHURCH AT BAPAS

by Harold Jones

"Bapa" and his son stand in center of the worship area.

In December 1972, we led "Bapa" to the Lord. I have mentioned this in many articles prior to this one. As a result of his conversion, we have led most of the other people in the area to the Lord.

"Bapa," as well as the others, are growing in the Lord. Each Wednesday night we meet at "Bapa's" house for our weekly Bible study and fellowship.

In the picture you see "Bapa" and his son standing in the center of the area where we meet. The seats that you see in the picture were constructed by "Bapa." He also has plans to construct a roof over the area before the rainy season arrives.

This is an example of how a house church grows. Much of the growth is spontaneous. The people see a need and they take care of it. We are also engaged in a training program for the people. Sandra and Tirzah are teaching some of the women and men how to lead in songs and in the teaching of the Bible. We hope that within one year these people will be a self-sustaining group, with their own leaders. When that time arrives, our job will then be to supervise only. This will give us opportunities to develop similar groups in other areas.

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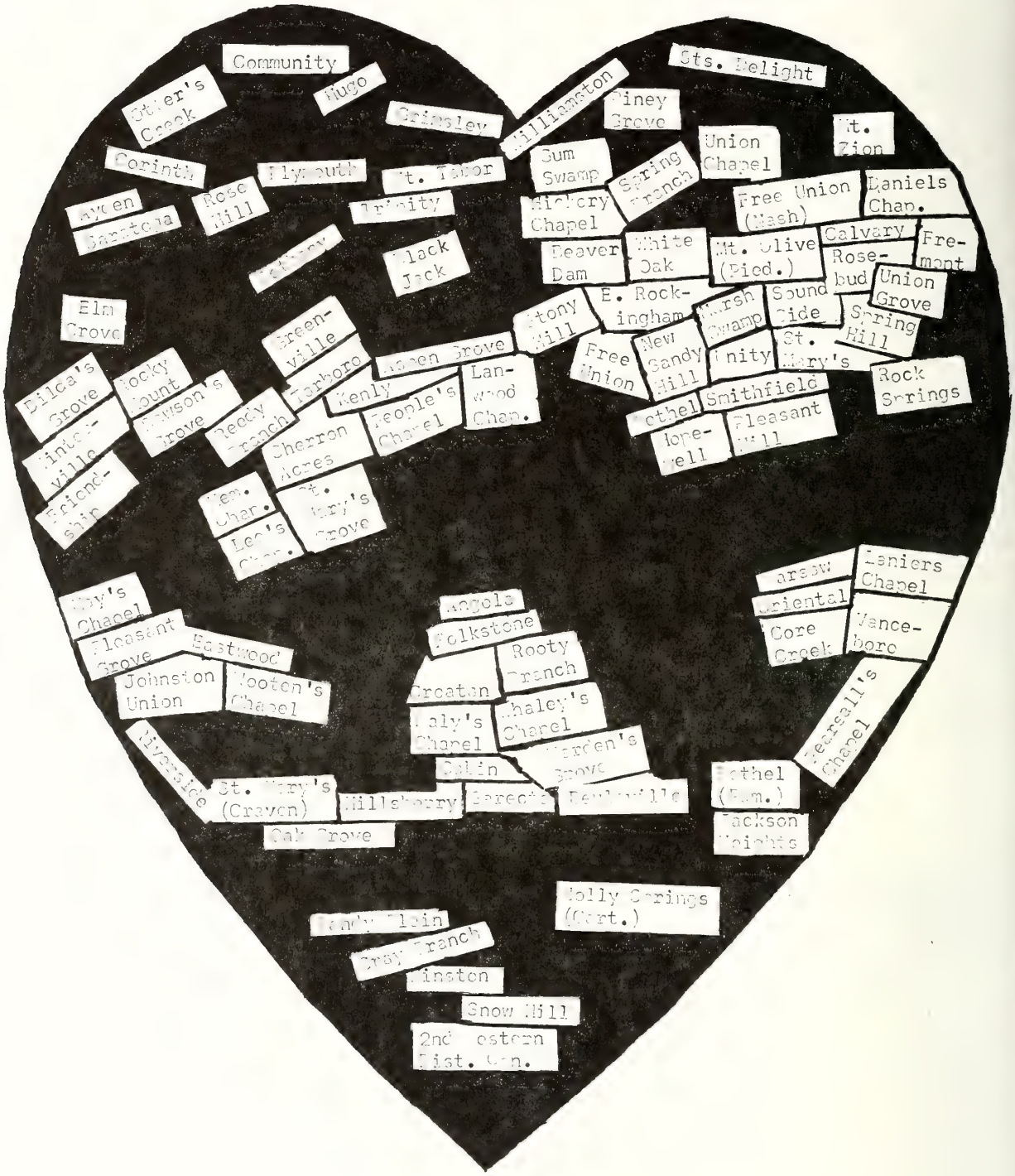

We are sure that not many among the leaders of the State Sunday School Convention expected any of the big hearts representing the various conferences of Original Free Will Baptists over the state to be perfect in the sense that every school was represented at the convention. This seldom happens with respect to attendance even of the churches to their annual conference meetings. The results of our "Perfect Heart for Christ" drive were encouraging, however.

Here is a composite heart made up from the six conference hearts on a scale designed to show the approximate representation as compared with the schools not representing. We not embarrassing the schools that did not represent by giv their names, but each school representing took part of darkness out of the heart. We are glad to offer commendat to the schools representing by giving their names in wh spaces; and we hope that each school that did not represent pick out a black spot on the convention prospect heart and termine to turn it white next year!

L. E. Ballard
Field Secretary

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

r. Barrow's column this week is a continuation from the issue of April 18. The question is repeated below.

uestion: In a recent answer to a question you said that we should pray without ceasing. Would that not require vain repetition, against which Jesus warned His followers?

nswer (cont.): Jesus taught His disciples that it was sufficient that His disciples or followers be like Him and be treated as He. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27, 28); "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:11, 12); "But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized" (Mark 10:38, 39).

These power-seeking followers of Jesus hardly knew what they wanted and were not too well informed as to what was good for them. Truly they had left everything to follow Him, but not without some reserves. They evidently thought that being with a potential ruler of their native Palestine—the Messiah promised Israel by the Old Testament writers—would eventually be able to improve their social and political standing as well as their religious recognition and privileges. This could not be further from what Jesus had in mind for them. In like manner, what their speculative minds assigned Him in His coming experience could not have been further from the experiences both He and they were to come into immediately. He was thinking of the Cross and all the events that should both precede it and follow. They were looking for an immediate kingdom and not the Cross.

I wonder if we do not need to be more careful lest we bypass the realities that accompany our discipleship to Him and especially those things He so clearly explained. All of us will not become great philanthropists, popular evangelists, or educational leaders—but this is not necessary to our success as called Christian workers. We need to first of all maintain a right relationship with Him and remain obedient under all the changing conditions and circumstances we encounter. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Jesus had forewarned these very disciples. "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. . . . And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:16, 21, 22). Had they only listened they would have been better ready to cope with the crises then awaiting them. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (Zechariah 13:7). Compare, "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad" (Matthew 26:31).

Now give special attention to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Compare, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13-16); "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Timothy 2:8); "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9, 10); "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26); Jesus prayed for all of us: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17:20).

We should pray for all Christians and for lost sinners. Jesus said ". . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1); see also Matthew 5:44. Paul wrote and said we should pray for all men, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2); "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same" (Romans 13:1-3); "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (1 Peter 2:13-15).

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STORIES

for our youth

THE MISSING WHIPPED CREAM

Elizabeth Phillips

"THANK you for your help, Sally," said Mrs. Parker. "You have made my housework easy this morning."

"You're welcome," answered the girl. On days like this Sally liked helping Mother. She had felt almost grown-up using the noisy vacuum cleaner. She understood why Mother wanted the house nice and clean. Daddy's boss was coming for dinner tonight.

"Well now," said Mother, "I think we're all finished. There is only one job left that you can do very well." Mrs. Parker asked her daughter to cut some flowers and put them on the dining-room table.

"OK, Mom," said Sally. "Just let me get a drink of water first."

The girl opened the refrigerator door and reached for the pitcher of cold water. Then she stopped. There was a rather small bowl half-filled with something white and fluffy. Whipped cream! Soft, cool, delicious whipped cream! Whether her dessert was pie or ice cream or pudding or fruit, Sally liked it best with a generous helping of whipped cream piled on top.

She forgot all about being thirsty. Slowly she reached in and just barely touched the whipped cream with her finger. It tasted delicious.

I'll just have one little spoonful, she thought. For a moment it felt cool and sweet; then it just disappeared in her mouth. It was so good that she decided to have another spoonful. "I'd better not eat any more," she said. "We're supposed to have peaches and whipped cream for dessert tonight."

She closed the door and hurried outside to get the flowers. "H'm," said the girl, "I never did get my water." She smiled a little and decided to get it when she went back inside, but when Sally returned to the kitchen, she could think only of whipped cream! This time she had three spoonfuls!

During the afternoon she made several trips to the refrigerator. Each time she ate a little more of Mother's dessert. The last time she pushed the spoon down, it struck the bottom of the bowl. "Oh, no!" Sally's eyes widened. She was surprised to see it was almost gone! "Oh, no! What will Mother say?" Sally crawled up onto the kitchen stool. She was a little worried. "I have ruined our dinner," she said.

Just then Mrs. Parker came into the kitchen and looked at the clock. "I think it's time to start preparing the chicken," she said.

Sally jumped up and ran to the refrigerator. "I'll get it, Mother!" she offered. She was afraid her mother might notice that the whipped cream was missing from the refrigerator.

When Mrs. Parker was ready for the lettuce, her daughter hurried over again. "Let me get it," she said.

"Thank you. You are the best helper I've had in a long time," declared Mother.

Mother's praise made Sally feel ashamed. She knew that it was not true. She was just trying to keep Mother from finding out about the missing whipped cream.

As it got closer to supper time, Sally began to feel more anxious. It seemed as if a bird's wings were flapping inside her stomach Sally moaned. I think I'm getting sick, she thought to herself.

Mrs. Parker was busy preparing the rest of the meal. She hummed as s worked, but her daughter felt worse a worse. What am I going to do? I spoiled Mother's special dinner, and n I'm getting sick! Sally kept thinking.

The girl wished that dinner were ov She wished that it were tomorrow. S wished that she didn't even like whipp cream. Sally wished a hundred thin but her wishing didn't help. Her stoma still hurt terribly.

The worried girl thought a mome Maybe I can fix it so that Mother w never know! Mother had gone into t living room to talk to Daddy for a minu Sally took out the bowl of whipp cream. She quickly poured in a lit milk and stirred it around. It look thin and soupy. Before she could deci what to do next, there were footste behind her. It was Mother! Sally w caught!

Suddenly the words came tumbli out. She told Mother everything. was trying to fix it. But I guess I w wrong. I tried to hide my wrongdoin but you can't do that, can you, Mother

Mrs. Parker smiled. "No, dear. \ can't hide our wrongs. They alwa show up somehow; but I think now th you've told me about the missing wh ped cream, your stomach will be feeli better soon. I also think that there w be no dessert for you for a while."

Sally just nodded her head.

"Will you help me set the table?" as ed Mrs. Parker.

"Of course, Mother! We're going have a special dinner after all!"

—My Pleasu

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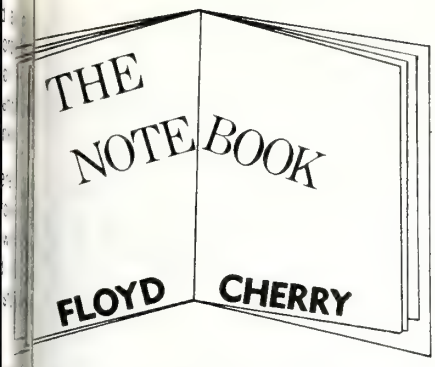
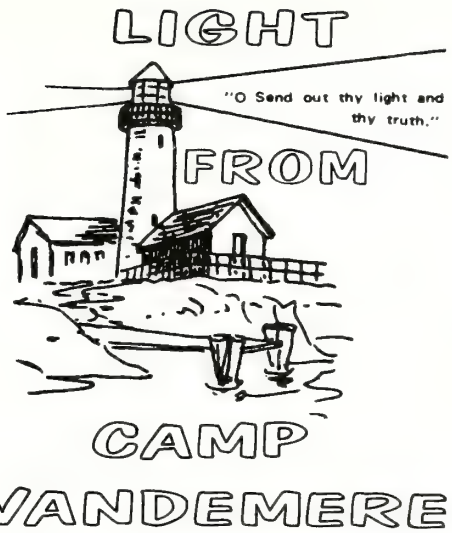


lady telephoned to ask why the rth Carolina State Sunday School Con- ion and the sing at the Eagles Nest ference Center had been planned for same day. After assuring her that officers of the State Convention had ing to do with setting the date for er of these meetings, and pointing that the date for the Sunday School vention is a permanent one from year ear, I began thinking about what the e Convention might do to avoid such licts in the future.

everal people suggested that the State vention might publish a calendar each with the time and place of all state- e meetings. This seems like a good , and I hope that next year we may ble to get such a calendar published. re is nothing to be gained by placing ne for a conflict. It is the kind of g that could happen anytime, and e are enough people in the state to e large crowds for more than one ting. However, we do feel that a ndar containing all our state-wide tings would be helpful.

nother idea that we have in mind we believe will make the State Con- ion more democratic is to ask the vention, while in session, to elect a inating committee to report the fol- ing year. This will relieve the presi- of the pressure of appointing this mittee. Also, it will give everyone a chance at the committee and the e people are not likely to be used and over. In other words, it will the authority where it belongs—in hands of the members of the Con- ion.

you have a suggestion that is rea- ble and one that can be carried out the improvement of our State Con- ion of churches, we would appre- e hearing from you. If you wish to te to me, my address is Daniels Chapel Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wil- North Carolina 27893.



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Yours in Christ's service,
Rev. Luther Swinson
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PRESENT TENSE

It's not what you'd do with a million,
If riches should e'er be your lot;
But what you are doing at present
With the dollar and a quarter you've got.

—Author Unknown.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 6

Christ Makes Men New

Lesson Text: John 1:9-13; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 3:1-17

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

I. INTRODUCTION

Medical statistics estimate that up to 25,000 Americans take their own lives every year. For every successful suicide, there are at least eight attempts. Thus we have at least 200,000 suicides or attempts at it each year on an average. To get some idea how many people these are, see how your city or county compares in population with this number. As for the writer's city, this number of suicides or attempts at it is seven times its population!

Who are these people? They are men, women, and young people who are walking down the dead-end path of the life without God. It is true that occasionally a person professing to be a Christian will attempt or succeed in suicide. But even if he is a Christian he is living outside of God's fellowship, perhaps because of some unconfessed and unforsaken sins in his life.

Christ is able to make such people new again. He wants to reach His hand of healing into our hearts and emotions and minds and bring the balm of healing and salvation to all.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Only Jesus can give true light to our lives.

B. The world is still Christ's own, and our task is to bring to the people of the world the saving grace of Jesus.

C. The simple act of accepting Jesus as Saviour generates the power or authority necessary to becoming a new person.

D. The life which counts for eternity has its source in the will of God.

E. Because of the saving grace of Jesus, the awfulness of living in trespasses and sins can be left behind.

F. God saved us not just to "sit" in heavenly places but to enter the heavenly patterns of good works. God's workmanship can accomplish this.

G. Good works are excluded from salvation because they are self-centered.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

What great obstacles the divine desire must overcome! We are, outside of Jesus Christ, dead men, chained by sin. Our situation is both hopeless and helpless. If this were all, the story would be ended. But thank God, He has not left it there, and His boundless love reaches us through the enlivening gospel of salvation. He calls us, but even then the work is not done, since we must respond to His call. It is all we can do, but it is enough. His efforts in our behalf must be met with our own faith and obedience, or else His desire is thwarted. Man's own freedom of will can become the obstacle that will block God's grace and render His saving efforts fruitless.

Redeemed man is God's masterpiece, His greatest of all contemporary works. Our old man was flesh and blood, stained and garbled by his sin; the new man is a spiritual being, re-created to produce in his life wholesome fruit to the glory of God. God first works upon us, in order that He may work within and through us.

A quick look about us will show countless people living unfulfilled, frustrated lives, yearning for what they can never have outside of Christ. Many of these people have been confronted by Jesus but have rejected the Saviour; and their lives continue to plummet toward the inevitable dead end.

Because our standards of value are topsy-turvy; because we do not always want what is ultimately best for us; because we so often center our lives about what we want without regard to God or other men, we continue in our self-willed ways, seldom giving priority to the crying needs of our souls.

We are not different from our fathers in this. Each generation faces similar choices based upon identical principles. But we do not learn history's lesson, we repeat our parents' mistakes and children duplicate ours.

—**Standard Lesson Comment**

Churches and Minister Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, w needed, for any church that is seekin pastor and for any minister who is seel a church to serve and would like to such notice. Please send the necessary formation to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces t he has resigned his pastorate at Smy Free Will Baptist Church and is availa for work during the next church y He would prefer half-time work, would consider a small full-time chu Any church wishing to contact him n do so at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Be North Carolina, telephone 637-9420.

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Questions & Answer

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There is no doubt but that if e Christian had been obedient to the ble's teaching regarding our civic dut as well as others made plain in the ble, that we should have a more c patible atmosphere for Christians to in and carry out God's orders. When have obeyed to the end, we have stud to show ourselves approved unto G workmen that rightly divide the w of God, pray without ceasing, and m tate on the law day and night. Pray one another and for all Christian w ers and all civil authorities. Put fo honest effort to get the unadultera gospel to every creature who has heard it and to some who have, as Bible admonishes us that we shall h no time for entertainment nor anyth else unrelated to this call that God g all Christians. We need not worry ab disobeying the Bible through vain re tition, for we shall have time for no We will be like Paul, happy in know that we have fought a good fight.

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Driving is a lot like baseball: It's number of times you get home saf that counts.

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ed by your new nature if you have Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that if anyone doesn't have the t of Christ living in him, he is not ristian at all.) . . . For all who are y the Spirit of God are sons of God" Romans 8:6, 7, 9, 14).

lucation can do much for man, but it ot change his evil nature—this ge can be produced only by the **new** , the re-creation of man by the Holy t.

e foundation of **Christian** education e **new birth,** and until the student rn again, all we can do is to tinker his life. Whether in the Sunday ol, elementary or high school, or col- , the greatest contribution any teach- an make to the life of a student is ead him to the source and meaning fe which are in Jesus Christ.

When someone becomes a Christian," te Paul, "he becomes a brand new on inside. He is not the same any- e. A new life has begun!" It is at point that Christian education can n.

ext week's issue of *The Free Will Bap-* will carry a continuation of Dr. Raper's le, under the title, "Christian Educa- as Spiritual Development."

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NEWS NOTES

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he visiting evangelist is the Rev. Joe am of Goldsboro, North Carolina. He eing assisted by the pastor of the y Springs church, the Rev. J. B. nes.

pecial singing is being featured ughout the week. The pastor and congregation welcome you for the ainder of these services.

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tral Conference S. S. to Meet Bethany Church, April 29

he Central Conference Sunday School vention will meet on April 29 at 3 . at the Bethany Free Will Baptist rch, Route 1, Winterville, North Caro- .

teve Little of the Gum Swamp Free Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, th Carolina, is president. He urges persons concerned to be in attend- e.

Dixie Melody Boys in Concert At Free Union Church, April 29

The Dixie Melody Boys

The Dixie Melody Boys will present a service of testimony and song at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, on the fifth Sunday night, April 29, at 7:30. The Rev. Robert Rollins is pastor of the church.

The public is invited to attend.

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Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference to Meet on April 28

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will meet at the Croatan Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 28. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotions, the Rev. Norman Malone
—Welcome, the Rev. Clifton Styron
—Response, the Rev. Tommy Evans
10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for the Children's Home
10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises
11:15—Business Session
11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements
11:45—Message, the Rev. Hillary Gaskins
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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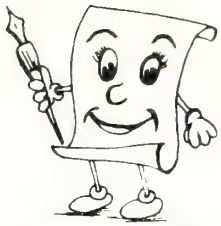

By Nina Grace Register

"Dreams show your loftiest desires or your greatest dreads."

Sometimes an isolated sentence from a conversation follows me around like the cloud hanging over the head of Al Capp's character, Joe Bfptlsk. Ever since I heard that one about dreams, it has haunted me. The more I think about it, the more I'm sure it's true.

People have always been interested in dreams, perhaps because we don't understand them. Remember the old superstition that telling a dream before breakfast will make it come true? So if it's a good one, you tell it; if not, you wait until later in the day. Another belief is that dreams mean the opposite thing—to dream of losing your money means you'll get some.

Ancient people put great faith in dreams and often sought help in having them explained. There were professional interpreters in the courts of the Pharoahs and the kings of Babylon. But only God could interpret dreams correctly. He used dreams many times to reveal His plans to people like Joseph, Solomon, Daniel, the Wise Men, Pilate's wife, and others.

Of course, since we've learned that we dream almost constantly while we're asleep, we don't think too much about the meaning of dreams. We remember two kinds: the things we enjoy doing or would like to do; and the opposite—things we hope will never happen.

Where did I hear the statement about dreams? One of my friends said that in the seven years he had been a Christian, he had just dreamed for the third time about the Lord's return to the earth. It was a wonderful experience.

The other then said, "I've heard that your dreams show your loftiest desires or your greatest dreads. And where that was a happy dream for you, how many people in this world, if they had that same dream, would wake up shaking with fright?"

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Western District Auxiliary Study Course

The auxiliaries of the western district were privileged to attend a study on the manual at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Nash County, North Carolina, on Tuesday night, April 10. This was in the form of a play entitled "The Garden of Prayer," which was compiled by Mrs. Rosalene Bass and presented by the members of the Mount Zion auxiliary.

The setting for the play was a garden beautifully decorated with blooming shrubs, flowers, and evergreens. In this garden was a cross and a picture of Christ which was representative of the Holy Spirit.

Upon entering the church, with lighted candles and soft music in the background, and viewing the beautiful garden, we were made aware of the presence of God.

In the play, the officers and chairmen who direct the activities of the auxiliary met the Holy Spirit in the garden and were charged to improve their work as leaders. Each character revealed to us, in words and songs, the responsibilities of the various offices.

The congregation was invited to come to the garden and kneel at the cross with the ladies of the Mount Zion auxiliary, while the Rev. John Swain sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." In the reverence of the moment, at the foot of the cross, our hearts were led in prayer by Mr. Swain.

This was a most impressive and unique way of presenting a study of the manual. Those who attended went away inspired to be better auxiliary workers in their churches and communities.

Many of the auxiliaries in the western district were represented. Those who were not present certainly missed a wonderful lesson on how to do the work of an auxiliary member more effectively.

Mrs. James Joyner,
Western District President
Miss Frances Boyette,
District Study Course Chairman

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Better to shove on the brake and be laughed at than to step on the gas and be cried over.

State Youth Fellowship Convention

The State Youth Fellowship Convention to be held April 28 at the Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, will feature music by the "One Way In Christ" Singers and the Brickhouse Sisters. In addition, there will be solos, duets, skits, the presentation of declamations and essays, and the Bible bowl quiz.

You are asked to bring a card with your name, sex, age, birthday, and address for your prayer friend. Don't miss the day! It will be informative, inspirational, and a time for real fellowship. Lunch for everyone will be served on the grounds. The price is just $1.

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"ONLY BELIEVE"

"What's all this talk about 'Only Believe'?"

"Why, don't you know? That's the theme for the North Carolina State Youth Convention!"

"It's that time again?"

"Yes, it's been a whole year, and the State Youth Convention is here again!"

"Well, why don't you tell us about it?"

"Okay, I will!"

On April 28 the State Youth Convention will meet at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 o'clock. A very interesting program has been planned by the State youth committee. Young people from the entire state are urged to come and join together on this day. A blessing is in store for each person who attends the convention.

Name tags have been designated for each district again this year. Each person should wear a tag. The colors for the district are as follows:

Albemarle—yellow
Eastern—red
Central—green
Piedmont—light blue
Cape Fear—purple
Pee Dee—royal blue

Ministers attending the conven
should see "Ma" Hansley for their w
name tags. This year all name t
should be made by the same design.
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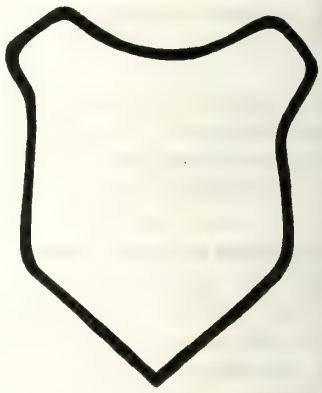

Lunch will be served on the grou
for those who attend. All young pe
are urged to be present. Come
bring a friend!

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I DIDN'T NOTICE SOMETHING.... WONDER IF YOU WOULD HAVE NOTICED IT?...

SOMETHING I HADN'T NOTICED

I should have noticed right off, but I didn't. Apparently, though, the other people who came in did for, though they spoke and nodded a greeting in my direction, there wasn't any loud, boisterous laughter or noisy conversations.

There was a calmness I'd never felt before under such circumstances or while in such a situation—a calmness I really didn't understand—for this certainly wasn't one of my favorite places or a place conducive to gentle, quiet feelings or tranquility.

Not long after I was seated, a receptionist appeared and smiled, greeted me warmly, but professionally, and left with me a form, which after completion, I was to return to her desk in an inner office. I completed the form, answering yes and no questions, and in a space provided wrote additional information pertinent to my being there. I finished filling out the form, took it to the desk, and again seated myself.

To my right was a plate glass panel with a view to the outside, through which I saw a rock garden containing a tree or two, shrubbery, a frog or fish-type fountain from which poured a continuous flow of water creating a permanent pool. The steady flow of the water could be heard, and the contrast of the soft greenery and the hard rocks made a beautiful setting—a setting which compelled my attention for a long while. This was one time I didn't pick up a magazine or two. It is customary for most people to thumb through several of these during the waiting period, but this day I didn't. I didn't feel the desire or need to do so.

A gentleman sat in a chair at the south wall some distance from me. I was seated on the north end of the davenport. A lady sat in a chair adjacent to me with her back to the glass panel through which I was watching the fountain, but not interfering with my view. From time to time she would smile as I turned from my gazing, but she didn't talk to me, nor I to her. This, too, was unusual.

Glancing about the room, I observed that it was tastefully decorated: lamps, carpet, chairs, davenport, wall color—everything matched. But, still I didn't notice *it*. Yet, I felt a peace that could have kept me there all day. . . .

"Mr. Manning?" My thoughts were interrupted and I was prompted to remember my appointment—and with whom—by the receptionist as she stuck her head out of the half opened door and motioned for me to come into the inner office. I followed her into a typical white-and-black examining room with the usual tilt-back chair and round observation light and instruments. Indicating that I should have a seat, she spoke again in her pleasant manner: "Mr. Manning, the doctor will be with you in a moment."

So I sat waiting, and soon indeed the doctor did appear. Pulling up a stool, he began to speak to me in regard to the form I had completed. His manner was congenial and very unhurried. I was there for a consultation, but I had expected him to hasten through, inasmuch as there were other patients waiting; but he seemed comfortable, and I *felt* comfortable, but didn't know what kind of news he'd give me concerning my reason for being there. Strange as it seemed, he, too, displayed the calm, tranquil spirit I had felt in the reception room.

After a question-and-answer period and a dental examination, I was allowed to leave. I wasn't ushered out hurriedly either; they didn't seem in any particular hurry to "get rid of me." This, too, seemed strange for a busy dentist's office. Some follow-up appointments were made for me by the kind-faced receptionist, and as I was about to depart, the doctor called to me: "Tommy, did you notice the picture on the wall in the reception room?"

"The picture?" I questioned, admitting that I didn't know to which one he was referring. (It occurred to me that I had noticed one or two, but not any particular one which would merit particular remembrance.)

"Yes, the picture of *Jesus* in there."

"A picture of Jesus?" I *hadn't* noticed and felt ashamed that I hadn't. "Where is it?" I questioned, hardly imagining that one in my line of work could possibly have missed seeing a visual representation of our Lord.

Both the doctor and the receptionist followed me into the reception room and pointed to it on the north wall. "I believe it came from your place," the doctor commented, indicating the Press where he knew I worked.

"Why, yes, it did," I affirmed, then added, "I'm so surprised to see a picture of Jesus here. I've never seen one in a doctor's office before."

Both he and the receptionist nodded. The doctor spoke again, "That's the same reaction we get from other people. They're very surprised to see it hanging there, and it causes a lot of remarks."

The receptionist continued, "Well, Christ is someone that all people know about, whether they want to or not."

"Or," I added, "they *should* know about Him—and in a *personal* way—if they don't already." She agreed.

By that time the other patients had voiced their opinions, how they, too, were surprised to find a representation of the Son of God in what was a nonreligious-type office, and how they were glad to see such a picture there.

To this day I don't know why I didn't notice the picture, for usually I am an observant person and hardly anything escapes my eyes. I would alibi my not noticing by virtue of the fact that I see representations of Jesus everyday in my work, and though it is no compliment in my direction, my eyes had become so accustomed to seeing such pictures that my mind had just blanked this particular one out until my attention was drawn to it.

The picture was not really important, and some of our number disdain any visual representation of our Lord in art or sculpture; yet, this editor cannot forget the calmness of that dentist's office; and, I feel confident that the Lord was there in Spirit. We cannot give the picture credit for this, for the Lord does not dwell in rocks and stones and oils and canvases; yet, He does dwell in the hearts of regenerated men. This picture merely reminded those who entered the office of this fact.

So, dear reader, whether or not you like pictures of Christ, I am certain that this particular one in Dr. M. W. Aldridge's office in Greenville, North Carolina, is significant. After all, there could have been some leud and sensuous work of art after the manner of some great master hanging on that wall. This editor, at least, is glad that *Christ* claimed a place there.

Needless to emphasize, I left feeling better than when I had entered. . . .

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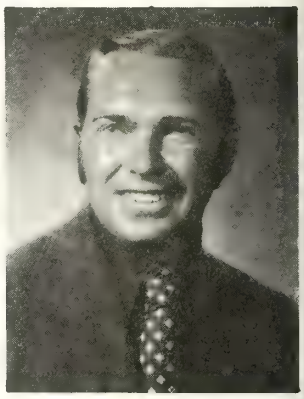

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Christian Education As Spiritual Development

HE word "education" comes from a Latin root which means to "lead o" or to develop; and it is an accepted fact that regardless of how capable the teacher, and no matter how adequate his instructional facilities, he cannot bring o of a student what is not in him. Education is the development of the nature and potential within the student.

From the context of the New Testament, the Christian is one who has been born of the Spirit, and for him Christian education is the development of his spiritual growth.

How, then, does Christian education facilitate spiritual development?

THROUGH TEACHING THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible is a book of the Spirit—it was inspired by the Spirit and its purpose is to feed the Spiritual nature of man.

"You know how, when you were a small child, you were taught the holy Scriptures; and it is these that make you wise to accept God's salvation by trusting in Christ Jesus. The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone" (2 Timothy 3:15-17—all quotations are from **The Living Bible).**

The Christian is one who has been born of the Holy Spirit, and as a book of the Spirit, the Bible provides nurture for his Spiritual growth as much as natural food nurtures his physical body.

I do not know a Spirit-filled person who does not believe the Bible to be the Word of God, nor do I know a Spirit-filled person who does not feed his soul on this Word.

In Christian education it is of the first importance that the Bible be taught not simply from historical and literary points of view, but as the living Word of God. Through faithfully studying the Holy Scriptures, the Christian grows in his love and knowledge of God and becomes better equipped for effective Christian service.

In his discussion of the warfare of Christian living, Paul listed the defensive armour for the Christian—breastplate, shield and helmet—but while a good defense is necessary in Christian living as well as in war, defense alone will not win the battle. Victory requires an offense, and Paul identified the "sword of the Spirit—which is the Word of God" (see Ephesians 6:17) as the major offensive weapon of the Christian.

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

The major task of every Christian is to share the good news of Jesus Christ through which others can experience a spiritual re-creation, and in this task the Scriptures are indispensable. Moreover, for the Christian himself, the Word of God is like bread——the staff of life—and those who neglect it sooner or later suffer from Spiritual malnutrition.

So in a Christian college the Bible should be taught with the views of helping students to find new life in Christ and to provide nourishment for their spiritual growth.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PRAYER

A second means of spiritual development is prayer.

If God is the source of life for the Christian, and if the very means whereby one becomes a Christian is his being spiritually re-created by God, then it naturally follows that the Christian life is sustained by a living relationship with God. The life line of this relationship is prayer.

The tragic truth, however, is that so few people, including those in the church, really know how to talk with God—to communicate with Him.

Martin Luther, one of the few men who truly altered the course of human history, declared: "If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer." Luther's motto was: "He that has prayed well has studied well."

A young lady who had been brought up in the church and who had been enrolled a full year at a Christian college, including taking two courses in religion, attended a conference on evangelism, and when she was asked what was the most important thing she learned at this conference, she replied "that I could talk with God anytime—anywhere." In college she had been taught how to use the English language for effective communication, and she had been taught the literature of the Bible and its historical background, but she had not learned the most important thing in the Christian life—how to communicate with God.

In emphasizing the importance of prayer, E. M. Bounds has written, "A school to teach preachers how to pray, as God counts praying, would be more beneficial to true piety, true worship, and true preaching than all theological schools" (**Preacher and Prayer,** Zondervan Publishing House, 1946, p. 21).

If individual Christians and the church at large live in Spiritual poverty it is because we either do not know how to pray or because we do not discipline ourselves in prayer. Our fury is aroused when we hear someone question the inspiration of the Scriptures, but how fully do we believe these words of Jesus: "Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open" (Matthew 7:7, 8). "I also tell you this —if two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, my Father in heaven will do it for you" (Matthew 18:19). "You can get anything—**anything** you ask for in prayer—if you believe" (Matthew 21:22). "But with

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:35

A Child's Understanding Gift

A large church needed a new building. They all agreed about that, but whenever they began to plan to build, the members got into all sorts of disagreements about how and what to build. The minister was at his wit's end, and appointed a day of prayer, to which very few members came. But one devout woman took her little five-year-old girl, as she had no one with whom to leave her. As they prayed, the child began to understand that it was about building a new church. When they went home, she asked many questions about it, and then she was very quiet. The next morning her mother missed her, and in a frenzy went to find her. It was not hard to follow her little foot tracks to the minister's house, and there in the front yard was little Mary with her wheelbarrow, a toy one, and in it were two bricks. She was talking to the minister, and the tears were running down his cheeks. She had brought the two bricks to start the new church. He told the story in the morning service on the following Sunday. God touched hearts, and multiplied Mary's two bricks into a beautiful new church building. —*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

In her simple little way the child accomplished what the older ones had discussed for years. This should prove to us that a child needs to be heard when he speaks.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture Reading—Acts 16:5

Scorn for His Sake

A missionary tells of a poor girl in Ceylon who had received a little patrimony as her marriage portion, because without her dowry she could not hope to be wedded. But when the Lord saved her soul, and the little native church wanted to build a chapel, she brought her entire fortune and handed it over to purchase the site for the chapel, and so she not only gave her all, but all the prospects of her future marriage and home, and went back to her life of lonely toil and the scorn of her people because of her love for Him who had given His life and all His earthly honors and comforts for her salvation.—*Alliance Weekly.*

Prayer Thought

A sincere Christian should possess a complete list of good attributes, including unselfishness. Would we be willing to give up great wealth to help God in His work? Most of us cannot truly say we give our share.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Scripture Reading—Psalm 139:12

The Lights of Home!

A fierce storm was sweeping the great lakes. A steam tug towing a barge began to flounder. The captain and his mates took to a small boat. All night long they tossed to and fro, every instant in jeopardy of their lives. In the morning they were rescued by a passing ship. The captain afterward testified that all the long night as they were beaten and tossed by the tempest there was one thing which nerved their arms and kept their hearts from sinking in despair. It was this——shining through the darkness and the storm they saw the lights of home.——James H. McConkey.

Prayer Thought

Seek the true Light and always let Him guide you home when you become lost. When the day is bright and gay, we tend to forget that He is there. Remember Him at all times!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Scripture Reading—Acts 24:14

What He Missed Most

At the breakfast table, each of the family, even the tiniest one, who was but four years old, repeated a verse from the Bible. Then, joining hands as they stood around the table, they repeated together the Lord's Prayer, closing with a few words of prayer by the father. A guest was much impressed by the scene. A few months later, he was in a university town where the oldest son of the family was attending college. The man talked of his pleasant visit with his family, and then asked, "Would you mind telling me what you miss most, now that you are away from home?" Just for a minute the boy hesitated. It is not easy for a boy to speak his deepest thought. But, after a little, he looked up directly into the eyes of his questioner, and answered: "I miss most the handclasp at the breakfast table. If I could feel the close clasp of my father's hand, and repeat with them all the Lord's Prayer, it would begin the day right, and nothing would matter then." He halted a moment, then went on, his tones a bit husky. "The remembrance of those breakfast scenes at home stand between me and more than one temptation. It's what keeps me going straight."—*King's Business.*

Prayer Thought

The child who has a happy home life is most fortunate. He has the background for a Christian life and at most times will wander from it.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Scripture Reading—Mark 1:15

The Jockey's Discovery

A retired jockey, whom a mission wo was eager to win to Christ, appeared mission service on Palm Sunday. The son that evening was that of Jesus ente Jerusalem. After the service the jo commented on the story. "What a jo He would have made! I know what was riding. It was a Syrian colt. I h drove of those beasts to break once. J sat on one that nobody had ever ridden fore. And all those youngsters were ning in front and waving palms. Yet J was holding him as meek as anything." jockey paused a moment, and then said say, if He could do that with a bit of h flesh, I reckon He could do something me."—*The Dawn.*

Prayer Thought

Our world contains different kind people and all types of wrongdoings. has proven in times past that He has power to lead all these people to salva if they ask for it.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:22

A Sweet Contagion

"Everybody smiled at me. They were nice people we met out walking," deli edly retorted the tot who had just retu from the park.

"Bless the child, it was her own s little smile, ready for everybody, that n them all smile back," laughed the maid had been along.

If you give goodwill, you will rec goodwill in return. Most people will spond to your good opinion of them thinking well of you. And not the l pleasant thought will come with the kn edge that your smile is helping others, q as much as their smiles help you.—*Comrade.*

Prayer Thought

A friendly smile from someone new cheer the heart of the most depressed. may take effort but it could brighten day for another who is more troubled you.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 2:

"Where Else Could I Go?"

"My little boy gave me a great awa ing," said an intelligent and spiritu minded mother. "Jimmy is getting to age when he often wants to try his way instead of mine. Then he gene meets with a difficulty that hurts his f ings, and he comes at once to me to h things smoothed out. The other da caught him up pretty sharply and as him why he came to me when he got disobeying me. With big eyes filling

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ROUDLY SHE WAVES

had been nearly a year since "old y" had flown. On Saturday, April she was raised for a special occasion, Sunday School Convention. As she tered in the early morning breeze, we ught how quickly we forget our heri- e, our God-given heritage. Our heri- e as a country is as great a miracle God as that of the Jews and may we er forget it. "Proudly she waves" proudly we honor her, and humbly thank God for the freedom she signi- . We plan to continue raising our each day to remind us of what God ns to our nation.

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FOUNDER'S DAY: MAY 19

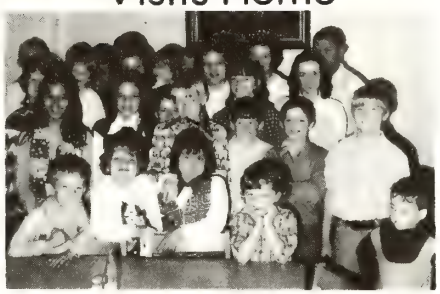
he Children's Home will celebrate its y-third anniversary at Founder's Day May 19, 1973. Some may ask, just at is Founder's Day? It is a day set de in memory of our forefathers who a vision and saw that vision fulfilled May of 1920 when the first children re placed into our Home. Their faith s strong and their works were equal to the task. And the generations that followed for our Home are still, 53 years later, providing a Christian Home for unfortunate, helpless boys and girls. Let us now pause to say, "Thank you, heavenly Father, for sending faithful workers into the fields to witness your love to your little ones."

The Founder's Day services will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Chapel. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. At noon, lunch will be served on the campus by the Home. In the afternoon, entertainment will be provided through outdoor games and gospel singing by various Christian groups. The facilities of the Home will be open all afternoon for those who wish to tour the area and see what life is like at the Home.

About two weeks ago a letter was written to all church pastors reminding them that May has been designated as "Children's Home Month" within our denomination by our State Convention. Each church is requested to take up a special love offering for the Home on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. This offering will be in honor of our mothers and the vital role they have filled in providing a Christian Home for children. During the Founder's Day services on Saturday after Mother's Day, there will be a place on the program for the church pastor or a representative to present your Mother's Day love offering to the Home. If your church is unable to be represented on Founder's Day, then please mail in your offering in time to arrive by May 19.

The staff and children at the Home are eagerly awaiting the coming of this Founder's Day, not just for the occasion, but because it will be an opportunity for us to be with you. Don't disappoint us; let us know that you care for us by your presence in Memorial Chapel on May 19.

Sound View Group Visits Home



A group of friends from Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 24 between Morehead City and Swansboro, North Carolina, visited with the Home for about two hours on Saturday, April 7. Before they departed, they presented a $50 contribution to the Home from their woman's auxiliary.

The Rev. Jerry Rowe is the pastor of the Sound View church.

We welcome visits by groups from all our churches at any time. Our staff and facilities are at your service, so please come to visit us soon.

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SPRING

by Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd

Spring is a time of newness,
A time when earth's beauty is shown;
Spring is a time of rejoicing,
When our hearts are made light with a song.

We sing of the day that is dawning;
We sing of the lilies that bloom;
God gave us this time to be happy,
As each hums his own joyful tune.

God's trees are miraculously budding,
The grass is beautifully green;
Our eyes behold with amazement,
The earth's beauty, everywhere, to be seen.

Our flowers are breathtakingly pretty,
As they sway in the winds sweeping by;
It's as if they are lifting their faces,
To say "hello" to the clouds in the sky.

Ofttimes, I marvel and wonder,
How all this was given to me;
But then I know, God alone is responsible,
For our world, so beautiful and free.

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Consolation should not be a one-way street, and ministers have troubled times, too. Does yours perhaps need your especial understanding just now?

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Gospel Sing Featuring the Dixie Melody Boys to Be at Saints Delight

The Dixie Melody Boys will be featured in a gospel sing on May 4, 8 p.m., at the Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern, North Carolina. No admission will be charged; an offering will be taken.

You are invited to come to hear the gospel message in song.

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AFC's of King's Cross Roads Visit Mount Olive College in Late March

The AFC's of the King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church visited Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 31. This was the suggested activity for the AFC for March. The group was met at the College by the pastor of King's Cross Roads church, the Rev. John Williams.

The Rev. Frank Harrison, director of denominational services, led the group on a tour of the Henderson Building, where administrative offices are located and classes are held, and the Moye Library. At the library, the AFC's presented a book, entitled **Paul**, in honor of their pastor. There too the group visited the conference room where the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection is housed.

The group then saw the dormitories and the site of the future chapel. Included in the group were Miss Elsa Dunn (AFC advisor), the Rev. John Williams (pastor), Mrs. Jane C. Tripp, Mrs. Rosa Dunn, Sherry Dunn, David Price, Darlene Dunn, Lori Little, Junior Eastwood, Mike Dunn, Elaine Tyson, Lonnie Jones, and Jo Ann Eastwood.

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Saratoga Church Revival in Progress, Brinson Speaking

A revival is in progress at the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church which will continue through May 4. Evangelist Davie Brinson is bringing the messages. Services begin nightly at 7:30.

You are invited to come to enjoy special singing, gospel preaching, and Christian fellowship. A nursery is provided for small children.

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Annual Homecoming Slated at Core Creek FWB Church on May 6

The annual homecoming of the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday, May 6. It will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school, to be followed at the 11 o'clock hour with morning worship. Following the church service, a picnic lunch will be served on the grounds.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Mount Olive College Day Service To Be Held at Johnston Union

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, May 6. The Rev. Eddie Edwards is the pastor of the church.

Mr. Harrison will be present for the Sunday school hour to teach a class of juniors and seniors.

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Young World Singers to Present Program at Yelverton Grove Church

The Young World Singers of Vanceboro, North Carolina, will present a program of spiritual songs and testimony on May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. The chu is located about two miles east of Smi field on Route 3.

No admission will be charged; an fering will be taken.

The public is cordially invited to tend the service.

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Cape Fear Youth Fellowship to Meet at Wooten's Chapel Church

The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship meet at the Wooten's Chapel Free Baptist Church near Raleigh, North Ca lina, on Saturday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m

All youth in the Cape Fear district urged to be present.

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LOST AND FOUND

A pair of green-tinted contact len in their case were found recently at New Bern Bible and Bookstore, 213 N dle Street, New Bern, North Caroli They may be claimed by contacting bookstore.

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Do your parents know how much appreciate their love and understand through the years? Tell them now— again and again.

Coming Events . . .

May 5—Cape Fear Youth Fellows Wooten's Chapel Free Will Bap Church near Raleigh, North Carol 7:30 p.m.

May 10—North Carolina State Woma Auxiliary Convention, Oriental F Will Baptist Church, Oriental, No Carolina, 10 a.m.

May 19—Founder's Day celebration at Children's Home, Middlesex, No Carolina, 10:30 a.m.

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, Mo Olive College, Mount Olive, No Carolina.

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the No Carolina Ministerial Association, C mont Assembly, Black Mountain, No Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs F Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, No Carolina, 5 p.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of F Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Baptist Church near Newport, No Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

AVE YOU DONE LL YOU CAN OR MISSIONS?

by the Rev. Melvin Moore
astor, Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church

hat is the greatest thing that has happened to me? God spoke to me ugh His Word and showed me that as lost in sin. He also showed me He loved me and that His Son gave life on Calvary that I might have and have it more abundantly. I cried the mercy of God and He saved my . How I praise Him for my salva- I realize that it cost so much. st suffered and died in my place. Oh, love is so wonderful!

ow can I repay Christ for what He done for me? This is something I will never be able to do. God s all people—yes, even sinners. There need in the lives of God's people. d ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8). Yes, we are to tell others ut what Christ has done for us. What eat joy it is to lead another person he Lord! Salvation is so wonderful all should experience it. Let us tell ple about Christ and how He died for sins of the people.

he church should be mission-minded. is to tell the world about the love God and that all can be saved if they call on the name of Jesus and turn n their sins.

lmost two years ago our church be- to see a greater need for missions. resented to our church the burden was on my heart—the need to ead the gospel of the Lord to others. were sending some money to mis- s, but many times we were ashamed he report from our church. We voted continue sending our regular budget missions and also take an offering on dnesday night at prayer meeting ch was to go to missions. We also eive a great blessing when our mis- aries come and tell of the blessings y share on the mission field. It has n said that you can tell the power of a church by the attendance at prayer meeting and the concern these members have for missions. This is certainly true. If God's people are not concerned enough to come and pray for the church and for the lost souls, then who are? There are so many church members who have no desire and concern for lost souls. This is why God sent His Son to earth. He was mission-minded, and we should follow His example and win souls.

Has it been worth the prayers and the offerings? The first Sunday after we took an offering, five precious souls came to know the Lord as their personal Saviour. Souls have continued to be saved. Many are still in need of the Saviour, but the Lord has blessed us so much. We have taken in 39 new members. Twenty-five of these were by baptism. Some of the others were saved during this time, but were members of other churches and were already baptized. Our attendance has shown a great increase. Our prayer meetings now averages 75, and we have had as high as 95 on Wednesday night. Could this have been the result of our concern for missions?

The couples' class now underwrites Brother Dela Rosa, who is working with Brother Harold Jones. Pray for him that he may be a blessing to his people and win many for the Lord.

Is there not a need for missions today? We read in Luke 10:2, ". . . The harvest truly is great, but labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into His harvest." See Romans 10: 13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

If God's people are not concerned over the lost, who are? Maybe we cannot go to the fields beyond our home, but we can become a witness of Him here. How many of us will hear someone say that it was **you** who invited me to church? How many of us will have a part in winning those in the regions beyond because of our giving and praying for the lost? "And ye shall be witnesses unto me" (see Acts 1:8).

I thank God for the opportunity I have to work with the good people at Powhatan and for the interest they have in the cause of Christ.

In Memory of Mrs. Pheddie Garris Worthington

On March 15, 1973, about 3 a.m. after an extended illness of approximately five years, Mrs. Pheddie Garris Worthington was relieved of her suffering. Grandmother, as she was known to me, was born to Asa and Annie Eliza Garris on March 16, 1883. She was one of a family of twelve and the last of them to leave this life. She lived all of her life in the Littlefield and Ayden communities and was a lifetime member of the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Grandmother was kind, patient, and considerate to other people. One of the things I remember most about her was her ability to look for and to find the better qualities in people. When she knew of someone who had "gone astray," rather than condemn the person she sought to uplift him. I do not recall ever hearing her say an unkind word about anyone. Grandmother was devoted to her home, family, and church. As long as she was physically able, she supported the church, its Sunday school, and auxiliary in every respect. She spent many hours collecting materials of interest to her concerning Elm Grove church and the Free Will Baptist denomination in general. Many of these materials have been donated to the historical collection at Mount Olive College in her honor. In her younger years, she helped to lead her church and its members into more benevolent work, encouraging its members to be more mindful of their relationship to God and of their duty to help others. Grandmother was one of those "behind-the-scenes" women who did what she could within her home, her church, and her community to further the kingdom of God on earth.

Respectfully and lovingly submitted,
Mrs. Linda W. Futch

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Are you a better person than you were yesterday? Have you asked God's help?

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Librarian Appeals for Historical Material

Dwight Hawley of Wilson (left) and Carlton Lucas of Kinston (center), both Mount Olive College students from North Carolina, are being instructed on the scope and use of items within the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection by Mount Olive College librarian Gary Barefoot (right). Barefoot has made an appeal for donations of material to enhance the already outstanding collection.

Mount Olive College librarian Gary Barefoot has made an appeal to all Free Will Baptists for books, minutes, photographs, church records, and assorted items of historical nature regarding the Free Will Baptist Church.

The College's Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, for which these items would be used, is the only one of its kind in existence.

"We are asking for donations of **any** material," he said. "It is often hard for a church or individual to realize how valuable a seemingly insignificant item might be to the historical collection.

"Therefore, I can only say 'Don't throw out anything.' It is likely that it will indeed be of historical value.

"In addition," he said, "this collection relates to the entire history of all Free Will Baptist churches and not merely those of the North Carolina Convention. For this reason, we urge all churches and individuals associated with the Free Will Baptist denomination to contact us if they have materials which belong in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection."

Gary Barefoot reproduces a copy of *The Free Will Baptist* on a microfilm machine given to the library by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. The machine is being used to copy documents of historical significance to be included in the historical collection.

Barefoot also announced that the State Convention has given the library a microfilm reproducing machine. With this apparatus and the microfilm readers which are also available to the College, it is possible to make photographic copies of documents on the tiny film.

"This will not damage the original in any way," Barefoot said, "and will serve two purposes. First, it allows a separate copy of the material to be made. In the event that the original copy is destroyed, which has happened too many times, the copy can be preserved.

"Secondly, this allows the collection to possess records in the event that the owners of the originals are unwilling to present them to us.

"Of course, we prefer the originals," he added.

The Free Will Baptist Historical C lection is preserved and maintained the historical room of Moye Library the Mount Olive College campus. Ma of the more rare and valuable mar scripts are housed in locked bookcas but they may be examined for any legi mate purpose by anyone with the help the librarian.

Below is a list of minutes which a particularly needed. Anyone havi knowledge of these or any other items historical interest concerning the Fr Will Baptist Church or any church with the denomination is requested to conta Gary Barefoot, Librarian, Mount Oli College, Mount Olive, North Caroli 28365 or telephone (919) 658-2502.

WANT LIST—MINUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST BODIE

Albemarle Conference
Need 1960

Blue Ridge Association
Need 1959 to date

Cape Fear Conference
Need 1855-1883
1886-1889
1895
1913-1917
1919-1920
1922-1926
1931
1934

Central Conference
Need 1915
1923
1932

Eastern Conference
Need 1896
1897
1903
1913
1916
1927

French Broad Association
Need any prior to 1945
1946
1948
1949
1954
1955
1960 to date

General Conference
Need any prior to 1873
1875-1877

Jack's Creek Association
Need any prior to 1942
1943-1950
1952-1956
1958 to date

Pee Dee Association
Need any prior to 1932
1935
1939
1958

Piedmont Association
Need 1946
1952
1958
1960 to date

Rockfish Conference
Need any prior to 1925
1927-1940
1942
1949
1960
1961
1963 to date

Saint Annah Conference
Need any prior to 1955
1958 to date

Toe River Conference
Need any prior to 1941
1943-1950
1952
1954
1958
1960 to date

Union Conference
Need 1892-1893
1896-1897
1899
1902-1905
1909
1911
1912

Western Conference
Need 1888
1889
1891
1894
1896-1898
1900-1909
1911-1920
1922
1923
1928
1929
1937
1960 if printed
1961 if printed

Western Yearly Meeting
(sometimes referred to as Western Association)
Need any prior to 1937
1939
1941-1943
1947 to date

Yadkin Valley Association
Need any prior to 1956
1958 to date

Piedmont Conference
Need 1963

State Bodies

State Convention
Need 1913-1915
1917
1926

State Sunday School Convention
Need 1957
1959
1961
1963

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Need any prior to 1933

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SINGERS ON TV

The Mount Olive Singers will make their final appearance on television for the 1972-73 academic year on Friday, May 4, when they appear on the "Peggy Mann Show" over WTVD-TV, Durham, North Carolina, Channel 11, between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. The Singers will be presenting a program entitled "Good Old Gospel Music: Then and Now."

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FWB YOUTH PLAN TO ENTER MOUNT OLIVE

The Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, Miss Pamela Hardison, has announced that 23 Free Will Baptist young people have been accepted as new students for the fall semester and have declared their intentions of attending.

In making the announcement, Miss Hardison emphasized the unique educational advantages offered by Mount Olive, including individualized instruction, nonfailing grading system, and a complete program of financial aid.

Free Will Baptist students attending Mount Olive may qualify for a special church-college scholarship which may cover up to $500 of the tuition a student must pay each academic year. This is supplemented by other forms of aid so that the College is able to supply 100% of what a qualified student **needs** to attend college.

"I hope that other college-bound Free Will Baptist students will examine the opportunities for growth academically, spiritually, and socially available at Mount Olive College," Miss Hardison said. "We offer a truly exceptional academic program in a Christian atmosphere."

The recent Free Will Baptist confirmations for the Class of '75 include the following:

Brenda Faye Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Kennedy of Deep Run, and a member of Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church.

Jacqueline Shirley Green, daughter of Mrs. Pheby Green of New Bern, and a member of Pilgrim Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Charles Wesley Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie K. Brown of Smithfield, and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield.

James Owen Lewis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Lewis Sr. of Rocky Mount, and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount.

Malcolm Norman McRainey III, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McRainey Jr. of Black Creek.

Dorothy Jean Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Eston Barnes of Black Creek, and a member of Daniels Free Will Baptist Church.

Donnie Ray Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rodgers of Saratoga, and a member of Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church.

Larry Joseph Crumpler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Crumpler Sr. of Pikeville, and a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Aileen Thelia Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore of Creswell, and a member of Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church.

Nancy Lou Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Parker of Farmville, and a member of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church.

Mary Kathryn Poorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Respass of Pinetown, and a member of Five Points Free Will Baptist Church.

Kathy Jo Brickhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brickhouse of Columbia, and a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Mary Ellen Brickhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elesboro Brickhouse of Columbia, and a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Janet Sharlene Creech, daughter of Mr. Melvin R. Creech of Goldsboro, and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro.

Anne Carol Wiggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Wiggs of Kinston, and a member of LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church.

Debra Ann Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Taylor of Kinston, and

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OBITUARIES

THE REV. LONNIE ELBERT CAYTON

The Rev. Lonnie Elbert Cayton

On Sunday, February 11, 1973, Lonnie Elbert Cayton, lost his long and courageous battle against the ravages of disease and was called to that eternal rest that God has prepared for all good and faithful servants. The son of Alvah and Celia Cayton, he was born September 6, 1921, in Beaufort County and was a native of New Bern, North Carolina, where he spent his childhood and attended the New Bern schools. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1939 and served in both the Atlantic and Pacific war theaters during World War II.

It was following his service in the armed forces that Lonnie dedicated his life to the Lord. His deep conviction and steadfast faith led him to seek greater avenues of service. Subsequently he was called into the ministry and in 1961 became an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Since then he served as pastor of Community Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Buies Creek, North Carolina, and Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina.

A graduate of Campbell College, he also attended North Carolina State and Wake Forest Universities. In recent years and until shortly before his death, Lonnie was employed at Campbell College, where his administrative ability led to his advancement to the position of director of utilities.

While at Campbell College, he became interested in Freemasonry, and realizing the close and kindred ties between Christianity and Masonry, Lonnie became a member of Palmyra Masonic Lodge in Dunn. In fulfillment of his desire to pursue actively his convictions concerning Masonry and religion, he served as chaplain of his Lodge until the time of his illness. He was a student of both masonic philosophy and Christian theology and from the vantage point as both minister and Mason he was endowed with a unique insight into the intricate relationship between masonic teachings and the doctrines of Christianity. It was in this dual role that he understood with penetrating clarity that Freemasonry is not a religion, but rather is the "handmaiden of religion." With wisdom and vision, he became a strong advocate of building a good relationship between Masonry and the church, believing that both are ordained of God for His glory and the betterment of mankind.

His masonic affiliation included membership in the Scottish Rite Consistory at Wilmington and Sudan Shrine Temple, New Bern. He was a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern and prior to his death, he and his wife Geneva had returned to New Bern to live.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons: Lonnie Michael, Carl Galen, and Ellis Gene; his mother, Celia Cayton of New Bern; and three brothers: Alvah C., Elwood, and Clifton, all of New Bern. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. Herman Hershey at Mitchell Funeral Chapel in Raleigh, North Carolina. Masonic graveside services were conducted with interment in Raleigh National Cemetery by Palmyra Masonic Lodge.

The life that our brother lived was a testimony of his faith and conviction. To know him was to love and admire him for his many splendid qualities and virtues. Honesty and sincerity were among his fine attributes. His life and ministry were distinguished by loyal service, devotion to duty, adherence to noble principles, and his unswerving determination to achieve those goals in life that he held worthy of pursuit.

May those of us who knew him be inspired to emulate his many fine qualities, and may those whom he loved be consoled in the knowledge that Lonnie Elbert Cayton has gone to answer a higher calling and to enjoy that rest which God has prepared for all good and faithful servants, in that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

—L. R. Thomas Jr.
New Bern, North Carolina

DAVID E. CRADDOCK

David E. Craddock

It is with sadness in my heart that write these words of the loss of Broth Craddock.

He was born June 8, 1916. He w married to Daisy Stotesbury on Decemb 12, 1941.

He passed on to receive his reward c April 4, 1973. He was a faithful mer ber of Union Chapel church near Pl mouth, North Carolina, for 38 year chairman of the Deacon Board for 2 years, and chairman of the building cor mittee.

His life's dream was to see the ne church completed and dedicated. W thank the Lord that he lived to see th dream come true. The last day he liv he worked on the churchyard, trying get it completed.

Brother David's funeral was conduct at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Chur by his pastor, the Rev. R. L. Norville, a by the Rev. Charlie Overton. His bo was laid to rest in Hillside Memor Gardens.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Dai Craddock; two daughters, Mrs. Carol Roberson and Mrs. Lois Askew; one so Lewis Edward Craddock; and two gran children.

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Have you made sure that your ch dren's friends feel welcome in yo home?

Annual Ministerial Association Meeting

JUNE 18-22

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Theme: "Watch Ye"

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please explain the Scripture, "nd Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, phesied of these, saying, Behold, the d cometh with ten thousands of his nts, To execute judgment upon all, and convince all that are ungodly among m of all their ungodly deeds which y have ungodly committed, and of all ir hard speeches which ungodly sinrs have spoken against him" (Jude 14, 1. By what authority could Jude say t Enoch made this prophecy when re seems to be no such teaching in Old Testament?

Answer: What Jude had heard on this ject by his half brother, our blessed d, no one is able to say. He could e heard something of this kind from own lips, perhaps being taught by as an elder brother in the absence of deceased father. There seems to be ner clear tradition that indicates Jesus d Joseph's place in the carpenter p and in the home after Joseph died. s, of course, is only tradition, but is at would have ordinarily taken place such a home as Mary's if her husband e no longer living. And even though have no exact information in the e on this subject, Joseph is last pre-ted to biblical readers when Jesus twelve years of age—that is, he apers no later in the story as we have it he New Testament. Jesus is at that e in the temple at Jerusalem, where is found by Mary and Joseph after e days' absence from them as they neyed from Jerusalem to Nazareth. e it was that He asked and answered stions of the officers of the temple, stions that astounded them. See e 2:41-52.

he real answer to this question, how-r, is that Jude, the human author of epistle was, like all of those used he Holy Spirit to write the books of Bible, inspired of God. This means we are to accept the following: "All pture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16); "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:19-21). The human authors of these verses—as of all Scripture—were so controlled by the Holy Spirit that they wrote that which men lacking this endowment could not have written.

We are told in the Old Testament, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). Commentaries speak of Enoch as the one man of that evil generation who was sufficiently obedient to God that He paid special attention to him, finally taking him from among such sinful, polluted people to be eternally in His hallowed presence.

In the Book of Hebrews Enoch is set forth as an example among men of faith and is contrasted with Cain. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5). So who knows just what words of prophecy God may have spoken through Enoch's mouth in warning the men of his day of the pending judgment, soon to come to that doomed generation in the form of a universal flood?

Thus, with this prophetic warning in Jude 14, 15, a further word is given that would serve the people of our day. Since God did not see fit to include it in earlier inspired writing, He included it here for our benefit as for those who shall live up to the final judgment when this earth is destroyed. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:10-12).

Here is part of what Dr. L. T. Talbot says in answering a similar question on Pages 20, 21 in his book **Bible Questions Explained:**

"It is suggestive, to say the least, that Enoch, who 'was translated that he should not see death' (see Hebrews 11: 5), thus became a beautiful type of the saints who will be living on earth when the church is translated. It is interesting to know that he preached the second coming of Christ with His saints, to judge sin and 'to execute judgment' upon the ungodly. 'Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world' (Acts 15:16). And 'the seventh from Adam,' even Enoch, was God's mouthpiece many centuries ago, to warn men to 'flee from the wrath to come.'"

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Written on Hearing Some Gossip

A Sonnet

by Celia Hales

Be not an idler in the streets of town;
Keep on your duties—be whate'er they may.
If gossip vile, untrue, try pull ye down,
Hold self erect and care not what men say.
To those who speak with tongue so loose I say,
"Your sinful words will come unto **your** head
In time—of this be sure, try what ye may—
For 'tis the path of charge untrue. If led
Astray by wicked men to use such speech
Ye be, reverse your course, think well of all
And see how good this be. How far canst reach
The purest thought that dost lead none to fall!"
In time vile words, like poisoned darts, canst kill—
But blest be he who opts to speak no ill!

STORIES

for our youth

EVERYONE WILL LAUGH

by Dorothy D. Warner

LINDA looked out the window and saw her twin brother, Tom, putting their dog Prince through his paces. Tomorrow was the vacation-time pet show given each year at the recreation center.

I don't care if Tom does enter Prince in the show, she told herself. After all, Prince is really more Tom's dog than mine. He's always doing something with him. Then she felt sorry for herself. It isn't fair for Mother and Daddy to expect us to share the same dog just because we're twins. Why shouldn't they make Tom let me enter Prince? Deep within her, Linda felt the sting of jealousy.

There was a sudden stirring above her head, and Linda glanced up quickly at the little red cage where her sparrow, Tweetie, had awakened from his nap.

Linda smiled, remembering how she had found the baby sparrow almost drowned under the spirea bush last spring. She had fed him bread crumbs in warm milk until he was old enough to eat birdseed. She had patiently tossed him into the air again and again so that he might learn to fly. Her family had suggested that she enter Tweetie in the pet show, but she had declared that everyone would laugh at her.

Now she opened the cage door and let the tiny brown bird fly out. He perched on her shoulder and fluttered at her lips as if to kiss her.

Linda's heart melted. "Oh!" she exclaimed. "I love you, but you are so dingy-looking and little."

She was late getting up the next day, the morning of the pet show. She didn't want to watch Tom getting ready to win a blue ribbon or something.

The doorbell rang as she finished her breakfast. Linda wondered who it could be this early? It surely wasn't any of her girlfriends. They were all busy getting their pets ready for the show. Hazel had a poodle. Bette was going to enter her cat.

When Linda went to the door, she was surprised to see Mrs. Minard, her Sunday school teacher, with a girl Linda's age standing beside her. Linda looked at the girl more closely. She was an American Indian! In her hand, she held a small basket.

"Good morning, Linda," said Mrs. Minard. "This is my guest for the weekend, Ruthie Runningdeer. She wanted to meet some girls of your age, and I thought of you. Is it all right if she visits with you for a few hours?"

"Hi, Ruthie," Linda said to Ruthie. "Of course she can visit! I was planning to be home."

"Oh," said Mrs. Minard, "you're not going to the pet show then? Ruthie was so looking forward to seeing a show like this."

"I—I don't think I'll go," Linda stammered. Then she glanced at Ruthie and saw the look of disappointment on her face.

"Whatever you want," Mrs. Minard said. "I've got to run along. I'll pick you up at noon, Ruthie."

Linda let Ruthie in and asked whether she would like to see Linda's room. Ruthie said yes, so the two girls went upstairs. As they came down the stairs, Tweetie flew from a corner of the staircase and lit on Linda's shoulder and tried to kiss her as before.

"Oh!" exclaimed Linda. "This is my pet bird, Tweetie. I forgot to put him back into his cage." Linda opened the birdcage and deposited Tweetie inside.

"Aren't you going to enter the bird the show?" asked Ruthie. "It's so lo ly." She opened the cover on the nic basket she still carried. "I co enter Kickapoo, my turtle."

Linda laughed. "Kickapoo! Your tle?" Then she clasped her hand o her mouth. "Oh, I'm sorry! I dic mean to laugh."

"Oh, that's all right," said Ruth "Our cultures are somewhat differe We enjoy nature in all its forms. I th turtles are wonderful. It isn't often t you find one on the reservation. I very fortunate. I want to show him everybody—I love him."

Linda stared in disbelief. Why, was actually proud of a brown box tle! Suddenly she felt guilty. Mot had tried to make her understand tha a person truly loves someone or so thing, he is proud of it. "Love ne fails," she had said, and Linda had fa in her love for Tweetie. Suddenly knew why. It was because she was v She wanted to show off something v fine so that it would make other pe jealous.

Linda looked at Kickapoo again. turtle had very interesting markings resembled a brown checkerboard. is very nice when you look at him closely," she heard herself saying. changed my mind. I'll take you to pet show so that you can enter Kicka and I'm going to enter Tweetie, too."

A wide smile spread over Ruthie's f Her happiness made Linda happy.

—My Pleas

Churches and Minister Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, wh needed, for any church that is seeking pastor and for any minister who is seek a church to serve and would like to g such notice. Please send the necessary formation to the editor of "The Free W Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces t he has resigned his pastorate at Smy Free Will Baptist Church and is availa for work during the next church ye He would prefer half-time work, would consider a small full-time chur Any church wishing to contact him m do so at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Be North Carolina, telephone 637-9420.

lorth Carolina WB Sunday School onvention

From all over the state they came: m the Albemarle to the Pee Dee—the ung in heart and the young in age— were there.

Ministers, laymen, boys, girls, to one all, I want to express my appreciaon for your presence at the thirty-third nual session of the North Carolina Free ll Baptist Sunday School Convention. u made our fondest dream come true believe to the glory of God—and I nk to the personal blessing of each e in attendance.

We would like to thank Mr. Sammy eks, superintendent, and all those of Children's Home, staff, and family their entertainment of the convenn. A more efficient and congenial t we have never had. With the new pet on the chapel floor, the accomdations made available for the conience of the convention and the comt of each one—in all of these, the ldren's Home did itself proud. Oh, , and the meal: It was delicious, done a free will offering. You, the contion, responded in a very commende way.

We stated before the convention that rogram was being prepared with the pose in mind to inform, to inspire, to entertain you! Don't you think t the program that was presented did t that? To each one that had a part the program, we want to express our rnal gratitude for a job well done.

talked with one person who said, "I e heard of the Free Will Baptist Chiln's Home for a long time, but this is first visit on its campus." He stated t it was a real blessing to be there. rust that this was your experience, .

Now there is one thing that I wanted mention that you thought I had forten. We were late getting started. see, our starting team was late ang. Give us another chance—next e we will have a back-up team. Right? ht!

et's make this commitment, ministers laymen (men, women, boys, girls): to olve ourselves as never before in the ching ministry of our church. God be pleased, I believe, and certainly will be blessed—individually and colively.

Sincerely,
Oscar Webster, President

"The Incendiary Fellowship" Available At Bookstore

The Incendiary Fellowship, by Elton Trueblood, is now on order at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Highway 11 North, Ayden, North Carolina. The book is recommended reading for all laymen who plan to attend the Laymen's Conference scheduled for May 25, 26 at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina. Any layman desiring a copy may purchase it in person at the bookstore, or he may order it from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

The thesis of Dr. Trueblood's book is that the church can be set aflame today just as it was in the first century of Christianity. "I came to cast fire on the earth," one of the most neglected of Jesus' sayings, inspired the title, **The Incendiary Fellowship.** In commenting upon the present state of the church in the world of today, Dr. Trueblood writes that the fire cast on the earth 2,000 years ago by Jesus is flickering with alarming faintness.

In the first place, he asserts, committed Christians do not represent the mainstream of Western culture. A new and active paganism commonly referred to as "the playboy philosopny" is emerging—a paganism that is both articulate and arrogant.

It is absolutely vital, says Dr. Trueblood, that Christianity should again become a vibrant, fighting force. It cannot survive as a mild "religion in general." The church is located not in a church building or out in the world. It is in **people.** Unless we make a strong and conscious drive to rekindle the fire it could be quenched by the flip ridicule of the playboys of the world.

A comment by Gerald Kennedy, author of **Fresh Every Morning,** sums up the importance of this book to the concerned Christian. He states, "Dr. Trueblood presents the Christian church with its problems and opportunities set forth in clear outline. He never fails to bring fresh insights into old situations. I am forever in debt to Trueblood books, and this last one is no exception."

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Amid the clutter of toys in the family room, take time to **enjoy** your young children. The adage, "They're only young once," **is** true. Don't let that "once" go by unheeded.

NOTICE

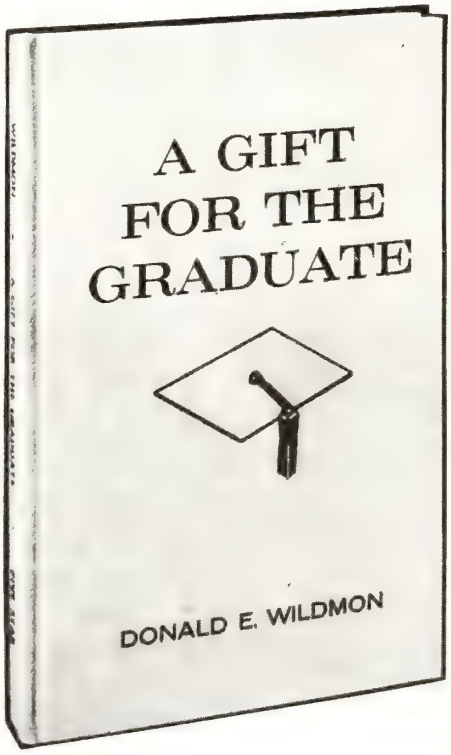
CRAGMONT WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

Any group registering for the Cragmont Woman's Conference having more than four in the group is asked to make reservations in one of the buildings other than the motel, due to limited motel space.

Please send all inquiries and registrations to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

A GIFT FOR THE GRADUATE

by Donald E. Wildmon



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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 13

Christ Makes Men Brothers

Lesson Text: Acts 11:4-18; Galatians 3: 23-29; Ephesians 2:11-22

Memory Verse: Galatians 3:28

I. INTRODUCTION

Brothers in Christ are all people who are born again. Yet we have a way of dividing them up into Free Will Baptists, Missionary Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers, and more than three hundred other denominations and sects in America alone. As long as we fellowship with those in our own group we find it relatively easy to call them "brothers." Sometimes, however, we find it hard to cross the lines. When was the last time a Quaker or Church of God preacher delivered a sermon in your church (or mine)?

It's strange, but we call our black friends brothers but our token friendship often stops at the church steps. An African preacher, who had been very actively engaged in missionary work with white ministers in his native land, came to America to do graduate work in one of our universities. It was not long before he declared to a friend: "There is something here I do not understand," he said. "These people gave the money that supported the mission in which I was converted. But now that I have come to America to study and prepare to be a better preacher of Christ, I find that I am not even allowed to enter their house of God on the Lord's Day to worship. And as for being invited into their homes where I might share Christian fellowship, I see clearly that it is not done. This leaves me with a strange feeling."

Be that as it may, the widest gap between men is in the religious world, between Jew and Gentile in particular. This is especially true when the Jew remains an adherent to Judaism and the Gentile becomes a Christian. Paul deals with this in today's lesson.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. To be without Christ is to be without hope and God.

B. Gideon came to know the Lord as Jehovah-shalom ("the Lord is peace"). Paul saw the fulfillment of this in Jesus, who is our peace, who made peace, and who preached peace.

C. There can be no anti-Semitism in the life of a true Christian. Jesus has abolished on the Cross the enmity between Jew and Gentile.

D. The "new man" is the church, consisting of Jews and Gentiles who have come to know peace through the blood of the Cross.

E. One of the unmistakable signs that a person is born again is that he has a new love not seen in his life before.

F. God's love can be experienced in the depth of true Christian fellowship.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

The initial objective of the gospel of Christ is the salvation of men's souls. Accompanying this purpose is another goal in God's great plan, the restoration of true brotherhood among the nations of men. We have allowed the devil's ends to be served all too long in our self-centered ways.

Our open, rapacious sins have been responsible for no little enmity and hatred; our secreted sins may have been just as damning. If we have not cursed the man asking our help, perhaps we have simply ignored him. Our sins of omission promote unbrotherliness as well as our clear contempt; God intends this to be corrected.

The essential feature in God's plan to restore the true brotherhood of man may sound trite or paradoxical. It is simply to offer a means by which we can put away individual differences, in whatever areas they exist, and become true brothers.

We are brought to this true brotherhood when we are made to be "blood brothers" in Christ, the great leveler. Whatever we have been in our individual lives, we are all reduced to exactly e status in Him; all are made to be sor God and heirs together through C (see Galatians 4:4-7). All petty poin discrimination and distinction are m ingless and forgotten. We are brot in Christ. Those whom others w teach us to hate, to oppress, or to ig have at once become our brothers w we have come to love. Whereas we given before to self-serving, we think of others before ourselves. fades away, and is replaced by a con ment to share. We have learned to one another's burdens.

—**Standard Lesson Commen**

I KNOW A GUY

by Allan Kemp, Student
Mount Olive College

Alan Kemp was one of forty stude who attended a religious life retreat Oriental on March 23-25. It was du this weekend that Alan gave his heart life to Jesus Christ.

I know a guy at school. He helps
when I'm down.
A dear friend of mine, his name is M
Brown.
We used to run around in order to h
our fun,
Things have changed now we've met
special One.
Mike and I have been saved. It's c
just begun,
Now we can settle down; no more
we have to run.
How did these changes occur? It's re
quite simple—
We changed in just two days down
Oriental.
Mike and I have grown closer, and
we'll never part,
For now Jesus Christ has entered in
heart.
Mike discovered sooner than I.
Both of us had been living just to di
Things have changed and we're bo
for heaven,
For we discovered Christ in room 20
We are very proud, now that we've b
found,
Now we are living for God, I and M
Brown.

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Would a phone call help to chee elderly, perhaps lonely, person in church or community?

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Have you thanked God for this lo spring day?

Christian Education As Spiritual Development

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Gc, everything is possible" (see Matthv 19:26).

rayer is the vital artery which supls the life-giving blood for Christian g, and through prayer the Christian iven strength to resist evil, to overe self, and to grow in the knowledge love of God.

he disciples of Jesus knew well that ney were to follow Him, they must n the art of prayer, and so they askHim, "Lord, teach us to pray," (see 11:1—King James Version).

o teach a Christian **to** pray and **how** ray should be one of the most imant functions of Christian education, prayer is absolutely essential for itual growth.

ITUAL GROWTH THROUGH WORSHIP

third means for spiritual growth is worship of God.

ow big is your world—not the physworld but the real world of ideas values in which you live?

or some people, their world is limitto what they know affects their indual self-interest. Others have a ider world which includes their fam their race, and perhaps their coun But the Christian looks at the world ugh the eyes of God, because through ship he has been lifted into the pres of God so that he can see life from 's perspective.

Vorship can take place in the sancy where we see God high and lifted as did Isaiah (see Isaiah 6), or in a ly retreat where we hear the "still ll voice of God" as did Elijah (see 1 s 19:12), but the important thing is we worship, for in worship we look fe and our work through the eyes of

he great moments of biblical history when people have stood in the spirit vorship before a living God: Abraham n God called him to go to a new ntry, Moses before the burning bush, ah in the temple, the disciples at the nsion of Jesus, and John on the Isle Patmos, and the great moments for individual are when he knows him to be in the living presence of God. esus taught that "God is Spirit" (see n 4:21-24), and to worship Him in it is essential for spiritual growth. vorship God is to recognize His worth, value, His majesty, and in so doing we give God His rightful place in our lives.

In liberal arts education we seek to develop in students a recognition and appreciation of good literature, good music, and good art; how much more important it is in **Christian** education that students be taught to worship God so that they can know His true value and place in their lives. We become like that which we worship, and for this reason the worship of God is essential for spiritual growth in the likeness of Him who is Spirit.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CHRISTIAN SERVICE

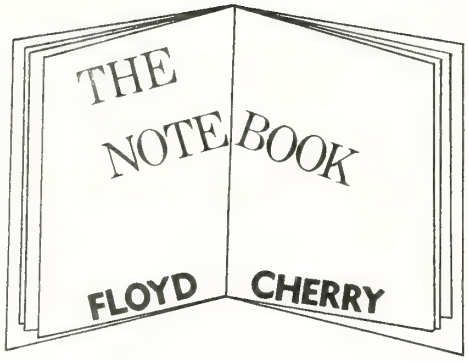
A fourth means of spiritual development is service to others in the name of Jesus our Lord. We grow through serving, and Christians who do not serve soon cease to grow.

The highest service of the Christian is to be a witness to God's love and redemption. In the Old Testament the Hebrews are referred to as "God's chosen people," but they were not "chosen" in the sense that God loved them more than others, but because God wanted them as His servant and messenger to all the nations.

One of the main reasons so many churches are filled with internal conflicts and are not growing is because their interest is centered on themselves. Most of their income is spent on the local church, and the members expect the pastor to spend his time catering to their needs rather than devoting his energy to reaching those who have never experienced God's redemption. Moreover, most of the services performed by Christians are for each other, while our major thrust should be in carrying God's good news to those outside the church.

God has an important work for every Christian, and that work is our "vocation" or calling. "Come along with me and I will show you how to fish for the souls of men," (see Matthew 4:19) Jesus said to the first men He called to be His disciples, and He spent the rest of His life on earth preparing them for this mission.

The purpose of Christian education is to prepare people to fulfill their vocation by serving in the kingdom of God, but one cannot fulfill his Christian calling until he is born again, and for this reason the new birth is the foundation for both Christian education and Christian vocation.



There are some Bible names that cause one to shudder: for instance—Judas, Demas, Diotrephes. There are also the names of places that pull us up abruptly and cause us to think: for example—Sodom, Sardis. But perhaps it is the presence and use of certain words in Scripture that more than anything else cause us to feel serious and thoughtful. There is the word "castaway" (see 1 Corinthians 9:27); or the word "reprobate" (see Titus 1:16); and there is also the word "backslider" (see Proverbs 14:14). What is a backslider? Who is a backslider? A backslider is a careless, disobedient, unhappy, and ineffective Christian. A backslider is one who has been born again, but who is out of touch with the Lord. A backslider is one who started well and then grew spiritually cold.

Is it possible that you are a backslider? If so, you are one of the most miserable persons in the world, for you are isolated between two worlds. You are not enjoying the Lord and you are not enjoying the world. What a heartbreaking business it is to be a backslider!

One is reminded of the old Negress who said that her son-in-law was in a miserable condition. He had too much religion to enjoy a real shindig, but not enough to enjoy a spiritual prayer meeting. There are a lot of people in this condition.

How can you tell if one is a backslider? God has not appointed us to judge. However, the Bible does give us one way that you can always tell: "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways" (see Proverbs 14:14). Do you always insist on having your way regardless of the consequences to others? Are you so egotistical that it is impossible for you to see the other fellow's viewpoint about anything?

What, then, must we do if we are conscious of backsliding in our lives? We must return to the Lord with confession and contrition (read 1 John 1:9).

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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tears he looked his astonishment. 'Why, where else will I go?' he asked. That question cut in deep. I assured Jimmy that no matter what he had done, he was always to come to me when he needed help. Then when he had gone to his play, I asked the Lord to open my eyes. I was so often careless of His commandments, and when I got into difficulty I couldn't see why the Lord would let His child get hurt. And to whom did I complain? Why, to the Lord himself. Wasn't that just like Jimmy? But where else could I go? I never before felt so humble, nor so grateful for my heavenly Father's patience."—*New Century Sunday School Teacher's Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We go through life haphazardly, never realizing the wonders of God's love until a burden too hard to bear alone comes along. Then we awaken to the truth which has been there all the time. God is our Helper.

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Mount Olive News

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a member of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church.

Debra Faye Tew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Tew of Dunn, and a member of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Sandra Jo Whitley, daughter of Mr. Oscar Whitley, of Bailey, and a member of Rock Spring Free Will Baptist Church.

Luann Rose Woodard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodard Jr. of Selma, and a member of Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church.

Randal Tilghman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tilghman of LaGrange, and a member of Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

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At 11 p.m. each night a question appears on the television screen when the set is tuned to a certain channel. The question? "Where are your children now?" Do you know where your children, if still living at home, are **all** the time? Shouldn't you?

"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 5, 1973

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A. M. **CLASSES BEGIN: 10 A.**

The theme of our Daily Vacation Bible School series this year is "The Truth Sh Make You Free." The purpose of this series is to show that only through Jesus one be free of the bondage of sin and receive eternal life. Theme Scriptures are tal from John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you fre and John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no m cometh unto the Father but by me."

There are numerous Bible truths, and the pupil will be urged by this series learn as many as possible, with special emphasis placed upon a personal relations with the Son of God. For example, Day One of the series will emphasize the tr about God; Day Two will clearly define sin and tell about its consequences; Day Th will affirm the fact that each person must die, but that death is not final in the phys realm, inasmuch as there may be life everlasting or eternal separation from God, pending upon choices made by the pupils; Day Four will tell about life after de and how one may find eternal happiness; and Day Five will tell the truth about sa tion, how it is received and kept.

The classes are listed below with their instructors and meeting places.

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Nina Grace Register

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Earl H. Glenn

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Minnie H. Chandler

PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT . . . . . Free Will Baptist Church Sanctu
Jane B. Gainey

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Elizabeth Hill

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Preschool Teachers . . . . . 10:30-11:00 A
Junior Teachers . . . . . 11:00-11:30 A
Intermediate Teachers . . . . . 11:30-12:00 N

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Preschool Teachers . . . . . 10:00-10:30 A
Primary Teachers . . . . . 10:30-11:00 A
Intermediate Teachers . . . . . 11:00-11:30 A
Junior Teachers . . . . . 11:30-12:00 N

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SOMEBODY IS A TREASURE—AND AT THAT, A MATCHLESS ONE

EDITORIAL...

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SOMEBODY

Somebody cries the realest of tears.
She smiles the realest of smiles.
Her heart aches, breaks, and sings—all in a day's time. . .
and some of her nights are peaceful, but many of them are restless
because of concerns felt for someone else.

Somebody speaks softly most of the time.
Occasionally, though, she has been known to raise her voice slightly in a gentle, but firm, reprimand.
She carries heavy loads on her back, transcended only by those which she bears inwardly, willingly, though painfully.

Somebody prays constantly, not always with her voice, nor even with her lips, but with unuttered yearnings of her heart, offering prayers, not for herself, not for her troubles, but for the safeguard of someone else; and in so doing, she endears herself to Him above and to all those who know her and who are able by her manner to ascertain her sincerity.

Somebody gives of her means unselfishly, even to the extent that it hurts; but, this again is done out of desire, not duty.
Her love is the greatest next to His, as is her long-suffering, her patience, her quick-to-heal hurts, her soon-to-be-forgotten disappointments.
She works tirelessly, and she does this for someone else.

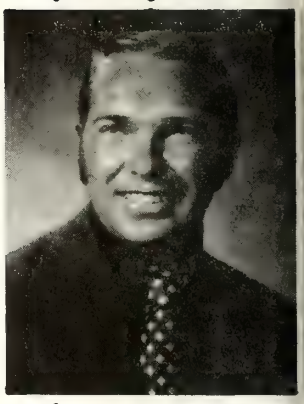
Somebody may have a fair and beautiful countenance, vibrant with youth, or she may be wrinkled and marked with age and its afflictions.
Still she ever reflects the most genuine of natures, the truest of compassions.
She feels deeply and makes it known in every manner.

Somebody may have smooth hands, or they may be calloused and hard, denying the softness they once possessed.
These hands may be white, evidencing tender care, or they may be brown, burned thus by the sun as she has worked unending hours for someone; yet, still they provide a comfort for someone when they touch his brow, his cheek, or his shoulder.

Somebody may have eyes that are dull where once they had been bright.
She may have eyes that are sad where once they had been happy; yet, as they gaze at someone long and lovingly, they say more than mere words can say.
Their silent message stirs the heart with nostalgic memories of yesterday when things were not so bad, and somehow they offer assurance that tomorrow will be better.

To say the least she is a gift. To be more specific, she is a treasure—and at that—a matchless one with immeasurable qualities by most human standards. Her worth surely is of such value that it can be surpassed by none, save Him above.

She is somebody's mother. Perhaps yours. . . .



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Mother's Day Came Too Late

by Faye Lindsay

Faye Lindsay (Mrs. Harold Lindsay) is the daughter of Mrs. Johnnie Parker and the late Mr. Parker. Mrs. Lindsay's heritage is the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, of which her mother is a member.

Mrs. Lindsay is the mother of two daughters, ages 14 and 10. She attends the New Hope Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina.

he wind whipped the icy raindrops al against our faces as we stood star- at the empty cemetery plot that ld be occupied tomorrow. Perhaps e were God's tears falling for us— tears of pain almost too great to —tears that matched the cold, sharp, rling aches in our hearts. But these s were in some way softened by the wledge that God cares.

od cared so much for us that He e us the most wonderful Christian ents in the world and let us keep of them until our own children d know and love their Papa and na. Now that He had called our er home, we could only be thankful, h in our sorrow and loneliness, for ing had him and for being allowed to have our wonderful mom. She ns not a whole person now after so y years of devoted loving and shar- Their relationship was what mar- e is all about.

e have been back to that cemetery many times since that cold dreary ober morning. We go there to re- nber, to be thankful, and to shed e tears, tears that build up in our liness. But now they are warm tears ove, not a love lost, but a wonderful e that grows as we see our dad's in- nce in so many areas of our lives. still there are tears of sadness be- se of the many opportunities to tell show him our love that we let slip unheeded.

One of those lost opportunities was year on Mother's Day. I was writing oem, a prayer of thanksgiving for h my parents, but I didn't finish it time so I decided to wait until this r—but this Mother's Day came too e.

'd like to share this poem with you loving memory of our wonderful father and dedicated to our beautiful mother.

We thank you, God, for Mom and Dad
you gave so wonderfully,
To wed and give us children birth and
raise us tenderly.
We thank you, God, for Mother's Day, a
day that means so much
To all the girls like me who've known
a loving mother's touch.
I thank you that you chose so well the
right mother for me,
So sweet, so kind, so thoughtful—how
much better could she be?
Dear God, I know it's Mother's Day but
may I include Dad?
Because he's swell—so good and kind—
the best I could have had.
Mom and Dad are just like one—they
have been all my life:
He, the greatest father; and she, the
ideal wife.
So now you see, God, why I want my
Dad's name mentioned here.
Separately they are swell, of course, but
what a perfect pair!
Of course, sometimes they fuss and pout
like all humans do.
Then Mom will look at me and smile and
know Dad's smiling too.
And I can thank you, God, because it
doesn't make me sad,
I know that they are kidding and that
neither one is mad.
I know that pretty soon my Dad will look
at Mom and grin
And tease her just a little and all is well
again.
God, let us be as good for them as they
have been for me,
And for my older sister, and for the
younger three.
God, let our parents' dream come true:
They dreamed their girls would be
Endowed with strength yet gentle too,
and blessed with gaiety.
God, let us to our parents bring true
honor. Let us raise
Our lives to them a gallant thing—a hymn
of living praise.

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"WHY SO SAD?"

We picked up the strange young man as we drove to the next town. He listened attentively as we discussed how troubled the world was and voiced the futility of life as a whole. Only once did he venture to enter our pessimistic conversation. He said, "Seems religion has little to say in our time, too," to which we readily agreed. Later we stopped to eat, and we went right to the juicy steak before us. We had coached the stranger to eat with us. He had a hamburger. To our surprise, this hippie-looking young stranger bowed his head and his lips made a short prayer.

"Religion does seem to play little or no role in society today," he said, "but when people realize that it is Jesus Christ who really makes the difference, things will change."

"We are believers in Jesus though," we hastened to say.

"Then, why are you so sad if you believe He lives? Then all things are in His hands, and 'all things work together for good for them that love Him.' "

—J. Stewart Humphrey.

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You have an obligation to take care of yourself for those who depend upon you —even in the so-called "little things." Fasten that seat belt **every** time you get in your car.

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Did you find the first moments of today—or every day—the hardest to get through? Maybe it is because the last moments of yesterday were not spent in prayer.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Scripture Reading—Romans 6:23

EAGLE AND WEASEL

It is said that a man one day strolling along in the country happened to see a magnificent golden eagle flying upward toward the sky. He watched it with delight and admiration as it strongly mounted upward; but presently he saw that something was wrong with it. It seemed unable to go any higher. Soon it began to fall, and presently it lay at his feet—a lifeless mass.

What could be the matter? No human hand had harmed it. No sportsman's shot had reached it. He went and examined the bird, and what did he find? It had carried up with it a little weasel in its talons, and as it had drawn its talons near to its body for flight the little creature had wormed itself partly out of them and had drunk the lifeblood from the eagle's breast.

How like this it is with sin! It may appear a very small thing one is at first tempted to do; just one glass of wine, but presently a habit has fastened itself upon you and you have it to drag around with you the rest of your life.—*The Y. C. Companion.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The great and mighty, doomed to die by what appears to be the small and insignificant! Is some seemingly insignificant aspect of your life slowly eating away at your heart's core?

MONDAY, MAY 7

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:13

LONGING FOR HOME

An old Scotchman, who had been a soldier in one of the European wars, was sick and dying in one of our American hospitals. His one desire was to see Scotland, and his old home, and once again walk the heather of the Highlands, and hear the bagpipes of the Scotch regiments. The night that the old Scotch soldier died, a young man, somewhat reckless but kind-hearted, got a company of musicians to come and play under the soldier's window, and among the instruments there was a bagpipe. The instant that the musicians began, the dying man in delirium said: "What's that, what's that? Why, it's their regiments coming home. That's the tune, yes, that's the tune. Thank God, I have got home once more!" "Bonny Scotland and Bonny Doon," were the last words he uttered as he passed up to the Highlands of the better country.—T. Dewitt Talmage.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The old soldier's real home was heaven, though he longed most to see his earthly home—Scotland—once more. Would that our longing for heaven be so great!

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:27

NO NEED TO MENTION THE NAME!

One day, crossing a New York City street, a woman became confused, and stepped directly in front of an approaching streetcar. People on both curbs were sick with horror at her sure fate, when a powerful man rushed forward and not only rescued her from the streetcar, but carried her to safety on the sidewalk. It was a miracle of bravery and quick thinking. A policeman said to the hero, "I'll have to report this incident, sir, and I ought to mention your name for valor."

"There will be no necessity for mentioning my name."

"But I must put down something, sir," the policeman insisted.

"Then," smiled the hero, "just put down that a black man did it," and with that he disappeared in the crowd. A ripple of admiration went softly through the crowd. "A black man did it." What modesty! What quiet dignity! What an honor to the whole race of black men! And the man was Dr. Robert R. Morton, President of Tuskegee Institute. — *Bible Teacher,* Southern Baptist Convention.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would you have wanted to receive personal credit for doing such a deed? If a little part of you says "yes," is this little part called "pride"?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:15

THEY KNEW HIM

A missionary, taking up his work in a strange land, began at once to tell his listeners of Jesus. He told of the selfless love, infinite compassion and tenderness, and the healing power of Christ. He was pleased to see the interest his words awakened. He noted the nods and smiles of his audience, as he told of the Man who went about doing good. Finally he asked how many had ever heard of this Man, and the response was eager and complete. It seemed that all knew Him. Upon further inquiry, he found out they were thinking of a Christian doctor who had lived among them at one time and had ministered to them in sickness and health. "Yes," they said, "we knew Him well—that Man." Oh, so to live that even the unlearned and untaught may recognize the Christlikeness in our lives! This is what He wants, and this is what we should strive for.—Su *School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can your friends see Christlike radiate from you? Ask God's help in desire to follow more closely in the steps of His Son.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:3

BEAUTY

Look at a poor little colorless dro water, hanging weakly on a blade of g It is not beautiful at all; why should stop to look at it? Stay till the sun risen, and now look. It is sparkling a diamond; and if you look at it from other side, it will be glowing like a r and presently gleaming like an eme The poor little drop has become one of brightest and loveliest things you ever But is it its own brightness and bea No; if it slipped down to the ground of the sunshine, it would be only a little dirty drop of water. So, if the of Righteousness, the glorious and lo Saviour, shines upon you, a little ray His own brightness and beauty will be upon you.—F. R. Havergal.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are like the moon, in that our is reflected light—not light made from own power. The moon's light is from sun, and ours is from the Son.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:12

BOUQUETS!

John Quincy Adams said: "All that I my mother made me."

Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Dwight L. Moody declared: "All tha have ever accomplished in life, I owe my mother."

Napoleon was a sage when he said: " France have good mothers, and she have good sons."

Andrew Carnegie frequently ackno edged the tender interest and influence his mother.

Benjamin West declared: "A kiss fr my mother made me a painter."

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "T memory of my sainted mother is the brig est recollection of my early years."

President McKinley provided in his that, first of all, his mother should be co fortable for life.

Garfield's first act, after being inaugur ed President of the United States, was stoop and kiss his aged mother, who near him.

Julia Ward Howe, when ninety-one ye of age, said: "We talk of forty horsepow If we had forty mother-power, it would the most wonderful force in the world!" *Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

On this Mother's Day, if you wear a r

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SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

STATE YOUTH CONVENTION

They came on cars, vans, campers, trucks, and buses, and they came by the hundreds to the State Youth Convention held on Saturday, April 28, at the Children's Home. What a day it was! There was a skit or special music from each district. There were songs of praise, words of fellowship, essays and declamations, and a great deal of fun—all of which continued for more than four hours. You should have been here. The youth of the Free Will Baptist churches are marching on for the Lord and the Home was proud to be their host for this convention.

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EGG HUNT

He's no Easter bunny, but the Rev. Robert Burress brought a lot of eggs to be found by the little ones. Look closely and you'll see some of the small children enjoying the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The pastor, Mr. Burress, and several of the church members came on Sunday before Easter with Easter eggs and refreshments. Everyone had a good time!

PLEASANT PLAIN AT WORK

Various groups of the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church at Selma are busy helping the Children's Home these days. The AFC group presented a check for $50 to the Home.

The woman's auxiliary bought and presented an electric toaster and steam iron to the Home. Accepting the gifts in behalf of the Dean's Cottage is the housemother, Sallie Renfrow. Also in the picture are the pastor of the Pleasant Plain church, the Rev. Walter Bass, and Mrs. Weeks, wife of the superintendent of the Home.

The Home is so very thankful for these and other friends who show they care by putting words into action. We thank God for all who are making it possible for our children to have a Christian Home.

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Notice to Farmers

Farmers, if you have a surplus of fruits, vegetables, or nuts this year, please remember the Children's Home, because we can use them. Such items that can be used are as follows: strawberries, blueberries, peaches, apples, pears, pecans, cabbage, melons, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and other vegetables. We will be glad to come out and gather the produce from the fields. If you cannot support the Home with a cash contribution, then perhaps this is a way in which you can help us, and it is just as important. If you can help, contact the superintendent, Sam Weeks, by letter, or telephone 235-4079.

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What is your favorite childhood memory? Can you do anything that would duplicate it for **your** child (or grandchild)?

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When your young child (or grandchild) is old enough to appreciate the Bible's importance, what better gift for a birthday than one with his name imprinted on the cover?

NEW MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

The Free Will Baptist Press has a marriage certificate that has been in demand for sometime.

It is in sheet form, size 8½ by 11 inches, printed on lithographed stock. The certificates are available in booked lots of one dozen for $2.95, or in single form for $.25 each. Each certificate in the booked, or padded form carries a stub for the minister's records.

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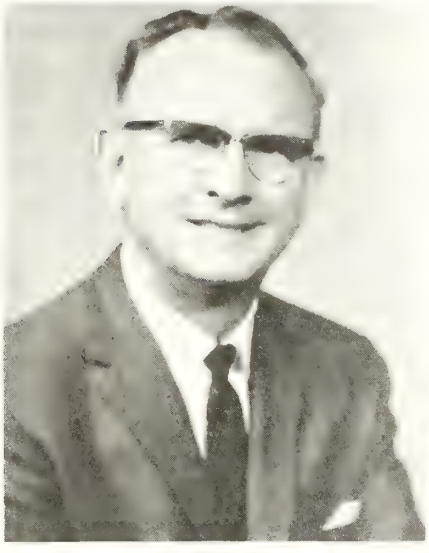
News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Rivenbark to Speak in Revival At Kenly Church, May 14-19



The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark

May 14-19 are the dates for the revival to be held at the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the speaker. Special singing will be a part of each service.

The pastor of the Kenly church, the Rev. James V. Joyner, and the church membership extend to all a very cordial invitation to attend.

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Revival Announced at St. Paul Church in Elizabeth City

St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will hold revival services Monday-Friday, May 14-18, at 8 p.m.

The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Rudy Shepard of Cove City, North Carolina. Mr. Shepard is a young man, 25 years old, who was called to preach at the age of 18. He is a graduate of Mount Olive College and was listed in the **Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.** He is a native of North Carolina and the pastor of Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church of Cove City.

The pastor of St. Paul church, the Rev. John A. Owens, will be assisting in the services. The choir and other singers will render special singing each evening.

Mr. Owens and the church membership extend to all a cordial invitation to attend and hear this young man whom God is using in a great work.

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Revival in Progress at Hillsberry FWB Church, Hardee Speaking

A revival is in progress this week, May 7-11, at the Hillsberry Original Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina. The Rev. James B. Hardee is the evangelist in services beginning each evening at 7:30. Mr. Hardee is from Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

The Hillsberry church is located on the corner of Beaman Street and McArthur Lane in Clinton. The public is cordially invited to attend the remaining services.

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First Church, Wilmington, Plans Spring Revival for This Week

The First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina, is holding its spring revival from May 7-12. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Jacky Godwin of Clarendon, North Carolina.

The church is located at 4602 South College Road. The pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson, invites the public to attend.

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Revival Services Continuing At First Church, Goldsboro

Revival services are in progress at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The services begin each evening at 7:30, and will continue through May 11.

The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry is the evangelist. He is president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists and pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Special music is being featured at each service.

A nursery is provided for small children.

The pastor, the Rev. Earl Glenn, and the church congregation invite your presence for the remainder of these services.

Pleasant Hill FWB Church Goes to Full-Time Status

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Bap Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, nounces that services are now being h each Sunday. The Rev. W. H. Willis pastor of the church.

A league has been organized wh meets at 6:15 p.m. each Sunday. Ca erine Gaskins is the director.

The public is invited to attend and all services held at the church.

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Foundations Quartet to Sing at Winterville FWB Church on May 12

The Foundations Quartet from P ville, North Carolina, will present a p gram of gospel music at the Winterv Free Will Baptist Church, Winterv North Carolina, on Saturday, May 12 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Joe Gerald is a member this group. Everyone is invited to tend.

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Spring Hope FWB Church Holds First Service in New Sanctuary

The Spring Hope Free Will Bap Church held its first service in the sanctuary on Easter morning, April at 6 a.m. The congregation feel God has bountifully blessed them their building program, and they truly thankful for all He has done. praise and honor go to Him.

The Rev. Preston Haddock, pastor

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Coming Events . . .

May 10—North Carolina State Wom Auxiliary Convention, Oriental Will Baptist Church, Oriental, N Carolina, 10 a.m.

May 19—Founder's Day celebration at Children's Home, Middlesex, N Carolina, 10:30 a.m.

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, M Olive College, Mount Olive, N Carolina.

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the N Carolina Ministerial Association, C mont Assembly, Black Mountain, N Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conferenc Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, N Carolina, 5 p.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Baptist Church near Newport, N Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

OWARD CHOSEN N ELECTION

The Rev. Sheldon Howard

The Rev. Sheldon Howard, professor of igion at Mount Olive College, was cted first vice-chairman of the Gen- al Commission on Chaplains and Armed rces Personnel recently in Washington, C.

Mr. Howard has been a member of the tional organization for eight years and s served on the executive committee the past two years.

"The main purpose of the organiza- n," said Howard, "is to provide a min- ry to armed forces personnel. We are terested in such things as housing, so- al problems, race relations, religious edom for service, military justice, and e conditions within the military prison stem.

"We try to be both supportive and itical of the chaplaincy. It is our goal make it a truly effective arm of the inistry.

"Because of my own involvement with e sub-committee to study new forms ministry to military personnel, I'm rsonally interested in obtaining a min- try that is as free of military blocks d hangups as possible. The chaplaincy ould derive its responsibility and thority from the Word of God rather than the military establishment," Howard said.

"The Vietnam war has raised a real crisis in the chaplaincy because of the moral and ethical questions involved," he continued.

"The chaplaincy has been heavily criticized and if it is to survive, it must face itself and its critics and set about the task of providing a better ministry for armed forces personnel.

"Some critics would have the chaplaincy abolished or destroyed, but I don't agree. We have a situation in which the uncritical chaplains tend to get the promotions and those who are aware and criticize the military establishment in good faith often suffer.

"So I would like to see the chaplaincy demilitarized," Howard stated.

It is now assumed that Mr. Howard will tour Korea with the executive secretary of the General Commission to examine problems in that area during the summer.

One situation which has been getting national attention lately is that of children fathered by American soldiers stationed in Korea.

These children are social outcasts in Korea. They are disgraced and usually can only survive through crime and prostitution.

Several United States organizations and many churches are presently engaged in aiding these children, but to date, the only solution for their plight seems to lie in adoption by families outside Korea.

Commenting on the problem Mr. Howard said, "You see, Korea is still regarded as a 'nonaccompanied tour of duty.' The housing for dependants of military personnel is practically nonexistent.

"Because the service men cannot take their dependants with them, this is creating severe moral problems for our troops and the Korean government.

"We offer a very practical solution," Howard stated. "Simply have dependants accompany these service men on their tour.

"While in Korea, we will carry on consultations with chaplains in the field, Korean civil authorities, and missionaries. We will survey the entire situation.

"We then want to appear before Congress to get Korea approved for the accompanied tour."

Asked what problems he saw in getting this concept through Congress, Mr. Howard replied, "Money. That is the primary obstacle to the program.

"Congress is in an ugly mood about spending money for this sort of thing.

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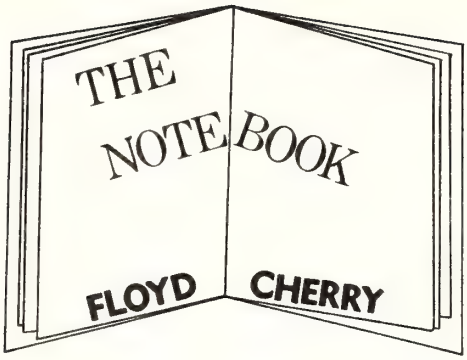
OUR 1973 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 12

11:00 A.M. Worship Service, First Presbyterian Church

2:00 P.M. Graduation Exercises, Downtown Campus
The Honorable David N. Henderson, Congressman
North Carolina Third Congressional District, Speaker



A great Goliath seems to be menacing God's redeemed people. It is the upsurge of Evangelical-Liberalism. Evangelism by theological liberals deserves a thoughtful appraisal.

What is Evangelical-Liberalism? Let us be clear. It is not Fundamentalism gone fussy. It is not a regenerate Modernism. It is not to be confused with its near relative of Neo-Orthodoxy in the Barth-Brunner pattern. Rather, it is the connubial embrace of two antithetical positions—the Grace-Faith emphasis of Evangelicalism wedded to the partial-inspiration view of Liberalism. How can it be? It is hard to explain. Nevertheless, it is a fact. It reminds men of someone's definition of modern marriage as "a status of antagonistic cooperation."

Evangelical-Liberalism is dangerous because it is so deceptive. It declares devotion to the **living** Word and denies the authority of the **written** Word. This religious combine harvests fruit and simultaneously hacks off roots. No wonder people are confused! The Evangelical-Liberal owns a theological duplex with one part built on the rock and the other on the sand. Pity the unwary guests, for they are never sure of their foundation!

The effect of this half-and-half, Israel-Ashdod mixture is paralleled in the prophet's experience recorded in Revelation 10:10: ". . . and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter."

Can we yield? Should this movement be encouraged because despite its denial of the infallibility of the Scripture, it is capable of defining the invitation of the Saviour? This is a point on which all discerning believers will be forced to make a decision.

Personally, I cannot embrace this viewpoint, The **written** and the **living** Word stand or fall together. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

TREASURER'S REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA FWB WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

End of Fourth Quarter—April 30, 1973

Balance in Bank, January 31, 1973		$1,976.
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 92.28	
Interest	25.01	
Promotional (CSF)	134.38	
Per Capita Dues	703.10	
Registration Fees	145.00	
Denominational Enterprises	7,933.17	
Total Receipts		9,032.
Total for Which to Account		$11,009.
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$ 91.50	
Denominational Enterprises	7,933.17	
Total Disbursements		8,024.
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1973		$ 2,984.
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$ 2,633.
Interest		350.
Total		$ 2,984.
Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking Account)		$ 2,133.
Atlantic Savings and Loan		850.
Total		$ 2,984.

Denominational Enterprises Report

	Itemized	Received	Disburs
Home Missions	$	$ 351.26	$ 351.
Foreign Missions		209.80	209.
Missions Designated			
Timmons (Mexico)	169.82		
Mexican Missionary's Salary	135.00		
Central Conference	314.37		
Diane Baines	50.00		
Vance Link	393.33		
Sandra Jones	1,579.00	2,641.52	2,641.
Mount Olive College			
General Fund	315.12		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	35.00		
Memorial Organ	492.73		
Chapel	202.34		
Books	10.00	1,055.19	1,055.
Free Will Baptist Children's Home			
General Fund	574.72		
Clothing	697.00		
Van (Freezer)	1,006.44		

Allowance	91.00		
Linens	22.85	2,392.01	2,392.01
annuation			
General Fund	163.97		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	18.00		
Pastor's Retirement	20.00	201.97	201.97
nont Assembly			
General Fund	198.54		
Kitchen Fund	290.35		
mprovement Fund	30.00	518.89	518.89
Membership Fees (Cragmont)		20.00	20.00
Phillips Loan Fund		5.00	5.00
ian Service Fund*			
Missions	134.38		
Mount Olive College	134.38		
Children's Home	100.79		
Cragmont	100.79		
Superannuation	67.19	537.53	537.53
Totals		$7,933.17	$ 7,933.17

notional—20% Christian Service Fund retained—see Receipts, $134.38.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
Treasurer

OTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY

e following poem was submitted to *Free Will Baptist* by Mrs. Pearl Sutton Grange, North Carolina, after a copy was found in an old Bible. The copy Mrs. Sutton has was taken from an of the *Goldsboro News-Argus* printed 41.

e poem was written by a lady from nd known only as "Mother Shipton." s purported to have died in 1449, three years before Columbus discover- merica. The poem itself is said to been written 507 years ago, and if s indeed true, its predictions about vorld of the future are remarkably ate.

rriage without horses shall go;
ters fill the world with woe.
ndon, Primrose Hill shall be,
nter hold, a bishop see.
nd the world men's thoughts shall fly
er than the twinkle of an eye.
waters shall great wonders do—
strange, and yet it shall come true.
upside down the world shall be
gold found at the root of tree;
gh towering hill proud men shall ride,
horse nor ass move by his side.
th the waters men shall walk,
ride, shall sleep, and even talk.
in the air men shall be green.
at man then shall come and go,
rophecy declares it so.
ater, iron then shall float
sy as a wooden boat.
shall be found in streams or stone,
In lands that are as yet unknown.
Waters and fire shall wonders do,
And England shall admit the Jew.
The Jew that once was held in scorn
Shall of a Christian then be born.
A house of glass shall come to pass
In England—but alas! alas!
A war will follow with the work
Where dwells the pagan and the Turk.
The states will lock in fierce strife,
And seek to take each other's life,
When the North shall divide the South,
The eagle build in lion's mouth.
Then tax and flood and cruel war
Shall come to every humble door.
Three times shall sunny, lovely France,
Be led to play a bloody dance
Before the people shall be free.
The tyrant rulers shall she see,
Three rulers in succession be—
Each spring from different dynasty.
Then when the fiercest fight is done,
England and France shall be as one.
The British alive next shall twine
In marriage with the German vine.
Men walk beneath and over streams,
Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.
All England's sons shall plow the lands,
Shall oft be seen with book in hand.
The poor shall now most wisdom know,
And waters wind where corn did grow,
Great houses stand in far-flung vale
All covered o'er with snow and hail.
And now a word in uncouth rhyme
Of what shall be in future time—
For in those wondrous, far-off days,
The woman shall adopt a craze
To dress like men and trousers wear
And cut off their lovely locks of hair.
They'll ride astride with brazen brow,
As witches on a broomstick now.
Then love shall die and marriage cease,
The wives shall fondle cats and dogs
And men live much the same as hogs.
In nineteen hundred and twenty-six
Build houses without straw and sticks.
For then shall mighty war be planned
And fire and sword sweep the land.
But those who live the century through,
In fear and trembling, this will do.
Flee to the mountains and the dens—
To bog and forest and wild fens,
For storms shall rage and oceans roar,
When Gabriel stands on sea and shore,
And as he blows his wondrous horn,
Old worlds shall die and new be born.

POW's Reliance on Prayer Affirms Nation's Religious Heritage

Washington, D. C.—"Statements from returning prisoners of war prove that religion is not dead, it is alive and well," states Kenneth L. Hansen, executive vice president of Religious Heritage of America, Inc.

Taking note of the number of returned POW's who have testified that their faith in God helped them survive their years in prison camps of North Vietnam, Mr. Hansen says, "Once again we have proof that faith in God is an important part of our lives."

"Many of the returnees have affirmed a close, personal communion with God—a renewal of faith. They experienced a spontaneous need for worship services, choirs, and Scripture study. Their favorite hymns were "In The Garden," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and "Holy, Holy, Holy."

"In their most trying hours of loneliness and pain, it is significant that these men turned to a source of strength and confidence outside themselves. The men reconstructed whole passages of Scripture from memory, and memorized favorite portions, such as the Beatitudes, Romans 12, and 1 Corinthians 13."

Mr. Hansen sees the testimonies of the returned POW's as yet another indication that the preservation of America's rich and diverse religious heritage, and its broader application to all areas of American life is of utmost importance.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

NOTE OF THANKS

Brother Ingram informed us that during the months of February 11—April 4, many of you had been in prayer for us concerning the cancellation of air service to Palawan. Our prayers have been answered. On April 4 air service was resumed, so now things are back to normal. Air mail is regular again. Thank you for your prayers.

—the Jones Family.

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DEATH IN THE BARRIO

by Harold Jones

Tamnao is a small barrio about halfway down the Bundok Peninsula. Ordinarily the people are happy and contented, but on the last trip I made something was different. There was a deep sadness and a quiet fear in the people. The day I arrived in San Narcisa and boarded the banca for Tamnao, I noticed a young man and woman boarding the boat with a small baby. I did not notice anything unusual at that time; then someone told me the baby was dead. Soon I heard the sobs of a heartbroken mother. The child was only seven months old. The baby had been sick only three days; they had taken it to the doctor that morning and it died while they were there. I asked what the symptoms were and was told that the baby had had violent attacks of vomiting and diarrhea for three days, and then died. They said that seven babies had died during that week of the same thing in Tamnao. I am not a doctor and have little medical knowledge, but I knew this was cholera. It kills quickly. We take injections every six months to keep from having it. It breeds in unsanitary areas. Tamnao does not have one restroom, inside or outside. The people use the bushes and seashore. During the dry season, disease attacks and the death toll rises. It attacks the weakest first, the babies. The people step in this filth and then it gets in the house. It also gets in the drinking water and on raw vegetables.

When we arrived in Tamnoa, I began to instruct the people in ways to treat the sick with coconut milk. It is pure and will check dehydration. I also told them to begin boiling their water, and to keep their hands clean. I encouraged them to build outhouses and use them. I told them that unless they began to practice sanitation, they would always have to live and die with this problem.

I also discovered that there is a high rate of tuberculosis in the barrio. One girl, fourteen years old, was coughing blood. Her parents had no idea what was wrong and were trying to cure her with herbs and roots, as she steadily became worse. I encouraged them to take her to Naga City or Quezon City for a check-up and treatment at the T.B. clinic. They were to go on April 10. Pray for this young girl. She is severely ill.

Brother Dela Rosa had a talk with the barrio council and they scheduled a barrio assembly on Tuesday night, April 10, to discuss the grave situation and to initiate the suggestions I had made. I trust that these are under way now. Upon returning to Manila I reported this the Health Department, and they that they would send someone to area.

It is hard to realize that people live in darkness, not even understan simple rules of sanitation; but there thousands of barrios just like this, because of this there is death in barrio.

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Plan to Take Your VBS Offerings For Missions

With a theme, "The Truth Shall M You Free," for the 1973 Daily Vac Bible School, I am sure that emp will be made to share the gospe Christ, which is Truth, with those have not had this truth.

I believe this would be a time you could lead your youth to share faith by designating your offering missions in this year's Bible school. can use it either for the sharing o gospel with people in Mexico or Philippines. I am sure that thr your giving, souls will come to Christ and be set free from the bor of sin.

Send your offerings to North Car Free Will Baptist Board of Missions, Box 979, Goldsboro, North Car 27530.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

NEWS BRIEFS

Construction Is Moving!

The construction on the new dining hall and kitchen is really moving! The roof is on the building, the wiring and plumbing are installed, and the terrazzo floor has been poured. The first $3,000 payment from the special kitchen-dining hall funds has been made. We have made arrrangements for a loan of $20,000 from the Church Finance Association, but we will be very pleased to borrow as little of that as possible. Keep up the good support!

Register Early!

We are having one less encamp this year than last year, due to th closing of school. Better go ahea get your registration in **now!**

Managers for 1973

New managers for the 1973 ca season have at long last been se After a long and arduous search two Free Will Baptists have accept jobs. They are Mr. and Mrs. W "Bill" Davenport of Newport, North lina. More information about the follow in a later article.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

estion: Are Christian Scientists tian?

swer: I do not think that they are the Bible portrays as Christians; a of them could be misled Christians. eading and carefully considering the in the eleventh chapter of Acts, one determine whom the Bible depicts ing a Christian. You will note that question had arisen concerning kind of people might enter into the wship of the church. The situation this: Peter, once a prejudiced Jew now a born-again Christian, was one whom the Holy Spirit had come. rary to his earlier religious preju-, he obeyed the Holy Spirit, respond-o the angel's direction, and carried gospel to Cornelius' household. Cor-s, a Gentile, had been seeking the way to God and had been directed n angel to send for Peter, who could t him to this way. In the meantime, had taught Peter through a glowing rience in a vision that he had no t to call that which God had cleansed lean." So Peter goes, as sent of and as he speaks, God pours out the Spirit upon Gentiles just as He had to the Jews at Pentecost. "And as gan to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on n, as on us at the beginning. Then embered I the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with er; but ye shall be baptized with the Ghost" (Acts 11:15, 16).

ote that in Verse 24 Barnabas is ribed as a good man full of the Holy st. "For he was a good man, and of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and h people was added unto the Lord" s 11:24). Then note that after a full 's teaching by these Christians—Paul Barnabas—all believers were called stians for the very first time. "And n he had found him, he brought him Antioch. And it came to pass, that hole year they assembled themselves the church, and taught much peo- And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Then note the fruit that these Christians, upon whom the Holy Spirit had come, bore. In Verses 29, 30 they are reported to have given of their means to relieve other famished Christians. Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (see Matthew 25:40). So a true Christian is benevolent. Also Jesus told Nicodemus: ". . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (John 3:3, 6-8, 11, 12).

So unless a person has been regenerated, he is not a Christian and is not ready for heaven. With these and scores of other verses in mind, we conclude that a Christian is one who has been born of the Spirit and through this change has been transformed from the realm of darkness and spiritual death into the marvelous life and light of Christ. Now he who knew nothing of the spiritual realm has been made an heir of God and a joint heir in Christ; therefore, instead of working against Christ, he inwardly yearns to work in harmony with Christ. Christian Science has another or different gospel.

Christian Science is a mixture of pantheism, unitarianism, Quimbyism, Shakerism, theosophy, and some other things. It is neither scientific nor Christian. It is the religion of Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy. The textbook, their religious guide, is **Science and Health** with a key to the Scriptures. In her textbook Mrs. Eddy claims that she discovered this religion in 1866 and gave it the name "Christian Science." Before this she was a student under the tutorship of Mr. Quimby of Portland, Maine, who had been instructed by Mesmer. Mr. Quimby practiced mesmerism. Mrs. Eddy was also associated with Mrs. Annie Lee, who was a teacher of Shakerism.

Mrs. Eddy's claims are quite confusing. In the first place she claims that her "science" or religion agrees with the Bible. Then, in her writings, she refers to God the Father as a principle; Christ the Son as an idea; and the Holy Spirit as "divine science." Her teachings deny the biblical story of creation and redemption; salvation by grace through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; and His bodily resurrection. According to this cult, sin, sickness, and death are the unrealities of human conclusions; man is spiritual and coexistent with God; and if we live after death we must have lived before birth. Furthermore, Mrs. Eddy does not think that personality ever existed. She even denies the existence of Satan. She teaches that the sea represents God and that one drop of water in the sea represents Christ. Her teaching is like pantheism. She teaches that all that is good is God and God is all good. Since the Bible seems to suggest that there are redeemed Christians who do not know their right hand from their left, I suppose that we might find some Christians in any cults because they either lack training or mental capacity to see far or clear enough spiritually to resist such teachers. There might be such deceived by propagandists found in this evil cult and yet at the same time retain sufficient faith to continue as a believer. None may be intelligent and well-informed Christians and be Christian Scientist, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness or Universalist, etc.

Dr. Barrow's answer to this question will be continued in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

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At church this Sunday, smile a little more brightly at someone with whom you may have had some disagreement in the past.

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The next time that your small children visit their grandparents, suggest that they get Grandmama or Granddaddy to talk about what things they did for fun when **they** were little.

STORIES

for our youth

"BLUE SKIES"

by Dorothy D. Warner

CLARA looked out at the budding, lone elm tree near the curb and through about what a lovely spring morning it was. She slipped on her sweater and called to her seven-year-old sister, Nan. "Let's go out and jump some rope."

Outside Clara took a deep breath and noticed that the air smelled of smoke. She looked up and saw a stream of black smoke pouring from the chimney of the apartment house across the street. "Ugh! It's choking me!"

Nan frowned, too. "That's the apartment where Grace lives. Is it on fire?"

"No, the smoke is coming from the chimney," answered Clara. "We've got to do something. Dad told us last night that it is against the law to produce that kind of air pollution, remember?" She sighed. "I hate to see the blue sky spoiled—and on such a pretty spring day, too."

Suddenly Nan had an idea. "We can't ask Dad or Mom. They won't be home until later. Let's go inside and ask Mrs. Giles. She'll know what to do."

Inside, the baby sitter was busy drying the breakfast dishes. She just smiled at Clara and Nan's complaint. "Don't worry about it, dears," she said. "It will all blow away somewhere soon. Now run out and play."

Clara was persistent. "But Dad told us just last night that there is a place to call to report things like this."

Mrs. Giles frowned and put her hands on her hips. "My goodness! What is this world coming to? Little girls—what, seven and eleven—ready to report on grown-ups. Now, you don't want me to think you are tattletales, do you?"

Clara was thoughtful for a moment. Upholding the law somehow didn't seem like being a tattletale. She didn't quite understand why Mrs. Giles had thought so. She turned to Nan. "Let's go back outside."

As she walked through the living room, Clara saw last night's issue of the newspaper. "I'll bet that's where Dad read about the air pollution law." She picked up the paper and read: " 'AIR POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER GOES INTO EFFECT. Persons seeing excessive smoke should consider it their duty to report it at once.' Look! Here's a phone number to call."

Nan frowned again. "We'd better not, Clara. Mrs. Giles wouldn't like it," she said.

Clara was silent for a moment. "I know. Let's ask Mrs. Giles for permission to go across the street to Grace's."

Nan looked puzzled but followed Clara to the kitchen.

"All right," said Mrs. Giles when Clara asked for permission, "but be back at twelve o'clock sharp for lunch. Watch the traffic. It's bad on Saturdays."

Clara and Nan did not go immediately to Grace's apartment. Instead Clara rang the doorbell that was marked: Mr. Swanson, Manager.

"Are you going to tell the manager?" Nan asked fearfully, standing close behind Clara. "He'll be angry."

Clara rang again. "Well, he shouldn't be. I'm doing him a favor. He'd probably have to pay a fine if we reported him."

A middle-aged man with graying hair opened the door and looked down at Clara and Nan questioningly.

Clara drew a deep breath, then said, "I'm Clara Hall, a Girl Scout, and this is my sister Nan. We live across the street in that white, stucco apartment house. Do you know that your chimney is putting out heavy, black smoke?" She paused for a moment, then added, against the law now."

The man frowned. "You don't like the kind of girls who would p joke. No, I didn't know it was ag the law." He scratched his head took off his glasses. "I suppose I'd ter get right down and see what's w with that furnace." He stepped out the hallway. "Oh, say, I almost f to thank you girls. I might hav ceived a fine or something. Anyw appreciate it."

Nan sighed with relief. "I was a he was going to be angry with us."

Clara just smiled. "People don' angry if you are pleasant. It was duty to God. He wants us to take of His world. I want to be able to the blue sky and the fresh air He given us."

—My Plea

Churches and Minist Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, needed, for any church that is seeki pastor and for any minister who is se a church to serve and would like to such notice. Please send the necessar formation to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for tw sues only.)

The Rev. Doug Skinner wishes t nounce that he will be returning h on May 24 from Oakland City Col Oakland City, Indiana, for the sum He will be available for part-time se during the summer months. Any ch wishing to contact him may do s telephoning 243-2729 or by writing Trull Street, Wilson, North Car 27893.

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The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces he has resigned his pastorate at Sm Free Will Baptist Church and is ava for work during the next church He would prefer half-time work, would consider a small full-time ch Any church wishing to contact him do so at 821 Chattawka Lane, New North Carolina, telephone 637-9420.

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Remember the saying, "Do you unhappy? Do something for someb quick!" Well? Why not do it wh **you** are unhappy or not?

FAMILY FIRESIDE

(continued from page four)

take the time to make sure that your er knows that you truly appreciate her. u must wear a white rose, look to God press a special "thank you" for the ng of love that once came from her.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

ipture Reading—Proverbs 1:8

MOTHER'S OPPORTUNITY

"lother," said a little child, "how old I be before I can be a Christian?"

d the wise mother answered, "How vill you have to be, darling, before you ove me?"

Vhy, Mother, I always loved you. I do and I always shall," and she kissed nother. "But you have not told me yet old I shall have to be!"

e mother made answer with another ion, "How old must you be before you rust yourself wholly to me and to my "

"I always did," she answered and kissed her mother again. "But tell me what I want to know," and she climbed into her mother's lap and put her arms about her neck.

The mother again asked: "How old will you have to be before you can do what I want you to do?"

Then the child answered, half guessing what her mother meant, "I can now without growing any older."

Then the mother said, "You can be a Christian now, my darling, without being older. All you have to do is to please the One who says, 'Let the little ones come unto me.' "—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does this little dialogue bring back any fond memories for you? What better example do we need of the wisdom a God-fearing mother may impart to her children?

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NORTH CAROLINA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Of Original Free Will Baptists

May 9, 1973

MESSAGE TO: ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND CHURCH CLERKS

Dear Friends:

The time is drawing near when the annual ministerial association will meet at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina. The session will convene on June 18 and will continue through June 22.

For the first time in Free Will Baptist history, the ministers' wives are invited to attend this meeting. Special arrangements have been made for them, and everything possible is being done to make them feel welcome. Their attending will provide the opportunity of meeting and fellowshiping with the wives of other ministers.

The theme for this annual meeting will be "Watch Ye." It promises to prove to be a very interesting session, with a special three-hour study course on "Divine Healing," "The Attributes of God," and "The Charismatic Movement—Why We Do Not Believe In It." On Wednesday, the popular singing group, "The Dixie Melody Boys" of Kinston, North Carolina, will be bringing a special message in song and testimony. Thursday afternoon will provide relaxation, as trip of interest has been planned for the entire group.

We are asking that each church or Sunday school send its minister and his wife to this most important meeting. A suggested gift in the amount of $150 is suggested to cover expenses.

We shall be looking forward to seeing your minister and his wife at Cragmont, June 18-22. This should not be considered his (the minister's) vacation; rather, it should be considered a time of fellowship and an in-depth spiritual study for your leader and his wife. Many benefits are expected to be received from this session.

Make plans now to send your minister and his wife!

Sincerely yours,
The Executive Committee
North Carolina Ministerial Association

NOTICE

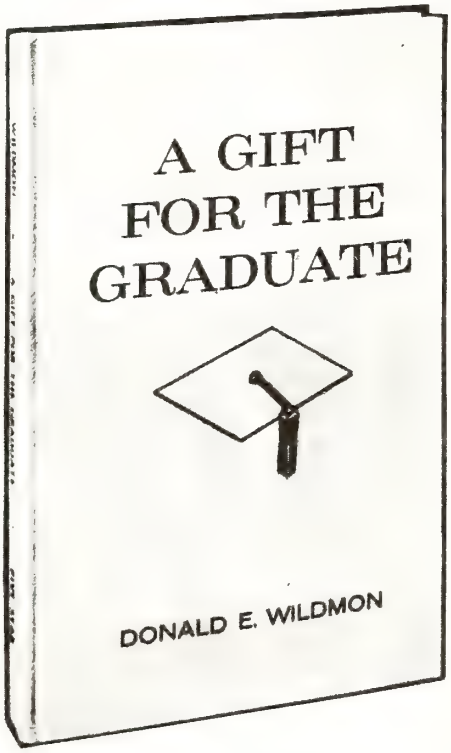
CRAGMONT WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

Any group registering for the Cragmont Woman's Conference having more than four in the group is asked to make reservations in one of the buildings other than the motel, due to limited motel space.

Please send all inquiries and registrations to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

A GIFT FOR THE GRADUATE

by Donald E. Wildmon



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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 20

God's Grace Sustains Us

Lesson Text: Isaiah 40:25-31; 2 Corinthians 4:15; 12:9, 10; Philippians 4: 10-13

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9

I. INTRODUCTION

A group of ministers were discussing certain words in the Bible such as hope, love, mercy, and the like, trying to agree on what they would call the most important word in the holy Scriptures. Finally, one minister made a statement which at first was casually accepted but within minutes all the ministers enthusiastically agreed that he was right. The statement was this: "The word 'grace' is unquestionably the most significant single word in the Bible." Do you know enough about grace to agree with him?

How would you define grace? What do you think of these definitions given by some of the world's greatest religionists?

"Grace freely justifies me and sets me free from slavery to sin."

"God's providence will never place you where His grace cannot keep you."

"Grace humbles a man without degrading him and exalts him without deflating him."

"Grace is everything for nothing to one who deserves nothing but judgment and destruction."

But perhaps the best word on grace was given by a chambermaid to Queen Elizabeth I when the servant was guilty of speaking ill of the queen. She had pleaded for grace and the queen finally said, "I will show you grace if you promise me you will never speak ill of me again," to which the servant replied, fearfully but sincerely, "My queen, grace that is fettered by conditions and shackled by caution is no grace at all." She was right and the queen saw it and showed grace freely and unconditionally.

Our lesson today teaches us that God's grace is like that and has power to sustain.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. The underlying principle of law is justice.
2. The underlying principle of grace is mercy.
3. Men are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:5).
4. Men are sustained by grace.
5. Grace supplies a new principle of life.

B. God Is Our Source (Isaiah 40:25-28)
1. God is an unique Source.
2. God is an omnipotent Source.
3. God is an omniscient Source.
4. God is an everlasting Source.

C. God Is Our Strength (Isaiah 40:29-31)
1. The Lord gives strength to those who need it.
2. We are to wait in expectancy upon the Lord for strength.
3. The strength of the Lord will raise us above earth's circumstances.

D. God's People Care (Philippians 4: 10-13)
1. God takes care of us sometimes through His people.
2. God helps us to be content with what we have.
3. God teaches us as His people to live above the circumstances of this world.
4. God enables us to do what we ought to do.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

The grace of God comes to us by means of many channels. Not the least of these is the medium of our Christian friends and associates. In countless ways we may encourage and give strength to one another in life.

When one of us is in need, God's grace, operating in His children, leads them to share. It is our privilege to extend unto others the temporal blessings God shown us. Thus the Early Church ga its reputation for caring through s ing (see Acts 4:32-35).

Sorrows touch all of us in this w some are most bitter and hard to b Again, we reflect the concern God shown us by helping one another our burdens (see Galatians 6:2). grace of God is distributed among u such a manner.

Finally, how can we express thanks for the fact that someone at s time in our lives made known to us G saving grace through Jesus Christ? were in the darkness of sin, we without hope, and someone brought gospel of Christ to us. Common s would tell us that we are debtors those who have never heard this sage of salvation. Not only is this obligation, but we should regard it privilege, for as we share this good n with others we become instrum through whom God's grace is reflec

—**Standard Lesson Comment**

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Can You Figure Ou This One?

When a boy gets up at 4 a.m. to liver papers, people say he is a go-get If the church should ask the same to get up at the same hour to do sc thing, people would say, "That's as too much of the boy."

If a woman spends eight hours a from her home duties at another jo help meet the family budget, she is ed an energetic wife. If, however, does the same for the Lord, people she is a fanatic.

If a man ties himself down to a $4 month payment on some luxury for home, he pays willingly; but if aske make a commitment for some caus the Lord, he says, "I don't believe pledges."

If he does drop $40 a month into offerings, people say he is crazy. is a crazy, mixed-up world, where things come last and last things c first.—**Copied.**

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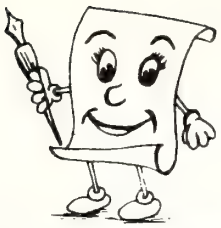
Are you seeming to lose touch your children as they grow older? flect on how much the world has ch ed since you grew up. It may not much to recall your past and make c parisons. A little toleration—of right, Christian sort—goes a long w



TRADE NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

our outstanding mothers in the Bible seldom mentioned. They were good heir children, caring for them, work- with them, loving them always. And records of their sons' lives prove were ideal mothers.

ochebed is mentioned twice, but es and Aaron are named hundreds of s. After Moses's mother contrived are for her own son, she instilled in a great love for God and His people. influence shows in Aaron's life, also, e helped make Israel into a nation.

o one knows the name of Daniel's her. Unlike so many young people can hardly wait to leave home to do ney please, her son lived righteously in the king's palace. He continued ollow the dietary laws and religious tices he had been taught by a loving her.

nother great one was Eunice, the her of Timothy. Although her hus- was a pagan, she taught the boy t God. In his last letter, Paul com- ented Eunice in having taught Timo- so well.

hen God was ready to send Jesus in- he world, He chose the best young an in all the land. Lovingly Mary d for Him as a baby, guided Him as y, and followed Him faithfully even e was dying on the Cross.

od mothers have always been loved appreciated, but only in this century a day been set aside to honor them. 908 Anna Jarvis began a campaign tablish a national Mother's Day. She sitting in the gallery of the House epresentatives in 1914 as the Speak- nounced passage of the bill making er's Day a national holiday. So, on econd Sunday in May, we honor the est mother who ever loved.

"he love of a mother is never ex- ted. It never changes, it never It endures through all; in good e, in bad repute, in the face of the d's condemnation. A mother's love lives on."—Washington Irving.

SONNETS FOR MOTHER

The following two poems were written by the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Crouch. Mrs. Crouch is operator for the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Ayden, North Carolina. The poems, which follow the style of Elizabeth Barrett Brownings "How Do I Love Thee?" were written when both girls were seniors at Ayden High School, studying the poetry of England.

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.
I love you as only a child could love.
I love you because you understand
My faults, my failings, my unhappiness.
I love you for being a mother to me
By watching me grow, sharing your love, showing your tenderness.
I love you because you are so forgiving and unselfish,
Not only to me, but others as well.
I love you for living your faith.
I love you, Mother, more than words can express.
It's a love that's pure and lasting because I am your daughter.
I love you for bringing me into this good life
I now share with you and the family,
But most of all, Mother, I love you for being you.

—Cindy Crouch (Bennett)

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How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love you, because yours is an eternal love,
An unselfish love, that grows from day to day
Deeper and deeper, until it seems to fill
The innermost parts of my soul.
I love you for all the times you wept
Over my sorrows and shortcomings.
I love you for all the times you comforted me
In sickness, grief, and pain.
I love you, because of the warm and happy smile
That can always be found on your face,
And for laughter which seems to penetrate even the wind.
But most of all, I love thee
Because you are my mother.

—Debby Crouch (Pierce)

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Do you have a worry that you can't seem to put down—regardless of how much you try? Stop trying to put it down: Let it go up—to God.

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Mount Olive News

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But what we have in Korea and Vietnam is a pathetic situation. We have to bear some of the responsibility for these children."

Mr. Howard joined the faculty of Mount Olive College in 1967. He, his wife, and one son reside in the community of Mount Olive.

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THE GREATEST NEED

by Vernon McCoy, Student
Mount Olive College

Since becoming a true searcher for Christ and His purpose in my life, I have had many experiences with the Lord. Two of the most meaningful and knowledgeable occurred at a peaceful and beautiful place called Oriental.

Those great moments with Jesus Christ didn't take place at Oriental because His presence is **greater** there. They took place because His presence was the **greatest.** His greatest presence was paralleled to my greatest desires and needs.

The Holy Spirit's presence in our life is only as great as we let it be. We say we understand this, yet we continue to let "self" stand in the way. God has so much to offer us if we will only stop blocking the flow.

The greatest need of every Christian is to have the Holy Spirit lead our lives. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

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Mount Olive Announces 1973 Summer Session

Mount Olive College summer session will be held in three 3-week periods employing the "modular concept" in which only one course is taken in each session.

Outstanding high school students will be participating in the Accelerated Degree Program in which college credit may be earned prior to high school graduation.

Most of the courses will be taught by individualized instruction incorporating the non-failing grading system.

Mount Olive is especially suited for summer study with its fully air-conditioned buildings. Recreation facilities for the first time will include nearby Eagles Nest Conference Center and its lake.

Course offerings include English composition, English literature, public speaking, biology, botany, zoology, intermediate algebra, college algebra, concepts of mathematics, trigonometry, psychology, Western civilization, American history, economics, American government, and North Carolina history.

Professor Claude H. Moore will also be conducting a European tour for three semester hours credit.

The Admissions Office will supply a brochure and complete information on request.

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Church - College Scholarships For FWB Students Attending Mount Olive College

In order to make it possible for more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College, the College has inaugurated a special scholarship program which may cover up to $500 of the tuition a student may pay each academic year. The program is on a voluntary basis for those churches which wish to participate.

To qualify, a student must present at the time of his registration, or the church must send in advance, a check signed by the treasurer with the specification that the check is for a scholarship for the student named. The College will then provide an equal amount, up to $125 per semester, as a scholarship. Since there are two semesters in an academic year, one beginning in August and another in January, a student may receive up to $250 from his church and another $250 from the College for a total of $500 under this program.

Gifts sent to the College for this purpose will not be listed toward meeting the challenge assigned that church for the College, but will be recorded as "Restricted Income for Church-Co Scholarships."

It is understood that the College use its own funds or any funds ac istered by it in matching the schola from the church; and further, that i student qualifies for a scholarshi ready provided by the College, scholarship shall be considered as filling the College's matching resp bility. In addition, it is understood the College retains the right to c mine the student's academic eligi for admission and/or continuation ir lege quite apart from the mat scholarship.

It is the hope of the College that program will encourage and make it sible for more Free Will Baptist stu to attend Mount Olive College.

Additional Information

Persons who have questions or wish additional information should sult or contact Mr. Charles H. Ha Business Manager-Treasurer, Mount College, Mount Olive, North Car 28365 (telephone: (919) 658-4933).

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NEWS NOTES

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the Spring Hope church, announces following the morning service on 13, a picnic lunch will be held in th lowship hall. Special singing will at 2 p.m. with the D & L Gospel Si and the Free Will Gospel Singers Roberson County, North Carolina. vitation is extended by the pastor church members for everyone to and fellowship with them.

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She said to me, "I wish I was your child." How would you have answered her?

"I WISH I WAS YOUR CHILD"

"I wish I was your child," she said somewhat sadly; and it nearly broke my heart. She had followed me to the organ, and I had helped her onto the seat. Nudging me gently with her little hand, she looked up into my face again with those big, brown eyes and said once more, this time more firmly so as to be certain that I would hear: "Mr. Tommy, I wish I was your child."

I squeezed her a little, and she rested her head with its profusion of long, brown curls against my shoulder; and my heart ached and sang at the same time. The little five-year-old girl—a precious child indeed—is the middle child of two of my best friends; and somehow, and for some reason unknown to me, she has taken a liking to me—pleasing me to be sure—and meeting her family's approval.

Her remark to me was no indication that she isn't loved at home, nor is it an indication that she needs more love. There is absolutely no reason that she should want to be someone else's child. Rather, her saying what she did shows how her little heart reaches out with its deep love to those around her, not only to me, but also to others as well. Perhaps she knew that I'd like to have a little girl just like her, and her statement to me was, at least to her mind, a way of perhaps filling a void that I felt.

I can't emphasize enough how much her remark touched me, nor can I ever explain adequately the thoughts that ran through my mind or the stirrings of my soul as she sat there very quietly, close to "Mr. Tommy" and displaying her love for him by being near him.

From my seat at the organ, I glanced in the direction of her mother, who smiled her favor, knowing that I approved of the little girl's being there with me, and knowing, too, that since this was an informal Sunday night business meeting, there was no real breach of church etiquette for her to have followed me to the organ. Her father looked our way too, probably proud of his beautiful daughter but not quite so sure that she should have left her seat in the pew. Nevertheless, his eyes revealed no displeasure—nor would they—for he and his wife have shared this little girl with "Mr. Tommy" for quite sometime.

"Mr. Tommy," as the little girl always calls your editor, has an eight-year-old son, who has a mass of golden red hair, white skin, and penetrating blue eyes. And, needless to emphasize, I love this boy in an immeasurable manner; but, love is not so selfish or limited that the heart cannot contain love for others. So indeed, the little girl is loved by me, and it must be admitted (with no disrespect to her true parents) that I responded quite favorably when she said, "I wish I was your child." My heart leaped with joy, certainly; and I must tell you that I whispered back to her, "I do, too, darling."

The precious little girl belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, members of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina. Mrs. Williams is sister-in-law of the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson. Joseph and his wife, Shirley, are two of the finest Christian people I know. They have exemplified Christlike attitudes in so many situations that would "try" most of us beyond the breaking point. Their faith is beautiful, as is every Christian virtue they display. They have two fine other children: a daughter, Cathy, age thirteen; and a small son, Joey, age four. The little girl who loves "Mr. Tommy" is called "Jo."

The little girl's rapport with me and the fact that she appears especially fond of me does not mean that she is neglected at home, for the Williams couple dote on all three of their children with equal love and attention. The marvel of it is that all the children, though loved dearly by their parents, are also disciplined with equal vigor, whenever such is necessary; and their philosophy must be akin to mine in the belief that true love begins with discipline. Therefore, all of the children are well-behaved, friendly, and outward in their relations to others, and are able quite naturally and without effort to share that love which they receive from their parents.

No, dear reader, lest you think so, may I assure you that "Mr. Tommy" does not covet little "Jo," but he does love her and cannot hide that feeling. How else was he to answer her when she said in her sincere little voice, "I wish I was your child," except to say, "I do, too, darling"? To admit the truth, for a moment there, I did want her to be mine; and actually she is (in a sense), as her kind parents share her with me so unselfishly. So, if you happen to be visiting Reedy Branch church and see a beautiful little girl sitting with me on the organ bench or on the front pew or wherever, she will probably be "Jo" Williams—my "child."

This brings us to this point: God desires to be the Father of each of us and wants to be our Saviour. Have you ever said to Him, "Dear Father, I wish I were your child"? Just think!

Cover Photo: "Jo" Williams, da of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, bers of the Reedy Branch Free Baptist Church, Winterville, North lina.

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by Tommy Manning

Physician, Where Art Thou? I Need Thee!

e great Physician is always near, His human counterparts are some-s hard to find. Why? because there st simply a shortage of physicians—r area and other areas as well.

ysicians (doctors, if you will) devote lives to the fighting of and treat-of illness and disease. They seek ugh their various professional skills ve lives and to relieve suffering, and has been the case from the very days of civilization.

retrospect, let's examine some perti-historical facts. Egyptian physi-s were famous for their diagnoses treatments of a myriad of diseases arly as 2500 B. C. The Greek physi-Hippocrates, from whom we got Hippocratic oath, and who lived in 400's B. C., developed great skills in nosis; and modern doctors still rely ily upon his descriptions of certain ses, as well as his methods of as-aining said diseases.

100 B. C., the city of Alexandria in t became the medical center of the d. An impressive school of medi-, particularly famous for its experi-ts in anatomy, flourished there for dreds of years. Roman medicine was rry-over from the Greeks, the Greeks ng established the importance of per-l hygiene. Roman thought carried a little further to, what we would sider today, public health.

edicine has had its ups and downs. Middle Ages, for example, was a od of time when medicine made lit-progress. The great Black Death or onic Plague killed thousands of per-s, and physicians, as skilled as was sible at this time, could do little to vent or cure this dreaded malady. Dur-the 1400's and 1700's, extensive dies were made of anatomy and phys-gy. In the later 1400's, Leonardo Vinci, the gifted artist, scientist, in-tor, and pioneer in dissection of the y, studied the human anatomy in de-. His accurate drawings of bones, dons, muscles, the heart, lungs, and er parts of the body provided medicine with an invaluable source of reference, as he practiced on human cadavers.

During the 1800's, Pasteur and Koch came on the scene with their established germ theory of disease. A little later, surgery became not so foreboding a confrontation with the development of anesthesia. Medicine advanced, and the need grew for trained physicians—physicians trained in **medical schools.** Many such schools were established in Europe and certain sections of the United States. High standards were set, and properly so, to elevate the medical profession and provide its sundry benefits to the masses who required these.

The 1900's provided research in physics, chemistry, biochemistry, and bacteriology. Medicine advanced once more with age and time and perseverance on the part of dedicated individuals, concentrating their efforts toward the betterment of society by preventive and curative measures. Damaged body parts could now be replaced through the development of strong, lightweight materials. Countless individuals live useful, normal lives, carrying about in their skulls, knees, or other parts of their bodies, metal plates, without which they might not be alive or mobile. Breathing machines, kidney machines, batteries for the heart are now commonplace. Transplants of vital organs have made contemporary history, and far be it from anyone to deny that medicine is advancing—and advancing rapidly!

The future promises cures for cancer and the prevention and better treatment of high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, and even old age itself. Ways are being sought to kill viruses in the body without destroying its cells. Studies are being made to ascertain the exact causes of mental illness and other. . . well, let's stop here and go back to **physicians.**

Where are they? Everybody knows that we need more of them. Technical knowledge is of no value if someone doesn't know how to apply it. How is one to know how to utilize skills that have proven effective, if he isn't first taught and is able to practice these? This is why we need more **medical schools.** Also, how are patients going to avail themselves of needed services, **if doctors are not within their reach?** Must one have to travel 30 or 40 miles to get medical aid? In some areas this **is** necessary.

Every doctor spends four years in medical school. The first two years, the preclinical years, the student studies basic sciences associated with medicine: including anatomy, pharmacology, biochemistry, and physiology. During the end of these two years is when he is able to "take" case histories and learn to give physical examinations. The second two years of study are the clinical years in which **medical schools** and hospitals work together to train the future doctor. Illnesses are studied, and he learns about diagnosis and treatment. Graduation gives him a Doctor of Medicine degree. Then he goes on to internship and additional training. But, let's back up for a bit. . . .

What we're mainly concerned about at this point is the four-year study plan and the fact that there aren't enough **medical schools** available to provide this study for those who desire it and seek it. This is not only true of our particular area in North Carolina, but it is also true in other states reached by this magazine.

Allow us, if you will, to dwell upon the North Carolina problem awhile—especially as is related to the Eastern section of our state. Now, North Carolina has three fully-accredited medical schools: the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Duke University in Durham, and Bowman Gray of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. Nearer by, actually about ten miles from Ayden, is located East Carolina University in Greenville, which has a **one-year** plan of study or a **one-year medical school,** which at this time is allowed to admit only 20 students per year with the provision that they will transfer to Chapel Hill for further training.

Many small towns and rural areas are **without needed physicians.** The nearby town of Winterville, with a population of 1,437, has been **without** a doctor for approximately **15 years.** The last resi-

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SUNDAY, MAY 13

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8

"Jesus Said He Would"

An evangelist was holding special meetings for boys and girls. One day after the children's meeting, little Helen came home, rushed into her father's study, threw her arms around his neck, and said, "Daddy, I am a Christian."

"Well, Helen," said her father, "I am so glad to hear that. When did you become a Christian?"

"This afternoon," she said.

He asked her to tell him what had occurred.

"Oh," she said, "Mr. —, the evangelist, said that Jesus Christ was there in the room, and that if we would receive Him, He would come in and live in our lives and make us His own; that He would receive us."

"Well," he said, "go on; tell me what else happened."

"Why," she said, "I received Him as my Saviour and Jesus took me in."

"Well, Helen," he said, "that is all very interesting, but how do you know that when you received Jesus as your Saviour, He took you in?"

And he said he would not forget the look on the face of his little girl as she drew herself up, and said, "Why, Daddy, because He said He would!"—Will H. Houghton, in *The Living Christ.*

Prayer Thought

Oh, the faith of a little child! Do we have that beautiful faith? If not, we are not living our lives to the fullest. Are you?

MONDAY, MAY 14

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:9

Collie Keeps Eight-Year Vigil at Boy's Grave!

The papers over the nation carried this touching story: King was the Collie's name. How *kingly* he acted in daily visiting, for more than eight years, the grave of his master! His master, Angelo Del Plato, was killed in a motor vehicle accident. King had delighted in romping with his master. At the graveside, King stood at the outskirts of the scene, and, as the casket was lowered into the ground, the bewildered dog watched with wonderment, seemingly a chief mourner at the solemnities. Admiring friends said of King, "I can't remember a single day, in the last eight years, that he hasn't gone to the cemetery. He usually lies on Angelo's grave a little while, and then comes home. When tied, he broke ropes and pulled down posts to get away to go to the master's grave!" The faithful dog has found a way to be as close as possible to the boy he loved. Love always finds a way!—W. B. K.

Prayer Thought

As we read the above, we become more aware of the most wonderful word in any language—love! You do know it, don't you?

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:6

A Prayer Finished in Glory

Several years ago a minister in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the close of his sermon, felt led to do an unusual thing. He said, "If there is someone here that is sick of sin, and wants us to pray for you, raise your hand." A young man sprang to his feet, and said, "Pray for me, Sir, I am sick and tired of sin." The minister learned later that for eight years the boy had been a wanderer on the earth. The minister advised him to write home and tell his parents what he had done. He did, and after several days of anxious waiting, a letter came from his mother, but it was bordered with black. With tear-dimmed eyes he read: "My dear son: The joy which your letter brought to our hearts was only exceeded by the sadness which was there at the same time, for as nearly as we can figure, the same hour that you found Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your father was going out into the skies. All day long he tossed upon his bed. Every little while he would cry out in misery, 'Oh God, save my poor wandering, drunken boy today!' We would try to divert his attention from your waywardness and sin, but his mind would float from place to place, and he would cry out in sorrow, 'Oh God, save . . .' and he finished the prayer in the presence of Jesus." Down at the bottom of the letter the mother added a note saying, "You are a Christian tonight because your father would not let God go."

Prayer Thought

Would we, under these same conditions, do as this man did? Would we do this for our friends as well as our children? Would we?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Scripture Reading—Luke 21:2-4

Losing Their Home for His Sake

Dr. Truett of Texas was invited to a church that was raising $6,500 to dedicate a church building. After $3,500 had been promised, the offerings ceased. Then a plainly dressed woman arose and spoke to her husband who was taking the names. "Charley, I wonder if you would be willing to give our little cottage, just out of debt. We were offered $3,500 for it terday. Would you be willing to giv little house for Christ that His house be free? The fine fellow responded i same high spirit: "Jennie, dear, I thinking of the same thing." Then lo up at me with his face covered with he said, "We will give the $3,500." there followed a scene beyond descri Men and women sobbed aloud, and a in a moment the $3,500 was provided. without invitation there came down aisle men and women, saying, "Sir, is the Saviour, and how can we find H —from *Every-Member Evangelism.*

Prayer Thought

Do we know God as this couple If not, may we begin today to become like these two. It works miracles!

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6:5

She Threw it Away

An old woman was converted in K The visiting missionary and the woman taught her as much as they and then passed on. The missionary back many months later.

The old lady told her the follo story:

"After you left, I sat in my hut i evening, puffing at my dear old pipe thinking of the wonderful gospel story of the love of the Saviour to me. thought of Him, I felt that I could n here with Him (you said He promis be with me) selfishly enjoying my alone.

"So I held the pipe out to Him and ed Him to share it.

"After some evenings, it came to me the pipe was very old and dirty and so very pure and holy. It was not offer Him. So again I smoked alone. went on for some time. Then the th came: 'If it is too old and dirty to to Him, then surely it is not fit eithe me, His follower.'" So she threw awa pipe with the explanation, "If it is n for Him, it is not fit for me either! I smoke now."—*World Dominion.*

Prayer Thought

Let's examine our own lives. Do we anything in our lives that is not fit fo Lord?

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Scripture Reading—Psalm 3:3

"No Glass Between"

A story is told of a poor boy in Lo His parents were dead, and he was charge of a terrible drunken woman, forced him to beg, and met him with and cuffs if he brought her too little. greatest pleasure in life was to see beautiful things exhibited in shop wind He knew, though, that these things not meant for him, for there was a the glass between, and he became r ciled to the thought that he could have them. Especially did he want

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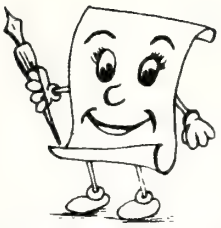

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By Nina Grace Register

sure as May comes judgment day—nore than 2,000 piano students in Carolina, and thousands more who in the National Piano Guild Audi- In many ways, this annual judg- day is similar to the one when each tian will be judged and rewarded.

Irl Allison began the auditions in s about 45 years ago. A friend a neighboring college evaluated his nts' playing on the basis of natural y, length of time studied, and per- ance. It was not a contest—each nt competed with himself. It has n to a world-wide event anticipated eagerness or dread, depending on student's preparation.

e judge is usually a stranger to nts and teachers, but has an uncan- nack of knowing whether a child is ted and hasn't tried, or is untalent- nd tried very hard. So each pupil is ed fairly, according to his own work. pianists are encouraged to improve year to year.

e grades are "C" (commendable) for s done well, and "A" for things h need more attention. Everyone s more C's than A's, and the ratings e from "fair" to "superior plus." receipt of his certificate and pin, he mes a member of the National Fra- ty of Student Musicians for one

w is all that like our judgment day? e work according to our own talents, , and desires. We can do much or , as we choose. We know our works be judged because we belong to st, but we've never seen our Judge to face. However, when we meet He will judge each of us separately. nows whether we've done our best, His verdict will be absolutely fair. l be rewarded according to what e done. But instead of a pin to r one year, each Christian will have own of life to wear forever.

ost of us, I'm sure, would like a iminary judgment day to be graded what we've done already, and have nance to improve.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. C. R. Etheridge will be available for full-time services beginning July 1. Any church desiring to contact him may call 249-4601 or write P. O. Box 5, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510.

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The Rev. Doug Skinner wishes to announce that he will be returning home on May 24 from Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana, for the summer. He will be available for part-time service during the summer months. Any church wishing to contact him may do so by telephoning 243-2729 or by writing 2517 Trull Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

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CENTRAL YOUTH TO MEET AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Youth Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Saturday night, May 26, at 7:30, at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina. All youth of the district are urged to be in attendance for this most important meeting.

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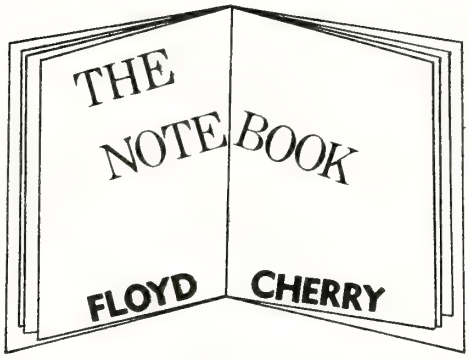

One of the primary purposes of education is to train the student to think, to make decisions, to formulate ideas and generally to become independent intellectually. To deny that this is one of the purposes of education is to reveal one's own lack of sophistication. Although the ability to think is not the only purpose of education, it is one of its prime purposes.

On the other hand, it must not be overlooked that the student has to have some basic facts or a premise upon which to base his thinking. One can no more think without a basic premise than a builder can erect a building without a foundation. If the foundation of the building is incorrect or insecure, the whole building is in jeopardy.

If the student does not get his basic facts upon which to base his thinking from the schools he attends, where will he get them? Admittedly, if the teacher lays down an ultimatum regarding facts, attitudes, or conduct, the student will probably be "turned-off" and refuse them altogether. Attitudes and beliefs and ideals are caught rather than taught.

An unbelieving instructor cannot long deceive pupils about what he believes and the attitudes he holds. The teacher has great prestige with the pupil; therefore, the teacher's beliefs and ideals are very contagious.

It seems then that the only answer would be to see that we do not have those teaching our young people who have beliefs and ideals that are not consistent with those that we want and expect our children to adopt as their own. The good teacher must have a background of training and experience consistent with the ideas and beliefs that the institution wants to inculcate in the pupils.

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If you had your past to relive, are there things that you would do differently? Remember that today will be tomorrow's past.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Mayo to Speak at Revival Services Planned at Winterville FWB Church

The Rev. Jack Mayo

Revival services will be held at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on May 21-25. The Rev. Jack Mayo will be the evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:45.

The booster band and youth choirs will be singing during the week, as well as other groups from the local church. The pastor, the Rev. James Lupton, invites the public to join with the congregation for these services.

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Homecoming Slated at Rains Cross Roads FWB Church on May 20

The Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming and Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 20. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the message by the pastor, the Rev. Preston Smith, at the 11 o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. A singspiration will be held in the afternoon.

The pastor and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former members to be with them on this day.

Study Course on Child Evangelism Planned at Sandy Plain FWB Church

A study course on child evangelism will be held on May 24, at the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Mr. David J. Bylsma, state director of child evangelism from Goldsboro, North Carolina, will teach the course. The purpose of the evening is to help in showing children the plan of salvation through visual aid.

All Bible school teachers, Sunday school teachers, and helpers are invited to come. No admission will be charged; a free will offering will be taken.

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Amerson Memorial Bulletin Board Dedicated in Service in Wilson

The 11 o'clock worship service on February 18 was the occasion of the dedication of the Amerson Memorial Bulletin Board at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. The bulletin board is dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Amerson Sr. It was given to the church by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Amerson Jr.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Amerson Sr. joined the church about 1925. Mr. Amerson was a member for about 38 years and Mrs. Amerson for about 42 years. Mr. Amerson served his church in many capacities, not the least of them being a deacon for several years. Mrs. Amerson was active in the woman's auxiliary and other organizations of the church as long as health permitted, always radiating goodwill and love to all.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the church, prepared and presented the dedication. He presented the bulletin b as "a wayside pulpit, proclaiming and night to passers-by the good new Jesus Christ, extending to all an in tion to worship God and to experi the warmth of Christian fellowship."

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White Hill FWB Church Announces Revival for May 21-26, Bowen to Sp

A revival will be held at the W Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Rout Aurora, North Carolina, on May 21-2 8 p.m. The evangelist will be the C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Caro He will be assisted by the pastor White Hill church, the Rev. Owen Ar Jr.

Special singing will be rendered n ly.

The church and its pastor exter warm invitation to the public to b attendance. The church is locatec Highway 306.

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Bethel Church in Pamlico County Schedules Revival, May 14-19

The Bethel Original Free Will Ba Church at Whortonsville in Pamlico C ty, North Carolina, will hold revival vices beginning Monday, May 14, p.m. and continuing through Satur May 19. The evangelist will be the J. B. Starnes of Newport, North C lina. He will be assisted by the pa the Rev. W. D. Powell of New Bern, N Carolina.

There will be special singing each e ing. The public is cordially invited t tend these special services.

Coming Events . . .

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, M Olive College, Mount Olive, N Carolina.

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the N Carolina Ministerial Association, C mont Assembly, Black Mountain, N Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Will Baptist Church near Newp North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Conven of the General Conference of Free Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will tist Church near Newport, North C lina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Baptist Church near Newport, N Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MOUNT OLIVE ARRANGES EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH COLLEGE IN HOLY LAND

possible exchange program between nt Olive College, Mount Olive, North lina, and Birzeit College, located fif- miles from Jerusalem, was arranged resident W. Burkette Raper during ecent visit to the Holy Land.

rzeit is a private liberal arts college an enrollment of 300 students and rrently in transition from a junior four-year college. It is affiliated the American University of Beirut, non, follows the American system ducation, and uses English as its um of instruction.

hile there are a number of details to be worked out, President Raper rted that in his meeting with Presi- Hanna Nasir the spring semester of was tentatively agreed upon as the for the first exchange of students. horization to negotiate the program given by the Mount Olive College d of Trustees immediately prior to ident Raper's April trip to the Holy , and while in Jerusalem Dr. Raper presented the proposed exchange ram to Bishop Najib Cubain, chair- of the Board of Trustees of Birzeit ege.

is anticipated that two students Mount Olive College would partici- in the first exchange program and thereafter the number could be ex- ded according to interested and quali- applicants. The student's course of y at Birzeit would be based upon his cational plans and the courses being ght at Birzeit and would be worked in advance by the student and his lty advisor at Mount Olive College.

nder the arrangement, students from colleges would register and pay r fees at their home institution.

he idea for the exchange program first proposed by Dr. Jamil Shami, n of students at Mount Olive College an alumnus of Birzeit College. He serve as the coordinator for the program at Mount Olive and will provide orientation for the students selected to participate.

President Raper listed three major advantages the exchange program would have for Mount Olive College.

1. It will provide ministerial students an opportunity to live and study in the Holy Land where they can attain first-hand knowledge of the land where Christianity had its birth. The Holy Land is also the birthplace of Judaism and the Mohammed faith.

2. It will give students a living experience with another country and another culture and thereby strengthen and broaden their understanding of other people.

3. By bringing to Mount Olive College students from another country, the educational climate of the College will be enriched and a contribution can be made to international understanding and goodwill.

"We look forward to inaugurating this program and believe that it may become one of the truly distinctive features of Mount Olive College," President Raper declared.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of April totaled $298.

In Memory of

Mrs. Laura Barefoot, by Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Mr. William D. Brown, by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Thigpen, Beulaville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Chellie A. Bryan, by Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Mr. John Alexander Carr, by Mr. and Mrs. Rand Montague, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Clay Casey, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Edwards, Clinton, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Fagg Jr., Batesville, Arkansas.

Mr. Jarvis Cox, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. Henry A. Crumpler, by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hinnant, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mrs. Laura W. Eason, by Couples Class, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mr. Walter Farmer, by Circle Number 6, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, East Rockingham, North Carolina.

Mr. William McKinley Griffin, by Southern Bank and Trust Company, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Clarence Wayne Heath, by Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson, by Sunday School, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Maggie D. Malone, by Woman's Auxiliary, Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina.

Mr. Bland Noble, by Mr. Gene B. Mercer, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Beulaville, North Carolina; Woman's Auxiliary, Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina.

Mr. A. R. Pope, by Couples Class, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mr. Carl S. Powell, by Couples Class, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mr. N. R. Southerland, by Couples Class, Johnston Union Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mrs. Zula Waters, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. C. D. Whitaker Sr., by the Rev. Gary M. Bailey, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mrs. Pheddie Worthington, by Woman's Auxiliary, Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina.

In Honor of

Mrs. Larry Barbour, by Ambassadors for Christ, Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Carol Hansley, by Ambassadors for Christ, Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina.

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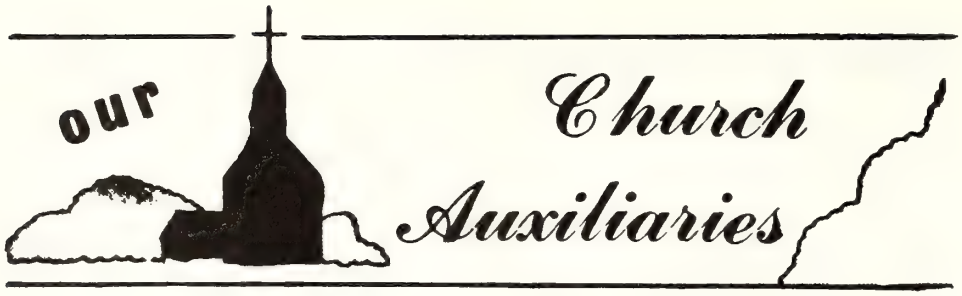

EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SPRING CONVENTION REPORT

The spring convention of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary convened with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 22. The theme for the convention was "Pray—Knock—Witness," with Scripture taken from Luke 11:9, 10.

Morning Session

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. M. Register. Mrs. Nora Dixon brought the morning devotions, using as the basis of her remarks the Scripture for the convention. She stressed the importance of prayer in our lives and the responsibility that we have to witness.

Mrs. Linda Gaskins of the host church extended a very warm welcome to everyone. Mrs. Lucille Holland responded. The president recognized 12 district officers, two state officers, and several ministers that were present. She extended to them a very warm welcome. There were 125 visitors and 50 registered delegates present. Remarks by the president then followed.

Mrs. Ellen Dixon from the New Bern Bible and Bookstore gave helpful information concerning books and other items. A display of certain items was available for those attending to view.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock represented Cragmont. She stated that the new kitchen there will be in use by June. Mrs. Matthew Prescott represented Camp Vandemere. She stated that construction would soon begin on a dormitory and dining hall.

Mrs. Carol Hansley, Children's Home chairman, gave her report, and then introduced Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent at the Home. He thanked the auxiliaries for their support, asked for a continuation of this, and for their prayers. At the present time 65 children live at the Home. Eighteen are not sponsored; and there are now 12 applications.

Greetings from Mount Olive College were brought by Tommy Evans, ministerial student. In behalf of Dr. Raper, he thanked everyone for the contributions on the chapel fund, and asked for prayers and a continued support of the College.

An offering was received, to be divided equally between the Children's Home and Mount Olive College, in the amount of $109.35. Offertory prayer was by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Special music was rendered by Miss Vickie Toler and Miss Sharon Whitford from the host church.

Mrs. Nerry Wall, youth chairman, gave her report, stating that there were only six essay entries. Much interest has been manifested in the Bible bowl quiz. Essay winners were presented, and each read his essay on "The Power of Prayer." The YFA winner was Miss Donna Powell from the Moseley's Creek church; YFA runner-up was Mr. Danny Miller from the Saint Mary's church. The AFC winner was Teresa Mann from the Saint Mary's church.

Special prayer was rendered for Mrs. Bertha Smith, who is sick, by Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr.

Appointment of committees followed. The morning session then adjourned with benediction and grace by the Rev. Walter Sutton.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing of "Saviour like a Shepherd Lead Us," and prayer by Mrs. Laura Boyette.

The "Woman of the Year" presentation was made by Mrs. S. M. Harrison, chairman. Mrs. Bertie Howard from Smith's New Home church was the winner. She was presented a beautiful silver tray, appropriately engraved.

Mrs. Richard Bryan, study course chairman, gave a report of her work and urged members to have the required number of studies. By motion and vote of the convention, a district study c on the woman's auxiliary manual wi held at the Core Creek Free Will Ba Church, Cove City, North Carolina, Thursday, April 26, from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. All auxiliary members, an pecially the officers, are urged to at

A report on missions was give Mrs. Adaline Gray, chairman. She sented the Rev. Joe Ingram, mission rector. He expressed pleasure in r ing with us. He gave an account recent experience that he had in Philippines. Another couple is ne in the work in the Philippines. Ever is asked to pray for this need to be

Mrs. Rivers Winstead, field secre gave a report of her work, and dis ed "standard of achievement" ch Four auxiliaries were A-1 stan Arapahoe, Juniper Chapel, Sarecta, Bridgeton. She urged the use of Anna Phillips Loan Fund chart.

Superannuation Chairman Mrs. C Hansley gave her report, and prese the Rev. Walter Reynolds. He s briefly on the work, requested conti support of the retired ministers widows, and asked that we become r concerned about the superannu program.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, pin award c man, asked that the names of per who are eligible for this award be to her.

The secretary gave a report of year's work, and read minutes of executive meeting for information. tions that were recommended to the ventions were passed on. They as follows: (1) to have a district s course on the woman's auxiliary ma in April at Core Creek Free Will Ba Church; (2) that only first place win of AFC and YFA declamations and es present their entries at the convent and (3) that local auxiliaries contri on a freezer locker for the Childr Home if this becomes our state proje

The treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, her report. By motion and vote it accepted. The finance committee's port was given, and accepted by mo and vote. The convention voted in f of sending $50 to each of the follow missions (for Sandra Jones); superan tion; Cragmont; Camp Vandemere; o fund at Mount Olive College; and fre locker at the Children's Home.

Mrs. Rivers Winstead, Mrs. Carol H ley, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Mrs. Velma W and Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. were appoi delegates to the State Convention. D

ges to other conventions were appoint-

he resolutions committee reported as ows: Be it resolved (1) that the con-tion members be better prayer part-s and witnesses for Jesus; and (2) that express our appreciation to the dents from our College and to the t church, who participated in our ting today.

he petitions committee reported that th's New Home church auxiliary ld like to entertain the fall conven-. By motion and vote this was ac-ted.

he courtesy committee requested that give a rising vote of thanks to the t church for inviting us here for our ng convention, for the warm wel-e extended to us to worship and fel-ship with them, for the beautiful vers on the altar which bespeak of 's power and love to us, for every of courtesy shown, and for the ntiful dinner prepared for us.

he convention adjourned with a ris-vote of thanks to the host church benediction by Mrs. Rivers Winstead.

TREASURER'S REPORT

nce on Hand		$ 150.00
d's Spending Money		55.00
eipts from Churches		2,435.80
otal for Which to Account		$2,640.80
Disbursements		
istian Service Fund	$ 372.79	
e E. Lupton cholarship	55.00	
erannuation	119.00	
an, Mount Olive ollege	137.73	
gmont Improvement	18.00	
eign Missions	162.56	
e Missions	137.69	
eral Fund, Children's ome	279.76	
. Griffin Scholarship	18.00	
dren's Home Clothing	212.00	
, Children's Home	101.00	
n's, Children's Home	245.68	
Jones Fund Missions)	70.00	
Barrow Fund Missions)	25.00	
nt Olive College eneral Fund	124.12	
ions	229.58	
mons Mission	39.87	
airs, Children's Home	20.00	
p Vandemere	5.00	
gmont—Mrs. Hancock	50.00	
Vance Link Fund Missions)	50.00	
a Phillips Loan Fund	6.00	
cutive Board Expense	19.33	
otal Disbursements		2,498.13
nce, Convention Money		$ 87.67
		55.00
nce on Hand		$ 142.67

FINANCIAL REPORT

nce	$ 142.67

EASTERN CONFERENCE "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Mrs. Bertie Whaley Howard

The members of the woman's auxiliary of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church submitted the name of Mrs. Bertie Whaley Howard as their nominee for "Woman of the Year." She was subsequently selected as the winner of that title from the Eastern Conference. Her nomination follows.

Miss Bertie, as she is known by her many friends, was born May 28, 1896. She grew up with six sisters and one brother and learned very early how to work and not to be afraid of hard and honest work. Her dedication to a task well done is exemplified in her long life of Christian work. At the age of fourteen she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour and united with Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church.

In 1914, Miss Bertie was married to Amos Howard and to this union were born twelve children of whom eleven are now living. She worked hand in hand with Mr. Amos and the children in the fields and the garden and at the end of these long days of field work she attended to the multitude of household chores that a family of fourteen required. She never seemed to tire. She tried to instill in her children that "God Is Love" and her foremost desire was that her family be Christians. Her efforts were not in vain. She has seen all eleven accept Christ as their Saviour and become faithful workers in their church. As the children were growing up, the family attended the community church which held services only one Sunday each month. Miss Bertie recognized the need of more Christian training and fellowship, so she gathered a group of women together and organized a Sunday school. She served as superintendent of this Sunday school for the first two years. Since then she has served in her Sunday school in many capacities, doing all she could to bring others to Jesus.

Miss Bertie is a charter member of Smith's New Home Auxiliary. She has faithfully held every position in this auxiliary, working untiringly for missions, the Children's Home, Mount Olive College, and superannuation. She represents her church well in conventions, conferences, and union meetings.

Miss Bertie is always giving—never expecting to receive anything for self. Through the years this was shown by her sharing her home with her sister-in-law and nursing her in the later years of her life.

She has been very active in community

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Receipts		
Offering for Children's Home and Mount Olive College	$109.36	
Per Capita Dues	411.20	
Receipts from Churches	238.40	
Lunch Money for Chapel at Mount Olive College	118.15	
Total Receipts		877.11
Total for Which to Account		$1,019.78
Disbursements		
Child's Clothing	$ 75.00	
Child's Trip to Cragmont	45.00	
Offering for Children's Home	54.68	
Offering for Mount Olive College	54.68	
Lunch Money for Chapel at Mount Olive College	118.15	
Secretary	20.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
Convention Expense	15.70	
Award for Woman of the Year	25.00	
Essay Contest	12.50	
Life Award Pin	25.00	
Gift for Woman of the Year	13.31	
State Dues	205.60	
Total Allocated		689.62
Balance (Including District Dues)		$ 330.16
Disbursements by Vote of Convention		
Freezer at Children's Home	$ 50.00	
Organ at Mount Olive College	50.00	
Cragmont	50.00	
Camp Vandemere	50.00	
Missions (Salary for Sandra Jones)	50.00	
Superannuation	50.00	
Total Disbursed by Vote		300.00
Balance on Hand		$ 30.16

Mount Olive News

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Gifts

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina

Mount Olive Extension Homemaker's Club, Mount Olive, North Carolina

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Layman's Conference Planned at Mount Olive College

A Spiritual Life Conference will be sponsored by Mount Olive College on May 25 and 26, emphasizing the role of laymen in the church. The purpose of the conference will be to examine the task of the church in today's world, and to seek spiritual renewal through study, prayer, and fellowship.

The conference will begin with the 6 p.m. meal, and the evening service at 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of worship, teaching sessions, prayer and discussion groups, and will end at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

An outline of the program is as follows:

Friday, May 25, 1973

6 p.m.—Evening Meal, Cafeteria
7:30-8:15 p.m.—Worship Service, the Rev. Frank Harrison
8:15 p.m.—Presentation on "The Church's Task in Today's World," the Rev. Jesse Parks, Mount Olive Presbyterian Church
9 p.m.—Prayer Groups

Saturday, May 26, 1973

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast, Cafeteria
8:30-9 a.m.—"The Stewardship of Life," Dr. W. Burkette Raper
9-10 a.m.—Discussion and Prayer Groups
10-10:30 a.m.—Refreshment Break
10:30-11 a.m.—"Lay Witness and the Task of the Church," the Rev. M. O. Sears, Minister of Evangelism, North Carolina Baptist Convention
11-12 Noon—Discussion and Prayer Groups
12-1 p.m.—Lunch
1-2 p.m.—"Christian Education and the Task of the Church," the Rev. Sheldon Howard
2-2:45 p.m.—Discussion and Prayer Groups
2:45-3:30 p.m.—Worship Service: "The Dynamic of the Christian Life," the Rev. Frank Harrison

Participants are asked to read a book entitled **The Incendiary Fellowship,** by Elton Trueblood (New York: Harper and Row). The book may be purchased at the Free Will Baptist Press or its branch stores.

The cost of the conference will be $10 per person, which includes meals, room, linen, and towels. For further information and application, contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, telephone 658-2502 (office); 658-9363 (home).

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PHYSICIAN, WHERE ART THOU? I NEED THEE!

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dent physician was Dr. A. M. Mumford, who has since specialized. This plight of a town not having a physician—and it **is** a plight indeed—could largely be eliminated by the "production," if you will, of **community practitioners**—doctors dedicated to and trained for family-type treatment. **It is the philosophy of East Carolina University to train and provide for the public doctors who will be equipped professionally to administer needed medical aid to the family.**

One point of interest is that within our area (and this is probably true in other states), there are medically-inclined students who would want their **complete** training within their own area or locale, without having to transfer to another school—or worse than that—go out of state to get their desired training. A four-year school at ECU would alleviate this problem. It has been noticed, though we haven't accurate statistics, that many physicians who leave their locality for training oftentimes do **not** come back to their home areas; so, a pertinent point here would be that they wouldn't have to leave in the first place —if an adequate facility were provided by their chosen university (in our case, East Carolina).

What does all this have to do with Christianity? A lot! First of all, there is always **professional prejudice.** Certainly, already-established schools of medicine don't want competition, but this selfishness (and that's what it is) is a violation of a well-known Christian standard as well as humanly-related ethics.

We wonder: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? "Gilead" can represent any small to or rural area without the benefits medical aid, doctors or whatever. it relative to the body or to the s there is a need for cure and prevent medically and spiritually. Jeremiah ed in his eighth chapter: "Why is the health of the daughter of my pe recovered?" This refers to the spirit but of a certainty, it could be applie the physical as well.

The whole, the well, need no physic to begin with, but the sick do—and th are numberless sick people who n help who are not receiving it. W Allow us to reemphasize the fact: I because of a lack of doctors in partic areas.

Luke, the New Testament doctor, vided a resounding exhortation when said in Verse 23 of Chapter 4: ". . . P sician, heal thyself. . . ." The sad about it is that the "physician" or wo be physician won't be able to heal h self or **anyone else** unless he gets required training; and many woul physicians just will not get the train unless it is available. Chances are t many would-be doctors—perhaps th who could **become skilled docto** choose another field of study because the unavailability of a place of train nearby.

To reiterate some facts and to ad few others: Medicine has realized m advances in technology, treatment, preventive measures. Also, the wor population is greater than ever; t there is logically the necessity of hav more doctors to treat the illnesses prevalent. Then, too, we have poin out the fact that many rural areas sadly lacking in medical aid, as are s small towns and communities. **Carolina University wants to do so thing about these crises—and that's w they are—crises!** And, East Carolina versity **will** do something about it **if a four-year medical school is allo there!**

A question: Physician, where art th I need thee!

Answer: I'm just waiting to be trai so I can help thee.

Oh ye people, heed the cry; let it fall on listless ears and cold hearts. souls delight to hear the charming n of Jesus, the great Physician. Is wrong to want to be able to have wi one's easy reach a **human** doctor in t of human need? We say "No!" A we believe that the One who lives a agrees with us. How say ye?

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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r. Barrow's column is a continuation last week's issue of *The Free Will Bap-*

uestion: Are Christian Scientists hstian?

nswer (cont.): The Bible clearly teach- hat none can deny the saving effi- of Christ's blood and be saved, even gh some teachings of cults (including hstian Science) may try to get around biblical facts. "If they shall fall y, to renew them again unto repent- ; seeing they crucify to themselves Son of God afresh, and put him to pen shame" (Hebrews 6:6); "For if sin wilfully after that we have re- ed the knowledge of the truth, there aineth no more sacrifice for sins, a certain fearful looking for of judg- t and fiery indignation, which shall ur the adversaries. . . . Of how much r punishment, suppose ye, shall he thought worthy, who hath trodden er foot the Son of God, and hath ted the blood of the covenant, where- he was sanctified, an unholy thing, hath done despite unto the Spirit of e?" (Hebrews 10:26, 27, 29).

we pay the right attention to what Bible teaches, we will not associate any that profess to be subjected uch cults. "If we say that we have wship with him, and walk in dark- , we lie, and do not the truth: But if walk in the light, as he is in the light, have fellowship one with another, the blood of Jesus Christ his Son nseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:6, "Beloved, now are we the sons of and it doth not yet appear what we be: but we know that, when he appear, we shall be like him; for shall see him as he is. And every that hath this hope in him purifieth elf, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:); "Beloved, believe not every spirit, try the spirits whether they are of because many false prophets are out into the world. Hereby know he Spirit of God: Every spirit that esseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:1-3); "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11, 12); "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 9, 10); "Beloved, follow not that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God" (3 John 11); "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17); "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8, 9); "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device" (Acts 17:28, 29).

Notice what the psalmist says of false teachers such as the above mentioned. "Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God" (Psalm 119:115); "Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:21-24).

Dr. Barrow's answer to this question will be concluded in next week's issue.

TAKE HEED

My dear friends, this is a true story of a dream that one of our dear brethren had a short time ago.

One morning he dreamt he awoke to find that his dear Christian wife had gone. He told the story of how every night he would set the clock, and in the morning when it would alarm, his wife would get up and fix breakfast. He would get up and shave for work while she was fixing breakfast.

But this morning, it was different. The clock did not alarm. He waited, but his wife did not call him either. He knew that it was getting late, and he had better get up. When he did get up, he went to the kitchen. There was the kettle on the stove and water was boiling in it. But his wife was gone.

He noticed a strangeness and quietness, but went about the house getting ready for work.

He went to work that day, and some of his fellow workers were not there. This bothered him. At lunchtime he went to the town hall, and there were gathered all the town councilmen in a meeting. This was also strange.

That night when he got home, his wife still was not there. He said to his little boy, "Son, I have a feeling that we must go to church today."

The little boy said, "Daddy, there is no church today."

The father replied, "But, Son, I feel that we must go."

So they both got ready and went to church. When they got to the church, it was filled with people who claimed to be Christians. The aisles were full of people also.

From a side door of the church entered the preacher with tears streaming down his face. He said, "My friends, I have taught you wrong. Christ has already come and raptured the church. It's too late now!"

Again, my dear friends, I want to tell you that this is a true story of a dream.

Accept Christ now, for He gives to you peace in your heart, love for everyone, even love for your enemy.

—submitted by Peggy Hawley.

STORIES

for our youth

THANKS TO JENNIFER

by Agnes M. Pharo

JENNIFER bounced off the school bus, raced through the yard, and ran into the house.

"May I go over to South Hill, Mother?" she asked. "All the boys and girls are flying kites."

Mother looked up from her sewing. "I had hoped that you would watch Stevie," she said. "I'm making a dress for Mrs. King, and I must finish it today."

Jennifer's heart sank. She was so excited that she had forgotten that Stevie, her three-year-old brother, was sick. Now she noticed him sitting all bundled up in a big chair by the window. She often looked after him when Mother was busy. Usually she didn't mind, but today, just when she wanted to go to South Hill! Little brothers could be a nuisance sometimes.

Suddenly Stevie piped up, "Me fly kite!"

"Perhaps I could take him with me," suggested Jennifer.

Mother sighed. "The doctor says that he must stay indoors for another week at least," she said, "but you may go alone, if you want to. I can manage—if Stevie will be good."

"Oh, great! Thanks, Mother," Jennifer exclaimed. "You'll be good, won't you, Stevie?"

Giving her mother a quick kiss, Jennifer dashed out into the spring sunshine. When she got to the sidewalk, she turned and waved to Stevie. Mother had moved his chair closer to the window, and Jennifer saw big tears running down his cheeks.

He'll probably stop as soon as I get out of sight, Jennifer said to herself as she hurried on.

Ahead lay South Hill. Jennifer could see the kites flying high. She could hear the shouts of boys and girls. Her excitement began to build up all over again, and she started to run.

It was fun to feel the breeze blowing her brown ponytail every which way. It would be even more fun up on the hill with the kites soaring in the sunshine. She was running so fast that she didn't see the hole in the sidewalk. She stumbled and fell down in a heap. After a minute she sat up and rubbed her bruised knees.

A little nagging thought began going around and around in her head: I should have stayed home to help. Jennifer soon realized that it wasn't a new thought. It had been there all the time, but she hadn't paid any attention to it.

The breeze suddenly felt chilly, and the sunshine didn't seem as bright as before. Jennifer remembered how tired Mother had looked as she bent over her sewing. She remembered Stevie at the window with tears streaming down his face.

She scrambled to her feet and started running again, but this time she ran toward home. She was out of breath by the time she raced into the house. Mother was sitting in the big chair holding Stevie. He was still crying.

"I'll take care of him, Mother. You go on with your sewing," Jennifer said. She smiled at the surprise and relief on her mother's face. "Come here, little brother. What shall we do?"

"Fly kite," said Stevie, wiping his eyes on his sleeve. "Fly kite right here!"

"W-e-l-l," Jennifer said, trying not to laugh, "you really have to go outdoors to fly kites, but I've got an idea."

After getting some colored paper from the desk, she drew some straight l and many small curved lines. Stev eyes grew big as he watched.

"What you make, Jenny?" he asl squirming impatiently.

"You'll see in a few minutes," his ter told him. She drew some more li Then she gave Stevie a pair of bl edged scissors.

"Follow the straight lines," she s "You can cut out the big pieces; I'll out the little ones."

Stevie was soon snipping busily. nifer pretended not to see that he so times missed the lines. It doesn't r ter, she thought, if the pieces are a li bit crooked.

"Is basket," Stevie declared, hol up one piece he had cut from red pa

Jennifer laughed. "No, not a bask she said. "It's something else. It surprise! Now give me all the pi you have cut."

Standing at the window, she caref attached them to the glass with c phane tape. She taped a zigzag lin smaller pieces, like a tail, coming f the bottom of each big piece. Then stepped aside so that her brother c see the gay reds, greens, blues, and lows.

"Kites!" Stevie exclaimed, clapping hands. "See, Mother. Kites!"

Mother came to look. "Your very little kites," she said smiling, "fl right here in the house, thanks to nifer." Then, glancing at her daug proudly, she added, "And thanks to nifer, I've been able to finish Mrs. Ki dress."

The look on her mother's face Jennifer a warm, good feeling ins Never before had she realized how derful it was to do something to others and to make them happy. It better than flying kites any day! **Pleasure.**

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

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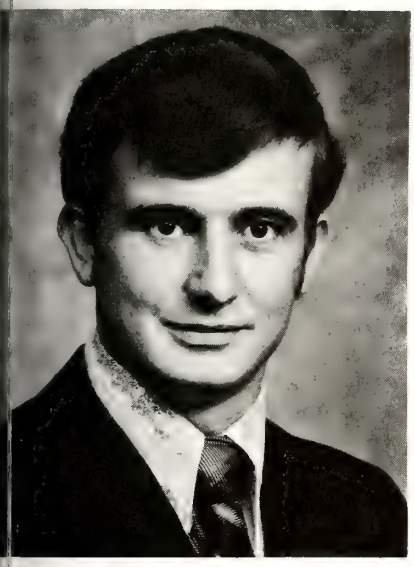
KINNER TO AID HANSLEYS IN YFA AND AFC CONFERENCES



Mr. Doug Skinner

r. Doug Skinner will be a co-director the YFA and AFC Youth Frontier Conences to be held at Cragmont Asbly this summer. "Ma" Hansley, state h director, is camp supervisor, and Rev. David C. Hansley is the other irector. The YFA conference will be July 2-7, and the AFC conference, 9-14.

his is the first year that Mr. Skinner served as co-director for a Cragmont mpment. On other occasions he has ed as junior counselor and Bible inctor.

e is now a ministerial student atling Oakland City College, Oakland , Indiana, where he is a rising senior. is a member of the First Free Will ist Church of Wilson, North Caro- While at home, he proves to be asset to the church work there and the Western District Youth Confer-.

ny young person who would like to nd either of the Youth Frontier Conences (YFA, ages 13-17; AFC, ages) should send in his resignation with gistration fee of $7 to Mrs. D. W. sley, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

Kitchen Fund Drive

We continue to experience God's blessings in the work of our fund drive captains and the response of our people. The following is a listing of those contributing through the Rev. Willis Wilson, board chairman.

The Rev. and Mrs. Willis Wilson	$100
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davenport	50
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Reedy Branch Church	200
Reedy Branch Couples' Class	208
Mr. Bennie R. Dail	100
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams	50
Additional Contribution (not honor roll)	20
Total	$828

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New Managers

We again remind our folks that our managers for 1973 are Mr. and Mrs. William "Bill" Davenport of Newport, North Carolina. We thank God for the interest of these two in the ministry of Cragmont.

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1973 Camp Schedule

The June 4-9 Youth Frontier Conference will not be held this year due to the late closing dates of the public schools.

Other conferences include the following:

General Youth Conference, June 11-16—The Rev. Jack Mayo, director; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Christian Cadet's Conference, June 25-30—The Rev. Raymond Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina, director-registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, YFA group, July 2-7—Mrs. David W. Hansley, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, AFC group, July 9-14—Mrs. David W. Hansley, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Young People's Bible Conference, August 6-11—The Rev. Charles Crisp, director; the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina, registrar.

Woman's Auxiliary Conference, August 13-18—Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, co-directors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar. (Fee: $40.)

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Register Now!

Young people, register **now** if you plan to attend Cragmont Assembly! Due to the late school closing, we have had to omit the first Youth Frontier Conference from our schedule this year. Register early if you plan to attend this summer.

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Attention: Christian Cadets

Are you planning to attend the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont Assembly on June 25-30? If so, by all means make plans now and send in your registration, along with the $7 registration fee, to the Rev. Raymond (Rod) Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

Don't delay! Time is pressing!

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Kitchen-Dining Hall Needs

Our new kitchen is well on the way to completion. We remind you of these new items that will be needed.

Item	No. Needed	Price
Wall Type Gas Heating Unit	2 (each)	$ 85
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55 Cup Electric Percolator	1	$ 60

If you, your church, or church group would like to give one of these items,

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 27

Christ Is Our Hope

Lesson Text: Acts 1:6-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 1 John 3:1-3

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:11, 12

I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this quarter we have seen many things concerning God's greatness and His infinite care for His people. We saw that this world was created by Him and that it belongs to Him. We saw man as a responsible being and how he is prone to stray from the love of the Father. We saw how God cares for man when he strays and speaks to him through the Son. We saw how the Saviour of men suffered for man and shall someday be crowned King of kings and every knee shall be bowed to Him and confess Him Lord of all.

We saw how Christ conquered sin and death and rose again to live forever, bringing men who believe to respond to Him through faith. We saw how through the power of His transforming grace He makes men new and causes them to love their brothers in Christ. And finally we saw how in every circumstance and condition in life the grace of God sustains us and keeps us by and through our faith in Him.

In this last lesson for the quarter we look again at the Son of God and see in Him our eternal hope. All our future days are in His care. Our hope "is grounded in Jesus Christ, risen, ascended, and coming again." This hope rises above all our fears and longings and creates within us a strength to face the adverse changes in life, and a certain desire to look for His coming again. In this lesson we will see Hope's great promise, Hope's great assurance, and Hope's great reward. How privileged we are to be among those who hope, knowing that its fruition is certain and sure!

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

As there were eyewitnesses to the ascension of Christ, there will also be eyewitnesses to His second coming.

Angels announced the blessed hope of the second coming of Christ. With the additional, abundant promises of Scripture, we can be sure that there will be a fulfillment.

God made eternal life known through the resurrection of Christ. By faith in Him, eternal life already has begun.

If the road from here to eternity seems long and arduous, remember that God's power is able to keep us all the way.

Our present afflictions have the purposes of showing throughout the trial how precious faith is and how to glorify Jesus.

If people do not understand your being a child of God, they have never really known Jesus.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

From birth to death, our lives are largely inspired by our hopes. They are of innumerable kinds and dimensions. They may be simple or complex, immediate or long-range. They may make the difference between continued physical life or death. There is no man so depressed or so prone to resign his place, whatever it may be, as that one who has nothing for which to hope.

To the hopeless one, life soon loses purpose and becomes more than tedious. The person who has the hope of better things to come is able to endure the most miserable circumstances.

One of the most readily detected differences between the Christian and the non-Christian may be found in the hopefulness of the former and the futility of the latter. After all, if we have nothing but this life to consider, if there is nothing beyond this life, why not simply resign ourselves to the present alone, drink both the liquid and the lees as they come, and surrender to a "what's-to-be-will-be" attitude?

We who are in Christ have so much more than this. Our reasonable hopes rest not on our world and this day on the God of this world and His prec immutable promises and their ulti realization.

As we bring to a conclusion our teen-week study of "Affirmations of Faith," we can think of no more fi theme than our hope in Jesus Chris ever there was a day when hope needed, that day is today. It seems everywhere we look people are conf or they are unhappy, or they are fr ened. So what do they do? They t escape the unpleasantness; and the to find escape in such things as the tle of alcohol or in drugs. But suc cape is only temporary and cha nothing.

Praise God, He has given us the power to overcome all of the prob of life. It is the power to overcon spite of life's problems. That p comes through our hope in Christ. we can now see is not all there is. awaits us—a joyous, sorrow-free, et life—and it is free to all in Christ. is the hope that is the anchor of our We urge you to grasp this anchor f today.

—**Standard Lesson Commen**

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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soldiers that he had seen—but there he glass. Alas, he was run over, car- o the hospital, and cared for by Chris- charity. He awoke to find himself in w-white cot and he looked into the nt face of a nurse. A few days pass- nd then to his astonishment he saw children playing with toys. Soon he p in bed, propped up by pillows, and, er of wonders, at his hand was a box d soldiers. Slowly he stretched his out, touched them, and cried out: e is no glass between." How will it when in the glory we no longer see ugh a glass, darkly"?—*The Expositor.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

agine the thrill of joy felt by this boy! multiply it a thousandfold—and have not the joy that believers may know day?

SATURDAY, MAY 19

ipture Reading—1 John 3:17

"I'M ONLY A GENERAL!"

iting to board a plane, on which he reservation, Brigadier General Theo- Roosevelt Jr., overheard the pitious of a private at the ticket window: "I'm overseas in three days. I want to see a before I go. I can go home and only if I travel by plane!" It was ex- ed to him that every seat on the plane taken. Just then, Brigadier General evelt stepped forward and said, "I'll nder my seat to him!" "But," protest- fellow officer to the General, "this is tter of rank!"

hat's right," quickly replied General evelt, "he's a son, I'm *only a general.*" conferred the highest honor upon us he called us *sons.*—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

we live up to this highest distinction on"? The humility displayed by former dent Roosevelt exemplifies a good ng point.

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Woman's Auxiliary

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ce. In 1950 she became a member e Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxil- and she served this organization as president, honor guard, color bearer, lain, and trustee. She has baked s and helped to give parties to the led veterans at Durham and Fayette- Miss Bertie has been active in the e Demonstration Club for many years. was instrumental in organizing the in her community and in 1957 was ted as "Leader of the Year of Lenoir County." Through the years she has been a 4-H Club leader, first aid worker, and community drive solicitor.

Miss Bertie lives alone since Mr. Amos passed away in 1965, but she is never lonely because of her varied interests and the joy she finds in serving others. You might find Miss Bertie in an art class, quilting, making ceramics, caring for her two sisters who are shut-ins, making hospital visits, or just giving a helping hand wherever she is needed. She loves and gives untiring service to her church, her auxiliary, and her Sunday school. She loves the Bible and religious books, but most of all she loves the Lord. Many a letter she has written her grandchildren in college or in the armed services to encourage them to trust in God at all times. She says she can't seem to do all she wants to get done before the Lord calls her home. She is still going strong and she wants to be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course; therefore, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness and not to me only but to all who love his appearing." Because of the love of Christ in her heart that shows forth in her life, Miss Bertie has been an example of love, of giving, of unselfishness, and of service to others.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Coming to Eastern North Carolina are the Woman's Auxiliary and Youth Conventions of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists. The Youth Convention will be held on Monday, June 25, at 5 p.m. at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. at the same church.

May God give us a great spiritual blessing as we meet together. Begin now to make tour plans to attend.

In His service,
Mrs. Norman Ard
President

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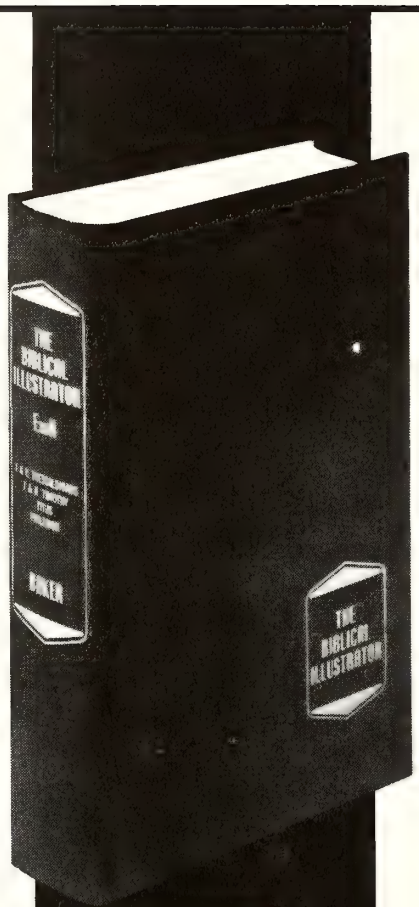

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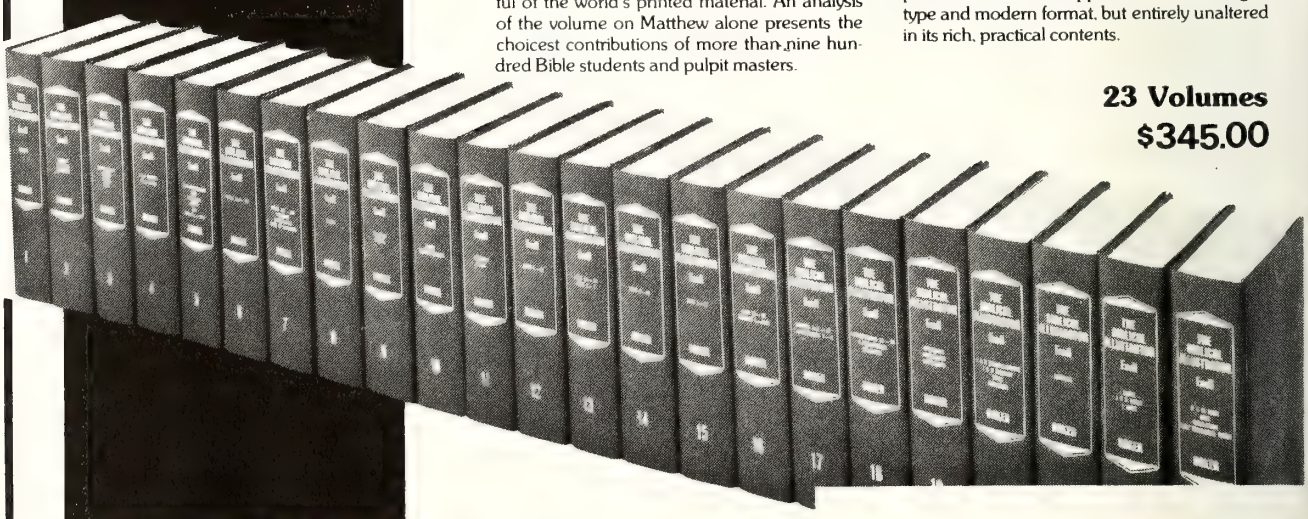

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As children we were taught, "Hear no evil; speak no evil; and see no evil."

EDITORIAL...

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WHAT THE EARS HEARETH, THE MOUTHS SPEAKETH, OR THE EYES SEETH

The ears are sensitive organs. They are so sensitive in fact that they oftentimes hear things they should not hear. They listen in on conversations (or parts of conversations) not meant for them, and many times, according to the warped intentions of their possessors, false impressions are taken, words taken out of context are magnified, and false conclusions are reached. Thus, innocent conversation is distorted by the listener, evil is attributed to the conversation listened to, and everything is knocked badly out of kilter.

After the ears have heard what they think is a juicy bit of information that is worthy of spreading, or after the minds of the listeners have concluded what they will in regard to what has been heard, the mouths begin their work. Of a truth, many tongues on the loose need to be bridled; and, as has been so often suggested (and we find it to be truer as the days go by), some tongues are loose at both ends. The mouths speak what has been heard or what is thought to have been heard, and thus information is passed to other ears and is frequently misrepresented, distorted, thrown out of focus (by accident or real intent), and good reputations are damaged or ruined, and hearts are broken, and lives are destroyed.

What the ears hear and the mouths speak should have little influence unless the eyes see or have seen proof of what has been told or implied; but, because we are so human, we like to believe the worst about people in the first place. We seldom look at the good side of things anyway. Good news is no news at all; rather, bad news is at a premium. "Do-gooders" thrive on correcting things amiss by bearing tales. Evil tales borne by evil people are nourished until the tales are all out of proportion. It is conceivable that the talebearer thinks that he is doing the world a favor by telling on someone and "exposing," as it were, some gross sin. Yet, we cannot help but remember how Christ said on one important occasion that only he who is without fault should cast stones. Who among us can profess perfection, faultlessness? Who among us has done no wrong or has appeared to do no wrong? Who among us has not been in compromising situations—situations which, if the *truth* were known, were not at all as they seemed? Many individuals are derogated or even condemned because some improper conclusion was reached by a listener who told something heard or overheard but was unwilling to consider that the eyes had not actually seen the evil purported to be in the making.

Example: A man is called late at night to go to his place of employment because of some mechanical failure in his department. If the call is made more than once during a given span of time and the man makes haste to "go to his work," the public (or at least that part of the public which feeds on gossip) announces that he (the man) in actuality is not going to fix any equipment, but rather has a woman on the side and is keeping immoral company with her. Thus, an innocent man's character is abused and defamed.

This is dangerous ground, but it deserves discussion in any case: If two people of the same sex become friends, and one seems a little dependent upon the other and confides quite frequently in him and enjoys his company, it seems natural for the evil-minded individual to attach inordinate affection to the relationship. Christians are urged in the Bible to greet one another with a holy kiss, but nowadays one can't greet a friend with a firm handshake or a nice pat on the back without being misunderstood. How sad it is that the mind of man imagines the worst! How sad it is that the heart is so full of evil; that evil is reflected by spoken words which fall on ears hungry for the sound of something "good" for the gossip circle. A little heard and a whole lot repeated doesn't equal out!

The Lord told us to lift the fallen and to heal the brokenhearted. That's what He did. "Face-kissing" and "backbiting" are not good—especially as they relate to two-faced individuals. Injunctions were made long ago to love one's neighbor as oneself and to do unto others as one would have others do unto himself, but somehow we have forgotten. . . .

When the ears hear, let it not be that the mind adds to what is heard something that wasn't there to begin with. And, when the mouth speaks, let it speak the truth. In addition to this, when other ears hear what the mouth tells, let it be that he who listens is sure that the one doing the "telling" has a reputation for speaking the truth. Too, when the eyes see, let it be that they see well. Even if they see well something amiss or thought to be amiss, it would be best for the seer to remain silent; for, only he who is guiltless has the right to point a finger at another. This is dangerous anyhow, for when the finger points at another in disrespect, there are always three fingers pointing back at the pointer.

Lies, half-truths, suggestive remarks are all damaging. As often said as it be, this editor at least cannot help but subscribe to the belief that in some situations one should never believe what he hears and only half of what he sees.

Woe be unto us who listen with relish to all things which are said about our neighbors and find satisfaction in repeating such! As children we were taught to "hear no evil, speak no evil; and see no evil." This is an impossibility as mature human beings because of our sinful natures. But, as sure as there's a God in heaven, one day the person who is doing the "tale-toting" will find that he is in the line of fire himself. Then, and only then, will he be able to understand the sting of the bullets. . . .

Advice: If you have your guns loaded, be sure that your ammunition is potent (strongly supported) and that you have a refuge should one fire back at you.

Too many times we glory in our ability to ascertain the truth only to discover that what we thought was truth was not truth at all. Then, after we have spread our gossip like so much thick frosting on a cake, we are a little regretful. After the "cake" is frosted, however, it is impossible to unfrost it.

Hear well, O Ears, before thou speakest, O Mouth. See well, O Eyes, before thou believest. Think on Him above, O Mind—think on Him who hears all and knows all. No secret is hidden from Him, and He is the only One who is qualified to judge another.

It is a known fact, as supported by the Bible and found to be true in so many human situations, that when one sows to the wind he is bound to reap the whirlwind.

Consider this: What have your ears heard lately? What has your mouth said lately? What have your eyes seen lately? A lot? A little? Nothing? Be careful now—and by all means—be honest!

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SCOUTING IN OUR FAMILY

(or)

"Putting Mother Through Scouting"

by Nancy Matthews

I cannot remember what my family d with our time before our church be- n sponsoring the Boy Scout program. the past year we have had one son bs, and the other in webelos.

We have suffered through many proj- ts some successes and some failures. gether we have built a spice rack, let- older, key holder, cars, kites, a bas- a pair of shoes, and birdhouses. (Our s now a bird city supporting three s and a feeder.) We have cooked fast, beef stew, tea, Jello, and wien- s. We have stumbled through simple ical experiments (simple for a Ph.D. hemistry), various collections, and cal exercises.

We now know a cardinal from a blue without referring to the handbook. can identify poisonous plants by ing the leaves one by one. If you three leaves forming a cluster, that ison and you already have it.

I an now recite the pledge to the flag h had almost slipped my mind), the promise, and scout slogan by heart. ve learned the scout sign and the handshake.

This past weekend I had to miss my ay afternoon nap to give moral sup- at the local kite flying contest.

We experienced the height of joy when the familiar blue car streaked across the finish line first to win in a heat at the Pinewood derby. And we cried a little inside when in the final race it was not fast enough to win a trophy.

Sometimes I have wanted to scream when I was busy and they said again, "Mama, will you help me with this?"

I have wondered where it was all leading and then one night while helping with a birdhouse, I got my reward. He looked up at me with admiration shining through the sawdust on his face and exclaimed, "Mama, you sure are a good builder!"

(Yes, Den Chief, I did drive some of the nails. It does not hurt as bad for **me** to hit my finger with the hammer as it does if **he** hits me while I am holding the boards. On one house we accomplished breaking every part in two and their daddy, who is always near in the projects, had to rejoin the broken parts before we could assemble the house.)

Tonight our older son receives his arrow of light and graduates into the Boy Scouts. Tomorrow morning at 7:30 while the ground is still covered with frost, he leaves on his first camping expedition. Now the scoutmaster will relieve me of my duties as teacher and helper.

Suddenly like a bolt of lightning, it hits me. **He does not need me anymore.** And, oh, how I will miss it!

The den mothers, scout leaders, and other officers in the scouting program are to be commended for their guidance, help, and the enthusiasm they generate in the boys. These leaders give their time and love freely. We will forever be indebted to them.

Scouting has always been important, but in these uncertain troublesome times, it is even more valuable in helping these young people put God and country first in their lives.

I thank God that we as a family have the opportunity to participate in this program. We have worked together, played together, and learned together.

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Obituary of Mr. Leon Nethercutt

Mr. Leon Nethercutt departed this life to go to be with the Lord on April 25, 1973. He was the son of the late George and Lula Harrison Nethercutt. He was born to these parents on July 4, 1898. He spent most of his life in Greene and Lenoir Counties. At the time of his death, he operated a general store in Dawson Community in Lenoir County near where he lived.

Mr. Nethercutt was a faithful member of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church where his funeral was conducted on Friday, April 27, by his pastor—the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr. — with a large congregation of relatives and friends attending. His burial was in the New Hull Road Church Cemetery.

Mr. Nethercutt was very faithful in visiting the sick, aged, and shut-ins. This writer had the privilege of working with him time after time conducting devotional and prayer services in several rest homes and several private homes in a number of communities. One of his great desires was to win the lost to Christ Jesus. He counted it a daily opportunity to give his testimony for his Lord.

His survivors include his widow, Ruth Bell Nethercutt; a half-sister, Mrs. Roy Carraway of Maury, North Carolina; two half-brothers, Sidney of Hookerton, North Carolina; and Heber of Fountain, North Carolina.

This obituary was planned by his Sunday school class and written by the secretary of the class, Mrs. Luther Barrow Sr.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 33:27

THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Have you ever tried to visualize what occurs in a plane when a crash seems inevitable? Here's a firsthand answer:

After my wife and I boarded the plane in Guatemala City for Miami, we streaked northward. As we neared the Florida coast, which sometimes is stormy, our jet suddenly began to wobble crazily! Light objects in the overhead racks began to fly about in all directions. The scene was one of pandemonium.

Some called audibly on God for help. Some prayed silently. Many screamed when the plane suddenly lunged downward!

Though the eastward plunge lasted only a few seconds, it seemed like a lifetime. Then, as if upheld by some buoyant power, the plane leveled off and shot forward. We made a safe landing.

How precious and assuring to God's children in times of peril is the sure promise.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When all seems black and headed for disaster, how marvelous is it that God can effect a "safe landing." Then does the marvel of His love and protecting care strengthen once again our faith in Him.

MONDAY, MAY 21

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:2

SPIRITUALLY STARVED

Following an autopsy on a six-month-old boy, Dr. Luther Adelson, chief Cuyahogo County (Ohio) pathologist, and Coroner Samuel Gerber ruled that the death of the baby was homicide by starvation.

The coroner said, "While battered babies are a seemingly more common occurence, this is not so. It is only that battered babies are more easily detected. Infant starvation is rarely seen while it is in progress. Acts of omission whereby the child is deprived of adequate nutrition are equally or more dangerous to the child's welfare and equally culpable under the law."

Many newborn babies in Christ are spiritually starved through failure to obey the command.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Certainly we of the Christian community would not willfully deprive a child of the physical sustenance necessary for his growth. But how many of us are, perhaps unknowingly, depriving a child of sufficient spiritual nourishment?

TUESDAY, MAY 22

"HOW CAN I LOVE HIM?"

Little Cheryl asked, "Daddy, do you love Jesus?"

Daddy replied, "My dear little girl, Jesus is dead. He died long ago on a Cross. How can I love Him? I have never seen Him."

Cheryl was nonplussed. She thought seriously. Then she asked, "Daddy, how old was I when Mother died?"

"You were only six months old, Cheryl—a wee baby," he said.

"Daddy, I don't remember ever seeing Mother, but you have told me wonderful things about her and tried to get me to love her. So I love her, Daddy, even though I have never seen her that I can remember."

Tears began to trickle down Daddy's face. He put his arms around Cheryl and said, "God has spoken to me by you. Do ask Jesus to give me a new heart so I can love Him."

That prayer was soon answered.—Told by Alice Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

She was a child in age—but how mature in spiritual understanding? This father listened. Do you, when your child speaks?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 3:4

LOSING HONESTLY

Billy's team lost the game to a team which played unfairly and dishonestly. Dejected, Billy said to his mother, "God was on the side of the opposing team. They cheated and won the game."

When Billy's father came home, the mother told him what Billy had said. He went immediately to Billy's room and cheerfully said, "Hi, Billy! I heard your team won today!"

Billy replied, "You heard wrong, because we didn't."

"Son," said his father, "I heard there were *two* contests. It is true that your team was outscored by the opposing dishonest team, but your team won *morally* because your team didn't resort to any unfair or dishonest tactics and you didn't become angry and use obscene language. Congratulations, Billy! Your team won and I'm proud of you!"

Whenever anyone wins unfairly and dishonestly, he is in reality the loser.—Alice Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just as this father could apply a higher law to Billy's team's "loss," and call it a victory, in like manner does God call the score differently from the world's reckoning of our adult "games."

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:1

FACE-TO-FACE CONFRONTATION

Dr. George W. Truett stated, "One ing, as I sat on the platform with the tor of a prominent church, an influ citizen entered the church. The whispered to me, 'For twelve years I tried to win that man to Christ. I preached to him so long that I find doing it almost unconsciously.'

" 'How many times have you gone t and lovingly said, "I want you to b a Christian?" '

"The pastor replied, 'I must confes I have never spoken to him personall cerning his salvation.'

" 'Then,' I said, 'a loving personal may be all that is needed to bring h the Saviour.'

At the close of the service, the personally pleaded with the man to r Christ as his Saviour. The next nigh man was among the first to come fo to confess Christ as his Saviour."

PRAYER THOUGHT

A quiet conversation with someone to you may effect a transformation of that seems amazing to human eyes. Is someone waiting to hear from you?

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:7

A DESERVED REBUKE

One day a Southern client entere New York office of a Christian who in investments. The client was a millionaire. During the conversatio repeatedly used the Lord's name flip and irreverently—like slang.

The broker finally said, "Please, Si name you just used is the most pr name I know. I don't like to hea name used so irreverently. I am a tian."

"I, too, am a Christian," the client "I teach a Sunday school class South."

The Christian broker replied, "W never would have guessed it."

After the Southerner left, the thought, Possibly I will lose that man's ness. He didn't, however.

Some months later, the client e the broker's office, accompanied b wife. Introducing her to the broke said to her, "This is the man who ga such a thrashing about my use of the name that last time I was here."

The wife said to the Christian b "I am glad you did, because he des it. He has been a different man then."

PRAYER THOUGHT

The right Christian witness, express the right manner, to just one indiv may be the source of remarkable c for the better. How great would be t

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MAY 7, 1973: HISTORIC DATE FOR CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Loans Made Pass Million Dollar Mark

At a meeting Monday, May 7, at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Building in Ayden, the Church Finance Association ched a milestone in its history as it made a loan to Cragmont Assembly and thus passed its million dollar mark in loans.

Pictured left to right are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davenport, managers of Cragmont Assembly; the Rev. S. A. Smith, president he Association, presenting to the Rev. Willis Wilson, president of the Cragmont Board of Directors, the check which allowed the Asation to pass its million dollar mark in loans; the Rev. Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer of the Association; the Rev. Walter Reys, vice-president of the Association; Mr. A. G. Mangum and Mr. Hardy Talton, members of the board of directors of the Association.

The Church Finance Association is an enterprise owned and ated by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina which has been ing the needs of our people since 1940. Services offered he Association are as follows:

1. Loans for denominational needs.
2. Deposits for individual funds (5% interest paid on $500 or more, 4% on lesser amounts).
3. Endowments can be set up for:
   a. Children's Home
   b. Missions
   c. Mount Olive College
   d. Board of Superannuation
   e. Churches
4. Retirement fund. For example, each $1,200 will provide $5 per month income on present interest.
5. All profits remain in the Association better to serve Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The loan made to Cragmont Assembly, the Christian camp located at Black Mountain, North Carolina, May 7, brought the amount of loans made by the Association up to $1,013,978.71. This indeed is a step forward as the Association strives to serve its denomination well, and it will continue to do so as it is able.

How can one help the Church Finance Association? First, pray for the ministry of this enterprise. Deposit your funds with the Association and experience the joy of having your money working for the Lord. Purchase memberships in the Association at $25 each. Use the services of the Association.

For information, one may write: THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC., Drawer 336, Pinetops, North Carolina 27864; or phone the Rev. Hubert Burress, (919) 827-4139, residence; or 827-5402, office.

The Association is to be congratulated for its outstanding record and for its service to God through its financial assistance to worthy causes.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Western District Youth Fellowship To Meet at Union Grove Church

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet on May 26 at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

All area youth are urged to attend.

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Western Conference Board of Ordination to Hold Meeting

The Board of Ordination of the Western Conference will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone having business to transact with this board is requested to do so at this time.

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Woodlief Preaches at Owen's Chapel Church on Sunday Night, April 15

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief was a guest speaker at the Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Elm City, North Carolina, on Sunday evening, April 15. He states that a spirit of revival seems to have prevailed while he was preaching the evening evangelistic service.

Churches that would like to have him for revivals or special services may contact him at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida 32446.

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Revival for Camp Vandemere to Be Held at Mount Zion, Pamlico County

A revival for Camp Vandemere will be held at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Cash Corner, North Carolina, during the week of May 28-June 3. The revival, sponsored by the ministers of Pamlico County, will feature a different minister as speaker each night. The services will begin at 8 p.m. The theme for the week is "Are You Concerned About Our Youth?"

The schedule is as follows: Monday, the Rev. David Powell with choir from Warden's Grove; Tuesday, the Rev. Norman Malone with choir from Bethel; Wednesday, the Rev. Billy Twiddy with choir from Oriental; Thursday, the Rev. Fred Johnson with choir from Trent; Friday, the Rev. A. G. Lane with choir from Arapahoe; Saturday, the Rev. E. R. Etheridge with choir from Rock of Zion; and Sunday, the Rev. E. E. Edwards with choir from New Bethlehem.

An offering will be taken each evening to be used for Camp Vandemere.

The public is asked to pray for these services and to come in the spirit of God's fellowship.

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The Christian Home

In the family of Andrew Murray, of South Africa, eleven children grew to adult life. Five of the sons became ministers and four of the daughters became ministers' wives. The next generation had a still more striking record in that ten grandsons became ministers and thirteen became missionaries. The secret of this unusual contribution to the Christian ministry was the Christian home.—John R. Mott.

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Do you know someone who needs your listening ear?

Coming Events . . .

May 25, 26—Laymen's Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

May 26—Western District Youth Fellowship, Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

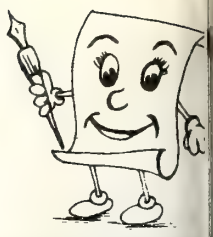
June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Regist

According to Dr. Joyce Brother psychologist visiting your home can much about you and your family by way the rooms are decorated.

Furniture placed at right angles o straight lines, avoiding face-to-face tact which would encourage conve tion, tells that you're a reserved pe who doesn't want to exchange c dences with anyone. Though I alv thought people used doilies and spr under knickknacks, lamps, and vase pretty up the place, she says it's bec they feel squeamish about direct phys contact.

Few people have the nerve to deco for their own pleasure and comfort, most are interested in show. In the ing room, especially, if a woman beauty before comfort and serviceab for her guests and family, there is doubt that her main motive is sh However, if your kitchen walls are ad ed with pots, pans, and gadgets for access in cooking, you're not merel cook, but a creative kitchen artist.

If you prefer wallpaper to paint, says you like to be in command of situation and may be just a little domineering. Psychologists also about you from the paint, books, pictures you choose.

If a relative stranger can tell all from your decorative choices, just how much Jesus knows about you!

In addition to those things, He see inside you—into your very soul mind. He knows where you'd like t and what you'd like to be doing. knows if you are singing when you like crying. He knows the people love, and the people you hate. He kn if you work for Him because you Him sincerely, or if it's all "show" impress other people.

He knows your secret secrets. knows too much for comfort, unless your friend and you're comfortable Him.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

ollege Plans r Summer enominational ctivities

ay 25-26: Layman's Spiritual Life Conference

ount Olive College will sponsor a nan's Spiritual Life Conference, May 6. The Conference will begin with 6 p.m. meal, and the evening service :30 p.m., downtown campus. The ram will consist of worship, teach- sessions, prayer and discussion ps, with the theme "The Church's In Today's World." Participants asked to read a book that may be hased at the Free Will Baptist Press tled **The Incendiary Fellowship** by El- Trueblood. The conference will end :30 p.m., Saturday. Registration will 10 per person which includes meals, m, linen, and towels.

ne 8-10: High School Student Youth Conference

he conference will begin with the 6 meal on June 8 and will end with Sunday noon meal. Charge will be per person.

ne 22-24: General Youth Conference

he conference will begin with the 6 meal on June 22 and will end with noon meal on June 24. The mini- m age limit is twelve (12) years old the conference. The charge will be per person.

uly 9-11: Minister's Growth Group

he group will begin at 10 a.m. on nday and will end at 3 p.m. on Wed- day (no night sessions). Efforts of group will concentrate on intraper- al and interpersonal relationships as y relate to spiritual and emotional wth. The number is limited to ten isters. Cost will be $10 per person. or information and applications for above activities contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, telephone: 658-2502 (office); 658-9363 (home).

August 6-10: Host to the Minister's Institute

This institute will be under the direction of the North Carolina Ministerial Association.

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Ninety-One Graduate

Third District Congressman David N. Henderson is shown delivering the commencement address during graduation ceremonies on the campus of Mount Olive College.

At left are Bibles which were presented to each graduating student by Mrs. Dianne Riley, president of the Mount Olive College Alumni Association.

Associate degrees in arts and science were awarded to ninety-one graduates of Mount Olive College in commencement exercises on May 12.

The Honorable David Henderson, U. S. Congressman from the North Carolina Third District and a member of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, was the commencement speaker. Twenty-seven Free Will Baptist students received degrees and seven students were presented awards for outstanding academic ability, citizenship or proficiency in their fields of study.

The Martin Award for the graduate with the highest academic average for two years of study went to Mrs. Suzanne Lewis Hinson of Mount Olive. That award is presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin in honor of his parents. Mrs. Martin is a member of the College faculty in the Science Department.

The Jordan Award, presented to the graduate showing the most outstanding qualities of citizenship, went to Tommy Lewis Evans and Marvin Ray Waters who tied for the award in balloting by the entire College student body. The award is in memory of the late L. K. Jordan of Mount Olive and was presented by his son, Dr. Lynn K. Jordan of the Duke Medical School faculty.

The Johnson Award to the graduating student who shows the greatest promise of proficiency in the field of business went to Janet Brown of Beulaville and Michael Davis of Mount Olive. The recipient of the award is selected by the College business faculty. The award is in memory of the late M. L. Johnson, treasurer of Mount Olive College from 1951-61.

The Perret Award, presented to the freshman student with the highest academic average for first-year study went to Pamela Lynn Grady and Janie Carol Jones, who tied for that award. The award was given by the late Michael J. Perret of the Mount Olive College faculty and Mrs. Perret.

Six students honored for their listing in **Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges** were Nyra Elizabeth Hill, Gilda Arlene Avery, Donna Sue Aman, Tommy Lewis Evans, Beth Ann Jernigan, and Henry Stilley Jr.

In his address, Congressman Henderson declared, "It remains for this generation of young people, beginning with this year's graduates, to go back to thinking for themselves.

"The war (in Southeast Asia) is over, at least the participation of American ground forces is at an end, but the influence of the war may live for many years to come," he continued.

Henderson concluded, "We must have respect for the traditional values which made this country great: a deep and abiding faith in God, honesty, integrity, responsibility, marital fidelity, and the incentive to strive towards a worthwhile goal."

The Free Will Baptist students in the Mount Olive graduating class receiving degrees yesterday were Alexis Faye Barwick, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Barwick of Deep Run; Janet Elaine Brown, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Brown of Beulaville; Floyd Steven Bulluck, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boseman of Rocky Mount; Beverly Joy Bundy, A.S., daughter of Mr. and

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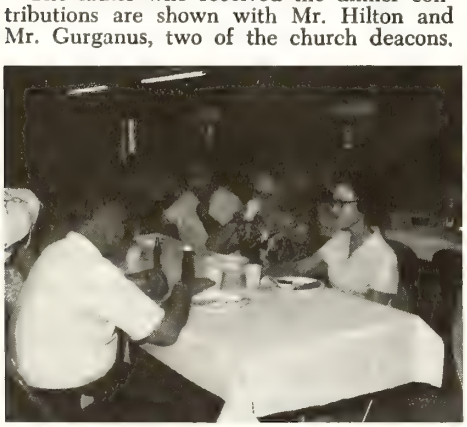
SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Benefit Supper Held At Holly Springs

The kitchen crew are captured by the camera in the act of serving the food.

The ladies who received the dinner contributions are shown with Mr. Hilton and Mr. Gurganus, two of the church deacons.



Some of the diners fellowship together.

There are many ways a church can raise money to help the Children's Home and one way is by serving a benefit supper. Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Newport, North Carolina, chose this method, and it proved to be highly successful. This supper was served on May 12 in the Graham Baker Fellowship Hall, located on the church site. The menu consisted of barbecued pork, cole slaw, hush puppies, and iced tea.

Mrs. Florine Slaughter is shown presenting a check to Mr. Sam Weeks. Looking on are (left to right) Mr. Leo Gray, Mr. Kenneth Skinner, Mr. Otto Salaughter, Mr. Carol Mills, Mrs. Lois Bryan, and the Rev. J. B. Starnes, the church pastor.

Even though there is much work involved in serving a supper, there is also some enjoyment realized. During the course of the delicious supper, the church trio sang gospel songs, which were enjoyed by all.

The total amount received during the supper was $874. All of this was given to the Children's Home, because all the food served was donated by the church members. For several years, Holly Springs has been serving a benefit supper annually for the Home, but this was the largest one. The Children's Home would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Holly Springs for their hard work and genuine concern for us at the Home. "May God bless you in His work" is our daily prayer.

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Has a still small voice been telling you to do something that you'd rather not? Perhaps it's time to listen. . . .

New Planning and Development Committee Meets

Left to right, around the table, are Rev. David Charles Hansley, Mr. A. Glover Jr., Mr. Sam Weeks, Mr. Regi Styron, Mr. Billy Dilday, and the Rev Graham Lane.

The first meeting of the newly ganized Planning and Development C mittee of the Free Will Baptist Childr Home met recently at the Childr Home. The committee consists of chairmen of all the other committee the Board of Trustees of the Home the superintendent. The members the Rev. A. Graham Lane, chairman the Board of Trustees; Mr. Billy Dil chairman of the Rules and Regulat Committee; Mr. Reginald Styron, ch man of the Finance Committee; Mr. A Glover Jr., chairman of the Building C mittee; the Rev. David Charles H ley, chairman of the Publicity Com tee; and Mr. Sam Weeks, superintend Mr. Hansley was elected chairman of Planning and Development Committe

In his opening remarks, Mr. Han said, "A Planning and Development C mittee is one of the most important c mittees this institution can have. serves as a feeder to the Board of T tees for future program planning campus development, including the ne sity of new buildings, program eva tion, and the planning of new progr in child care. The overall developm of the Home will be the major concer this committee. It's going to be a job. We will be projecting as far ah as 10 years or more. We will undert our work prayerfully, with earnestr and thoughtfulness."

The superintendent, Mr. Sam We was recognized by the chairman, and gave an overview of the present fir cial situation. The financial status the Home will be a determining fa in the work of this new committee.

rintendent reported that the average ome for the first quarter was about 2000 a month, sufficient to cover rating expenses. It was pointed out this is an excellent situation, as pared to the same period of time year. The superintendent was quite mistic about the current financial tion and feels that it will continue mprove as time goes on.

e superintendent proceeded at the est of the chairman to outline some e pressing needs of the Home at the ent time. A period of discussion fol- d concerning the items mentioned by superintendent. Committee mem- were assigned certain areas to ex- e and report back at a second meet- o be held in May.

e chairman challenged each mem- to bring back a thorough report, so some concrete proposals could be e at the next regular meeting of the d of Trustees in May. God has bless- e Home bountifully this year, and it et to be seen how many blessings forthcoming. Every good typist vs the phrase, "Now is the time for ood men to come to the aid of their try." Every Free Will Baptist knows now is the time for all good Free Baptists to come to the aid of the e. The future looks bright and ns of boys and girls need a home. Will Baptists can and will provide home so badly needed by so many. work of the Planning and Develop- t Committee will help to insure that re developments of the Home will be rly and within God's plan for home- children.

n May 9 the Committee presented its stage development plan to the d of Trustees. The first stage plan ists of the following: (1) construc- of a single tennis court; (2) construc- of a 40' x 60' storehouse; (3) con- ction of a 36' x 50' maintenance and y shop; (4) external improvements emorial Chapel.

e Committee recommended to the d that the first stage plan be com- ced immediately and completed this if possible. The Board of Trustees imously approved the committee's mmendation stressing the impor- e of each construction project. The is court was given highest priority to the fast approaching summer ths and the lack of outdoor recrea- al equipment at the Home. The ehouse will provide the needed space proper storage of purchased and ted food and clothing items. The maintenance shop will be used by the Home for repairing the vehicles and home appliances. One room in the shop will be set aside for a hobby/craft shop for the children.

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"The Future Is Yours"

So will go the words of the baccalaureate speaker to Claudius Elmore, Joyce Woodard, Jane Hill, and Charles Warren this year. These four will graduate. What a day that will be. A day of freedom, a day of responsibility, a day of choices, and a victory won—a day of becoming what you've always wanted to be!

Joyce wants to be Ken's wife and she plans to become just that as soon as school is out. Joyce Woodard plans to marry Ken Warren this summer. Ken graduated last year and works in Raleigh. Joyce hopes to become a sales clerk or floral arranger.

Charles and Claudius can't get football out of their blood, so off they will go to Lee's McRae College at Banner Elk, North Carolina, to play football and they just might study a little, if time permits. Both of these boys are fine players and excellent students, and we wish them well.

Jane Hill plans to attend Wayne Community College to study physical therapy or dental hygiene. Jane, too, is an excellent student and has served as chief of the afternoon pick-up schedule. She drives the van each day to pick up persons who play sports or who are involved in some other activity.

We have already said our "good-byes" to George Connor, who became 18 and went to live with his sister, Patricia. He still attends the same school and hopes to graduate next year. We are sad at seeing George leave us, but happy that he could rejoin his family. Good luck, George!

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Meeting Attended

A Duke Endowment workshop was held for the children's homes of North Carolina in Greensboro on May 11. This workshop covered the 1973 amendment to the Fair-Labor Standards Act (Federal), its applicability, and requirements. Attending the meeting were Mr. Sam Weeks, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, and the Rev. O. B. Jones, member of the Board of Trustees.

More Quilts for Our Children

Mrs. Emma Maiden

The woman's auxiliary of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church at Middlesex, North Carolina, has been busy quilting for the Children's Home. Mrs. Emma Maiden brought the three quilts to the Home and presented them in behalf of the auxiliary. We are so grateful to these wonderful ladies for their continued efforts to make life more comfortable for our children.

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Memorials for April

Memorial gifts were received for the following people during the month of April:

Mrs. Emma Casey, by Ellen Casey Bryan.

Nathan Briley Sr. and Mrs. Sally Bray, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams.

Lucsius Smith, Hugh Andrews, and Mrs. Sally Bray, by the Trent Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Katie Powell, by Miss Thelma Dilday.

U. R. Sawrey, by Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Taylor.

Mrs. Stella Whitley, by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Corbett.

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George Whitefield:

"I go to my everlasting rest. My sun has risen, shone, and is setting—nay, it is about to rise and shine forever. I have not lived in vain. And though I could live to preach Christ a thousand years, I die to be with Him, which is far better."—**Sunday School Times.**

NEWS BULLETIN

Free Will Baptist Church Extension

AL MARKUSON

STANLEY SLAUGHTER

Two new Free Will Baptist Home Mission Stations are now in operation. One is located at 248 Ellison Street, Hope Mills, North Carolina. It is directed by Al Markuson, a ministerial student of Mount Olive College; he is being assisted by the Rev. Taylor Hill of the Church Extension Board. The other mission is located at Route 4, Box 323-B, Henderson, North Carolina. It is directed by Stanley Slaughter, a ministerial student of Mount Olive College. He is being assisted by the Rev. Ray Wells of the Church Extension Board, and his father, Elmo; mother, Betty; and sister, Kay. Prospects for other new home mission points are being pursued.

Let us praise God for His blessings in this new ch extension work. Our present needs are (1) your prayers Christian ministers and laymen who will answer the call home missions; and (3) your financial support. Our ma address is the Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary and Treasurer, Ch Extension Department, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, N Carolina 28305, telephone 485-3980. Church Extension B members are as follows: Noah Brown, chairman; Taylor secretary and treasurer; Ray Wells; C. L. Patrick; and Gra Spencer.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

D Barrow's column is a continuation the last two issues of *The Free Will pt.*

Qestion: Are Christian Scientists tian?

Aswer (cont.): The man who has the n of Christ is in Christ, and he mani- the same attitude to sin and sin- as Christ. "Forasmuch then as hath suffered for us in the flesh, yourselves likewise with the same for he that hath suffered in the hath ceased from sin" (1 Peter 4:1); God hath not given us the spirit of but of power, and of love, and of a mind" (2 Timothy 1:7); "Finally, all of one mind, having compas- one of another, love as brethren, be l, be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8); "Let nind be in you, which was also in Jesus: Who, being in the form of thought it not robbery to be equal God: But made himself of no repu- , and took upon him the form of a nt, and was made in the likeness n: And being found in fashion as a he humbled himself, and became ent unto death, even the death of ross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

w these are not all the verses that us to reject false doctrines and teachers and to have no fellow- with them. The modernist or so- liberal whose teaching causes one estion the deity of Christ, the vir- birth, the resurrection, and the nticity of the original Scriptures be regarded the same way. Be- you may find a majority in a n group that substitute the theory olution for the biblical facts of on, it is your responsibility to pre- he Word as it is. We are His wit- s of these things, and we beseech n Christ's stead to be reconciled to We are to rebuke and reprove all teachers and teachings with long- ing and all diligence. "Now then e ambassadors for Christ, as though id beseech you by us: we pray you rist's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:20, 21); "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8); "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

I have heard people who were supposed to be Christian leaders speak as if it is none of our business how a person believes, just so he is true to his belief and religious convictions. That is not the Bible's teaching upon the subject, as one may well see by the verses quoted above. Jesus did not so respond to Nicodemus nor to the rich young ruler when he came to Him. Instead He led them to see that they were wrong in their beliefs, that such faith was leading them in the wrong way, and that they must repent of their sin and be born again. The Bible is the incorruptible Word of God and is the final authority on such a question. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22, 23).

Compare all such verses quoted above with God's command written by Paul, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:2-5).

Then, in order to proclaim rightly the truth about Jesus Christ, one needs to continue unbroken fellowship and prayer with God. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The Bible makes us responsible to do all we can in an effort to win souls, whether they have been misled by false doctrines or not. Any person or any group of persons whose doctrine conflicts with God's Word is wrong in belief. None can be saved while clinging to that false teaching as a guide to find God and His will for life. All such must be born again or, as Jesus said, they cannot see the kingdom of God.

I happened to read an article in **Christian Victory** on Pages 30, 31 in the January 1970 issue, after writing the above. I think that it might help to say what I have endeavored to say.

"While preparing this sermon for publication, a young lady sought audience to speak of the deep matters of soul concern. She could no longer believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. She was not certain of the Word of God. With some difficulty we ascertained the secret of her trouble. We learned the following: A Christian Scientist had been engaged as a seamstress in the home. She had left literature. The evil seed took root. Said the young lady to us, 'But the teaching of Christian Science is that we were created by God and God is good and all His work is good and we are therefore good.'

"This is unquestionably the teaching of Christian Science and all other anti-Christian teaching. It is the denial of any moral distance between man and God. It is a denial that sin has entered the world and death by sin (see Romans 5:12). It is a denial of the person of Satan. To deny sin is to deny the person of Satan. To deny sin is to deny the necessity of atonement, and to deny atonement is to deny Christ and to deny Christ is to deny God! Man's nature has been corrupted by sin, alienation from God has resulted, and redemption is required to repair the ruin.

"We preached the gospel to the young lady mentioned above, and she received the gospel and with great joy left the room. We showed the corruption of the old nature and God's condemnation on the same. Man was created good, but sin brought in evil and rebellion. Man by natural generation is devoid of salvation or the possibility of achieving it.

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STORIES

for our youth

THE BIG CLEANUP

by Norah Smaridge

TOMMY smiled as he looked at himself in the mirror. He could have played the part of a hobo. He was wearing ragged old jeans, a shrunken sweater, and sneakers with holes in them.

His mother caught him at the door. "Tommy Brewer!" she cried. "Go change —and throw those clothes in the ragbag!"

"They're OK for a dirty job," Tommy said. "Our class is going to clean up Pike's Pond today. It's our anti-litter project."

"It's a very good idea, too," Mother said. A year ago Pike's Pond had been their favorite picnic spot. Tommy used to fish there, and the twins used to pick daisies there. Then people started to dump trash into the pond, and soon it was a mess. The surrounding grass was strewn with cans and bottles. Paper floated on the water. There was even an old bed sticking up out of the pond.

It would take Tommy twenty minutes to get to the pond. He walked fast. For the hundredth time, he wished he had a bike, but Dad could not afford to get him one, not right now.

He was the last one to arrive at the pond, but Miss Wilson wasn't angry. "Better late than never," she said. "The boys can use a strong arm over there." She pointed to one end of the pond.

Someone had looped a rope around the post of the bed's headboard. Tommy helped the other boys drag it out of the water. It had been a child's bed and was not very heavy. The girls, meanwhile, were picking up cans and broken bottles and putting them in a carton. By noon there were plenty of cleaned-up patches of grass, and everyone sat down for lunch. Miss Wilson had brought sandwiches and something to drink. After lunch everyone went back to work.

The boys dragged all the cartons to one place; there was an overturned, battered old rowboat there already.

"The Parks Department is sending a special truck tomorrow to take all this junk away," Miss Wilson said, "but we'll have to keep an eye on Pike's Pond and not let it become such a mess again."

At three o'clock the girls wanted to go home. "Anne Baker is having a party at four o'clock," they told Miss Wilson. "We'll have to change."

"The boys needn't change if they don't want to," Anne said. She had had a hard time coaxing them to come! But the boys were ready to leave, too. Cleaning up Pike's Pond had been a hard job.

Miss Wilson walked slowly round the pond. "In half an hour more, we'd have the last bit of paper cleaned up," she said, "but if you **have** to go—" The boys were already on their bikes.

Tommy did not want her to be disappointed. "I'll stay and finish," he said, though his arms were aching. "Then I'll go to the party just the way I am." He smiled, and so did Miss Wilson.

"You'd have a good excuse, but I wouldn't advise it!" she said. She thought for a minute. "I have an errand to do, Tommy. I'll pick you up on my way back and drive you home. That way you'll have some time to get cleaned up."

Tommy finished the clean-up job and looked around satisfied. Pike's Pond would be fine for picnicking now, and he and the boys could come here after school to fish.

He frowned. He'd have to walk every time. Last month a boy was hurt because he had given another boy a lift on his bicycle. Now the police had bidden two persons to ride on one b

He did not hear Miss Wilson's car she sounded the horn. "Tired?" said as he climbed into the car. " you look so serious, Tommy."

"I was just thinking. **Wishing,"** T my said. "I was wishing I had a bi

"I thought all you boys had bik Miss Wilson said.

"Not me." Tommy did not wan sound as though he were complain so he said, "Someday I'll have one, Dad says things aren't so good right r The twins and I seem to eat so mu

"Well, that's understandable," Wilson said. "Still, I think a boy age really needs a bike." They sto outside her house. "I've just though something, Tommy. There's a bik our garage. My nephew Danny ha while he stayed with us; but he out it, so he didn't take it home with h

Tommy followed her into the gar Sure enough, there was a bike pro up against the back wall. "Wheel it and let's look at it," Miss Wilson s

Tommy's heart beat fast as he w ed the bike along the driveway. Wilson frowned at it. "It could sta paint job," she said, "and I'm not about the brakes."

"My dad will check them, and w got a lot of paint at home!" Tommy His face turned red. "I mean, if yo really going to lend me the bike, Wilson?"

"Lend it? I'm **giving** it to you," Wilson said. "It's too small for don't you think?"

"Oh, **thanks,"** Tommy said. He w ed the bicycle away. By the time he shown it to Mother, it would be too for the party, but parties weren't as portant as bikes.—**My Pleasure.**

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The Negro Boy's Surprise

At a slave market in one of the S ern states, a smart, active colored was put up for sale. A kind master pitied his condition, wishing him n have a cruel owner, went up to him said, "If I buy you, will you be hon The boy, with a baffled expression plied, "I will be honest whether you me or not."—**Sunday School Times.**

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Are you getting as much out of job as you used to? Are you pu as much into it?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ming to Eastern North Carolina are he Woman's Auxiliary and Youth Con- ions of the General Conference of re Will Baptists. The Youth Conven- n will be held on Monday, June 25, at m. at the Holly Springs Free Will ptist Church near Newport, North rolina. The Woman's Auxiliary Con- on will be held on Tuesday, June 6, t 10 a.m. at the same church.

ay God give us a great spiritual bless- gs as we meet together. Begin now to ke tour plans to attend.

In His service,
Mrs. Norman Ard
President

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e want to congratulate each one of u who had a part in helping to make u report at the State Convention so derful. We have completed our van ct, a project which proved to be r useful at the Children's Home.

w as we are beginning a new year r auxiliary, we have another proj- for the Children's Home: a walk-in er, which is needed very much. it, the Home would no longer have nt a locker several miles away.

e are depending on you to encourage auxiliaries to do their part in this ct. The Home needs the freezer Our quota on the freezer will be ame as it was last year for the van.

so, we want you to encourage your en in the work of superannuation. is one of the most important phases r work. We have five retired min- s and thirteen widows on our list. be sure to remember them on al occasions. They have given the of their lives for us and the Free Baptist cause, and we owe them more than we can possibly give. t us increase our gifts to superan- on. The more we give and help s, the more we will enjoy our Chris- walk of life.

t us not fail our people. The Lord lessed us with so much; we should our thankfulness to Him by serving s.

e can say as Paul did, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen- eth me" (Philippians 4:13).

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy
State Benevolence Chairman

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

1973 Camp Schedule

The June 4-9 Youth Frontier Conference will not be held this year due to the late closing dates of the public schools.

Other conferences include the following:

General Youth Conference, June 11-16—The Rev. Jack Mayo, director; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Christian Cadet's Conference, June 25-30—The Rev. Raymond Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina, director-registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, YFA group, July 2-7—Mrs. David W. Hansley, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Youth Frontier Conference, AFC group, July 9-14—Mrs. David W. Hansley, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar. (Fee: $37.)

Young People's Bible Conference, August 6-11—The Rev. Charles Crisp, director; the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina, registrar.

Woman's Auxiliary Conference, August 13-18—Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, co-directors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar. (Fee: $40, which includes a $10 registration fee.)

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Summer Encampment Notes

The Cragmont Board of Directors met with the new managers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davenport, and the various conference directors on Saturday, May 12. The meeting was held at the building of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., in Ayden, North Carolina. The following announcements are concerning decisions made toward the goal of improving the camping experience at Cragmont!

Meal Times

Meal times for all encampments will be as follows: breakfast, 8 a.m.; lunch, 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 6 p.m.

Increase in Campers per Week

Due to the vast improvement in our facilities in the past four years, we are expanding our limit on encampments. The new number, agreed upon by the board, is 160 campers per week. This figure does not include counselors who work with the campers.

Medical Information

The following medical information is an absolute necessity. Each camper must present a statement signed by his parents or guardians giving permission to the conference directors for any needed emergency treatment while at Cragmont. If your child has an allergy (to, for example, bee stings) or is allergic to any medicine (penicillin, Merthiolate, etc.), please send a written statement of same. If your child has diabetes or other special medical problems, let us know with a written statement as he boards the bus.

Use of Junior Counselors

Dorm counselors shall be limited to those 18 years of age and older for all encampments. It is permissible to use junior counselors in addition to adult counselors in the dorms. It is **not** permissible to leave a junior counselor under 18 years of age in charge of a dorm unit.

A dorm unit consists of the motel unit, Massey House, Brown House, or either half of the two new cottages. In addition, the second floor (not the third) of the old main building may be used for no more than 25 campers this season. This is being done since we have removed the kitchen from this building, thus greatly reducing the fire hazard.

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Why Have Law?

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:1, 2; Deuteronomy 5:32—6:3; Psalm 119:97-104; Matthew 5:17; Mark 12:13-17

Memory Verse: Romans 13:10

I. INTRODUCTION

Why have law? Some people are asking this question these days, and the answer to it is nestled neatly in the memory selection for this lesson: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). **The Living Bible** translates this verse as follows: "Love does no wrong to anyone. That's why it fully satisfies all of God's requirements. It is the only law you need."

Love, as it fulfills the law, answers the law. If every person loved every other person as he wished himself to be loved, there would be little, if any, need for law. But this is not at all the case. Therefore, when we refuse to let love rule, the law must do so.

Man needs an authority—an ultimate compulsion to treat his neighbor right. Love would lead him to do this, but when there is no such love, law must assert its authority to force man to live with man and in the sight of God within the framework of living as God has established it in His Word.

God created the physical and moral universe and has given man the proper guidelines to live in the universe according to His will. These guidelines are set forth, in their basic and simple forms, in the Ten Commandments. Man has taken these commandments and from them made his own laws, conforming with the intent and spirit of the commandments. We can say, therefore, that man's laws have their validity in the laws of God.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Bible claims full inspiration for the law because the very words were spoken by God himself.

B. God backed His words by His actions when Israel was delivered from the bondage of Egypt.

C. When we really love God's Word, we will not be satisfied with a hasty reading. We will want to meditate both on its meaning and on how to apply it to our daily lives.

D. The Bible is not an automatic protection system or a magic charm to keep evil away. But it does offer power for a victorious life when it is obeyed and practiced.

E. God's Word can become "sweeter than honey"—even its message of conviction and correction—after we have learned, understood, and kept it.

F. The perfect life of Jesus fulfilled everything God had demanded under the law.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

Today we begin a study that will carry us through the summer months. We will be concerned primarily with the Ten Commandments. Such a study should be interesting because the subject is one that has long been neglected in many circles. There was a time when children were taught the Commandments and could repeat them from memory. Alas! For many, that time is no more.

It has been said that the Ten Commandments have had more influence upon the morals and ethics of the world than any other words ever written. Whether or not this is a true estimate of their value, in our sessions from week to week we will have opportunity to become acquainted with them once again and will be able to consider their relevance to our own age and situation.

—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

The more a person studies the Ten Commandments, the more he will perceive how basically important they are to the maintenance of freedom, a desirable society, and personal well-being.

Jews have always held that the "Ten Words," or the decalogue, are supreme among all the precepts of the Torah, both on account of their fundamental and far-reaching importance and on accoun the awe-inspiring manner in which are revealed to the whole nation.

God knew that if men could not self-reliant, thrifty, honest, fair, ge ous, truthful, just, and kind, there w not be any hope for Israel to sur many generations. What was said Israel can be said for all mankind.

Many consider the commandment be nonsense, and their behavior ver their attitude. They see God as a ty who controls men. But an earthly fa does not prohibit his young son f playing with his razor because he w to throw his weight around. It is cause of the father's genuine con for the boy. Likewise, every law w God has decreed exists because of love for men. Only submission by to the eternal and objective laws of can control the strong, protect the w and make possible the achievemen happiness for men on this earth.

—**Bible Expositor and Illumin**

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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sult if all God's people would heed the to effective witness?

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Scripture Reading—Romans 2:10

"I Watch Faces"

Joe Baronci is a taxicab driver in York City. As a fare enters his cab, genially says, "My name's Joe Bar Where to, Sir?" When the passenger l his cab, Joe asks, "Would you mind gave you a copy of God's Word?"

One day a fare asked, "Why do yo this?"

Joe replied, "Because the gospel brought new joy and hope into my lif

The glove compartment of Joe's c always filled with Scripture portions gospel tracts. He also places tracts o rear seat of his cab. Said he, "Fro mirror, I watch faces. Most people troubled and in a hurry. Some of are so tense they can't relax while the seated." Often Joe gives tracts to traught ones and says, "Slow down, f and take along a share of God's com —*Adapted from Church Herald.*

Prayer Thought

Joe Baronci carries out God's Great mission daily through his vocation. might you do the same?

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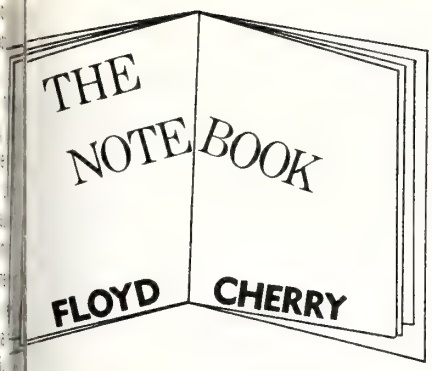
Hace you read anything to br yourself intellectually today?



e month of May is Children's Home h in the work of the North Carolina Convention of Free Will Baptists. asked that each church receive a al offering on Mother's Day. At els Chapel, we decided to have a dol- ay. Each person was asked to bring dollar above his regular Sunday ch offering as a special dollar day ing for the Children's Home. Of se, if we had just received an offer- many would have given more than a r, but the novelty of the idea caused to give that otherwise would not given anything. In a church with a few over 300 members we re- d $156. This is about fifty cents member.

what's the big idea! If you only the same amount that you would gotten with a regular offering, 's the point of a dollar day? The dea is twofold: (1) We got our $156 out cutting the regular Sunday morn- church offering. This is no small mplishment. (2) It is better to get ndred dollars from a hundred peo- than it is to get a hundred dollars one person. The more people who cipate in the offering, the more peo- you have involved, the more people become interested in the purpose which the money is given. If people to a project they become interested . This too is important. See the dea now!

s too late for Mother's Day this , but it does not have to be tied to er's Day. Why not have your own r day? We do not have a patent or right on the idea. As a matter of we got the whole idea from some- else. It is just a little pastoral nique that we used and liked, and hought we would pass it on to you.

hy don't some of our institutions or rams in the state take the idea, pro- it on a statewide basis, and let us ave a dollar day for some phase of program at the same time?

Questions & Answers

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"Man can grow in sin but never out of it. Man can be no better than his heart (see Luke 6:45; Jeremiah 17:9). Cultivation cannot remove guilt (see Jeremiah 10:23). There is no improving what God has condemned (see Romans 3:19). They that are in the flesh cannot please God. There is nothing in the flesh or of the flesh that can please God. Severe, to be sure, but Scriptural. It is not in the power of generation to effect a new creation. The thing must be faced; it is a fact. Salvation is of the Lord or not at all! God represents man as wholly lost and without strength (see Romans 5:6)."

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Mount Olive News

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Mrs. Richard Marvin Bundy of Farmville; Elizabeth Ann Davis, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Davis of Deep Run; James Michael Davis, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Mount Olive; Tommy Lewis Evans, A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jasper Evans of New Bern; Henry Clay Herndon III, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Herndon Jr.; Nyra Elizabeth Hill, A.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Hill of Deep Run; James Henry Hyatt, Jr., A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hyatt of Ahoskie; Ronnie Edward Joyner, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Joyner of Tarboro; Jeffrey Duane Mercer, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mercer of Lucama; John Allen Murphy, A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Murphy of Kinston; Larry Mitchell Newton, A.S., of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex; Sharon Elaine Owens, A.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brooks Owens of Kinston; Cynthia Kaye Paul, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Paul of Belhaven; Amy LaVerne Sellars, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sellars of Pine Level; Saborah Hill Smith, A.S., of Deep Run; William Scott Sowers, A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie V. Sowers of Snow Hill; Henry Stilley Jr., A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stilley of New Bern; Lawanna Danice Taylor, A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor of Deep Run; William Duvaul Thigpen Jr., A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Thigpen of Beulaville; Thomas Parks Uzzell, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Franklin Uzzell of Goldsboro; Dewey Lane Warren, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Shelton Warren of Newton Grove; Marvin Ray Waters, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Waters Sr. of Williamston; John Robert Williams Jr., A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williams Sr., of Morehead City; and Jack Luther Burnett, A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Burnett of Kenly.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church is seeking the services of a pastor. Serious inquiries are invited. Respond in confidence to Mr. Eugene Exum, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, P. O. Box 9, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518.

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The Rev. T. B. Hardin announces that he is available for revivals or full-time pastoral services. He is 50, married, and has no children now living at home. He may be reached at 216 Pine Ridge Road, Lyman, South Carolina 29365, telephone (803) 439-6228.

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The Rev. C. R. Etheridge will be available for full-time services beginning July 1. Any church desiring to contact him may call 249-4601 or write P. O. Box 5, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510.

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CRAGMONT NEWS

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Junior counselors may be used in any other capacity which the directors of the respective conferences deem expedient with the exception of having sole authority in a dorm unit as specified above.

Why These Rules?

These rules are instituted not to be restrictive, but in order to insure safe and continued orderliness and growth in the experience of Christian camping at Cragmont Assembly. **Have a great summer, campers!**

Your Cragmont Board of Directors
De Wayne Eakes,
Promotional Secretary

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ARE YOU A CHURCH LOUNGER?

EDITORIAL...

LOUNGING AROUND

To lounge means to act or move idly or lazily. It also means to loaf or to go about in a disinterested way. Further, it could mean to rest pleasantly, resisting incentive to be "on the move" toward the performance of some constructive duty.

People lounge in clubhouses pungent with the smell of stale cigarette smoke and mixed drinks. They lounge in beer halls, bars, movie houses, hotel lobbies, restaurant waiting rooms—and hold your hats, now—people also *lounge in church!*

Lounging in *church?* Why the very idea is ridiculous! Who in the world would consider lounging in church? A lot of people! Just look about yourself some Sunday morning and see the eyelid-droppers, the head-nodders, and the stare-at-the-wall types. Look at the gazers of long duration who suddenly jerk their heads and snap their minds back to attention at an emphatic remark from the pulpit which was just loud enough to bring back their presence of mind. Those we've just discussed, though perhaps they haven't "reared might as well be at home when one considers what they're really getting out of the service. Yawns are seen, and sighs are frequent noises heard from their direction. They, for the most part, are "watch-watchers," and should their watches have stopped and they are not quite able to ascertain the time, they become jittery, uncomfortable, and shift their shoulders up and down. They move their eyes back and forth, clasp and reclasp their hands in impatience, and finally muster up just enough nerve to ask someone next to them what time it's getting to be—if a watch on someone else's arm doesn't happen to be in close view. Yes, there are loungers. They're just lounging around, "playing" at church. It's obvious that they'd rather be somewhere else; and for the good it's doing them, we'd venture to suggest that they might as well be in a real honest-to-goodness lounge someplace where they wouldn't be distracting to other members of the congregation and disheartening to the minister.

Lest we be misunderstood, let us make clear the fact that we believe that all people should be in church when services are available for their attendance. We believe in going to and spending a goodly portion of each week in the Lord's house; but, if one goes merely out of respect to the preacher or under coercion of family members and makes it more than apparent that he's bored with the whole business, we cannot help but believe that his being there is more of a detriment than a help.

Just "messing" at anything, be it a job, church attendance, or whatever, is not good; and, when people go to church, making it quite clear by the attention they give and their response to the situation that they are bored to oblivion and have no real incentive insofar as real participation in the service is concerned, it might as well be admitted that they are indeed merely "messing" at it. They are just a bunch of misplaced loungers!

No, we would not want church services to be so stiff and formal that one cannot shift his position from time to time or smile his favor in someone else's direction. What we're talking about and the point we hope to make is that church is serious business, and one should conduct himself while there in a serious manner. This is not to say that one should be afraid to move or to glance in a direction away from the messenger at times, but nevertheless, one should not be so totally comfortable that he goes to sleep or lets his mind wander to the fishing pond, the beach, an anticipated afternoon nap, a golf game, or, let's face it—a men's club or a woman's bridge party!

"Lounging around" in its proper connotation does not always carry with it unfavorable characteristics. The human body requires a certain amount of rest and relaxation. Every human being needs to lounge once in awhile; yet, one must be careful as to the *place* chosen for lounging and the manner in which he lounges. A certain status is attained by some when they become members of certain clubs conducive to lounging of the unfavorable type. We are in no position to condemn, nor are we attempting to point the finger at any particular individual. Of a truth, all of us have done things not quite in keeping with Christian ethics. All of us have found ourselves just "messing" at Christianity, projecting, as it were, a certain amount of enthusiasm in worship, but not putting our whole heart in it.

All "loungers" are not sinners; on the other hand, neither can they all be called Christians. We would contend, nonetheless, that if one finds himself so disinterested in the church service that it becomes easy for his attention to be diverted from the reason for his being there, it is a strong indication that his Christianity leaves much to be desired; and though he may not wish to be called a church lounger, that may very well be what he is becoming.

Lounge, if you must, but be careful where and how—and by all means, don't do it in church. According to some doctors, the best treatment for that tired, lazy feeling many of us experience is to get busy. So our advice would be: Get on the ball for the Lord and see if church lounging doesn't become a little less enticing. Careful now: If you're inclined to lounge, don't slip down too far in that pew. You might just slide out and embarrass yourself!

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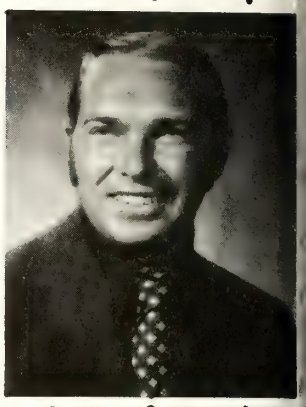

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What Is Cub Scouting?

by the Rev. E. F. Crary

l 1930, the Boy Scouts of America gned a new program for boys young- han scout age. It was called cub cting. Since then, it has grown to e largest of the three BSA programs other two being scouting and ex- ong). It is a year-round, home-cen- l program emphasizing involvement teen boys and their parents, boys and e leaders, boys and their friends. In enultidimensional program of the Boy cts of America, cub scouting is where l begins.

PURPOSE

b scouting has a number of pur- s. It influences a boy's character elopment and his spiritual growth; elops habits and attitudes of good enship; encourages good sportsman- and pride in growing strong in mind body; promotes improved understand- within the family; strengthens a s ability to get along with others; ers a sense of personal achievement developing new interests and skills; s a boy how to be helpful and do best; provides fun and exciting new gs to do; and prepares him to be a t.

MEMBERSHIP

ke other BSA programs, cub scouting a long-range plan to reach and deep- nvolve a representative one-third of boys in America. It is called "Boy- er '76," and it means reaching more g people in urban and rural com- ities by 1976, the bicentennial anni- ary of our nation. As of January 31, 3, cub scouting's membership was 7,585.

WHO CAN JOIN?

ny boy who has completed the second e or is eight-ten years of age may a neighborhood den. A den is usual- ade up of boys of the same age who form a natural play group in the neighborhood. Den meetings are held once a week in the afternoon under the supervision of a volunteer den leader—usually the mother or father of one of the boys. They meet in one of the boy's homes. The BSA emphasizes the use of women for eight and nine-year-olds; and men for ten-year-olds. A den may also have an assistant den leader; a den chief, an older scout or explorer who helps the leader with activities; and a denner, a boy leader elected by his peers who helps the leader and den chief. Once a month, all the dens in the neighborhood and the boys' families are brought together for a pack meeting under the direction of a cubmaster. He may be assisted by the fathers of other boys in the pack, and together they constitute a pack committee. Currently there are more than 65,000 cub packs.

WHO SPONSORS CUB SCOUTING?

Like other BSA programs, cub scouting is made available to the boys of our church by our local churches. And we should remember that if our church is to continue to be a leader in our communities, we should invite other boys to join our cub program. In many cases we find that these invited boys and their parents are looking for a church to call home. When we become partners with the BSA, we are called chartered institutions, and a designated individual from the church becomes a member of the pack committee as an institutional representative. The sponsor is responsible for leadership, the meeting place, and some program materials for the pack activities.

WHO PAYS FOR IT?

Several groups are responsible for supporting cub scouting: the boy and his parents; the pack; the chartered organization; the community. The boy is encouraged, when he can, to pay his expenses with money he has earned. Individual cub scout dues pay for budgeted items. Working collectively on an approved money-earning project provides income for various pack programs. The community supports cub scouting through the United Fund, sustaining membership enrollment, bequests, and special contributions to the local scout council.

ADVANCEMENT

The cub scout program includes a plan of advancement for each boy in which he learns by doing. Upon joining a pack, the boy's parents teach him his bobcat requirements: learning the cub scout promise, law of the pack, handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After bobcat, the boy works on requirements based on his age leading to wolf, bear, and arrow of light ranks.

WOLF

If a boy is eight years of age or has completed the second grade, he may begin working on his wolf achievements. There are 12: feats of skill; flag; keeping healthy; your home and community; tools; collections; conservation; tying things; home and traffic safety; family fun; religious activities; research and books. Upon completion of these 12, he is awarded the wolf badge, and until he is nine may continue to work on wolf electives in 20 different interest areas. When he completes ten projects, he receives a gold arrow point. For each additional ten projects, he receives a silver arrow point.

BEAR

If a boy is nine years of age, he begins working on his bear achievements. Again, there are 12: wildlife conservation; woodworking; using rope; outdoor games; whittling; our American heritage; family get-together; cub scout fitness; writing; American folklore; religious activities; protection. After receiving his bear badge, there are 20 bear electives areas in addition to the wolf elective areas in which he may work until he reaches age ten. Gold and silver arrow points are awarded for these projects as in the wolf electives.

Mr. Crary's article will be continued under the same title in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:22

God and the True Scientist

In conversation with Professor S. G. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, the Rev. George W. Hervey asked this question:

"Professor Morse, when you were making your experiments yonder in your rooms in the university, did you ever come to a stand, not knowing what to do next?"

"Oh, yes, more than once."

"And at such times what did you do next?"

"I may answer you in confidence, sir," said the professor, "but it is a matter of which the public knows nothing. I prayed for more light."

"And the light generally came?"

"Yes. And may I tell you that when flattering honors come to me from America and Europe on account of the invention which bears my name, I never felt I deserved them? I had made a valuable application of electricity, not because I was superior to other men, but solely because God, who meant it for mankind, must reveal it to someone, and was pleased to reveal it to me."

In view of these facts, it is not surprising that the inventor's first message was, "What hath God wrought!"—*Moody Monthly.*

Prayer Thought

Pastors often feel divinely led to preach a particular sermon, or to go to see a certain individual who needs help. But how many of us as lay people call on God in our daily vocation, be whatever it may?

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:2

Obedience

Mr. Cecil one day went into a room where his little girl was, bright-eyed and happy as could be. Somebody had just given her a box of beautiful beads. The little girl ran to her papa immediately to show this little gift.

"They are very beautiful, my child," he said, "but now, my dear, throw them into the fire."

The little girl looked for a moment. It was a great trial. "Now I shall not compel you to do it; I leave it to you: but you never knew Papa to ask you to do a thing that was not kind to you—I cannot tell you why: but if you can trust me, do so."

It cost a great effort, but the little girl began in her own way to think—"Father has always been kind to me, I suppose it is right," and she took the box of beads and threw it into the fire. The father said no more for some time. The next day, however, he gave her something far more beautiful which she had long desired. "Now," said he, "my child, I did this to teach you to trust in that greater Father in heaven. Many a time in your life He will require you to give up and avoid what you cannot see the reasons for avoiding, but if you trust that Father as you have trusted me, you will always find it best."—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

The little girl trusted her father, and he did not let her down. Do we have such implicit faith in our heavenly Father?

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

Soul Suicide!

In a testimony meeting, a lawyer stood and spoke thus: "I am sixty-two years old. I want to tell you how I became a Christian: When twenty-four, I married a beautiful Christian girl. I was anything but a Christian. I did not believe in anything or anybody. I tried to break my wife's habit of going to church, but could not. In time, God gave us a baby girl. When the child was young, her mother always took her to Sunday school and church. But when she got to be a young woman, I would take her to night clubs, dances. Thus I weaned her away from her mother! A Sunday morning, Mother knocked on her door, pleading, 'Doris, please wake up. Let's go to church.' 'But, Mother, Father didn't bring me in until three o'clock. Let me off this time. Next time I will go with you.' Years passed. The daughter succumbed to pneumonia! 'Your daughter is dying,' said the doctor, 'will you tell her so?' When I told her the heartbreaking news, my daughter replied, 'Father, I cannot die! I must not die!' Pleading, she said, 'Father, tell me something. Mama says if I want to go to heaven, I must take Christ as my Saviour. You told me all I had to do was to be a good girl. Father, which way shall I take? Yours or Mama's?' Throwing my arms around her, I said, 'Darling, if you have a moment to spare for God's sake, for Christ's sake, for your own soul's sake, for Father's sake, TAKE MAMA'S WAY.'"—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

When backed to a wall, many a faithless individual will affirm that Jesus is, after all, the One we should follow. But how much better to affirm Him day by day, trusting in His saving grace?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Scripture Reading—Acts 9:10-18

Too Late

One evening when Mr. Alexander and I were in Brighton, England, one of the workers went out from the afternoon meeting to a restaurant for his evening meal. His attention was drawn toward the man who waited upon him, and there came to his heart a strong impression that he should speak to that waiter about his soul, but that seemed to him such an unusual thing to do that he kept putting it off. When the meal was ended and the bill paid, he stepped out of the restaurant, but had such a feeling that he should speak to that waiter, that he decided to wait outside until the waiter came out. In a little while the proprietor came out and asked him why he was waiting. He replied that he was waiting to speak with the man who had waited upon him at the table. The proprietor replied, "You will never speak to that man again. After waiting upon you he went to his room and shot himself." Oh, men and woman, there are opportunities open to everyone of us tonight that will be gone, and gone forever, before another day dawns. The time is short!—Dr. R. A. Torrey.

Prayer Thought

Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit! How many souls are waiting in darkness, waiting for lack of the right word from us?

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Scripture Reading—Daniel 6:16-23

The Broken Rail

It was past midnight. A strange sense of impending evil came over me. I felt that something strange was going to happen! I told my fireman, "Jim," who was a Christian, and we decided we would kneel down right there on the engine, and pray. Then off we went, having committed our train to Him who sees in the darkness as well as in the light! It was almost morning, when I saw a man running and waving something frantically! I applied the emergency brake, and brought the train to a standstill as quickly as I could. "There's a broken rail just ahead of you," the man shouted. When I saw it, I said to the man: "Thank God for answered prayer, but what made you come out so early?" He said he awoke early, and could not rest until he had started out to examine the railway line! He did not know why, until he discovered the broken rail! He turned out to be a Christian, so we knelt down on the track, and thanked God for deliverance.—*Life and Liberty.*

Prayer Thought

Trust in the Lord to care for you in every situation. Truly God's appointed time for these two men had not arrived.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Scripture Reading—Psalm 49:15

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

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SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

Plaque Presented By Board of Trustees

Mr. Oscar Webster (right) presents a aque to the Rev. A. Graham Lane for tstanding service rendered to the Chil-en's Home.

During our Founder's Day services on ay 19, the Rev. A. Graham Lane re-ived a pleasant surprise when Mr. Os-r Webster, a member of the Board of ustees, presented him with a wall aque. Mr. Webster stated that the aque was presented to Mr. Lane for utstanding services rendered to the ildren's Home while serving as a Board Trustees member, later and currently its chairman, and then as acting perintendent for the last half of 1972. e inscription on the plaque reads: "In preciation to Rev. A. Graham Lane, Act-g Superintendent, Free Will Baptist ildren's Home, Jul-Dec 1972; Present-d by the Board of Trustees."

Mr. Lane responded by saying that it as others, such as Mrs. Lane and the aff, that made it possible for him to be recognized. Further, he added, that e lives of the children, their welfare nd future, were his real reward for ser-ices rendered to the Home.

A Challenge – "Only $6 A Year"

Is it time for your church to approve its budget for the next church year? If so, have you included a minimum amount of $6 per member per year for your Children's Home? These are questions which every Free Will Baptist should be asking himself constantly at this time of the year.

During the latter part of March of this year, the Home's superintendent wrote a letter to each church pastor and finance committee chairman explaining the financial need of the Home. Essentially, the letter said that the Children's Home needed a good, regular source of income to meet the operational costs. The letter challenged each church to include in its budget a minimum amount of $6 per member per year for us.

Some of our churches contribute much more, but if yours does not, then the challenge still stands: "Only $6 per member per year for your Children's Home." We believe that God will provide our financial needs through you. Won't you permit Him and remember to do your part this next church year?

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FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Another wonderful day was spent with our people on Saturday, May 19. This was the fifty-third anniversary of the founding of our Children's Home; the first children, the four Whitley children, were admitted on May 23, 1920.

Services started at 10:30 in the Chapel and continued until noon. There were about 300 persons in attendance. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry was the guest speaker, and he delivered a most impressive message. There was special singing by Mrs. Geneva Bell, Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina, and the Trio from Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina. The trio is composed of Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Mrs. Ann Garner, and Mrs. Jeaneane Brumbaugh. Dinner was served on the grounds by the Children's Home, and was enjoyed by all present.

Dinner is enjoyed by the guests of the Children's Home.

During and after lunch, our guests were entertained by the Gospel Tones, a singing group from Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Clayton, North Carolina. This singing group has proven to be real friends to the Children's Home, for its members are always ready to sing for us voluntarily at any time. We are so thankful for everyone who is willing to help us.

The Gospel Tones of Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina

Later in the afternoon, the children participated in outdoor games and sports contests. Our children look forward to these events and eagerly participate. Not only did the children have a big time, but the adult bystanders had fun, too, by watching and laughing.

Children are seen participating in a three-legged race during afternoon outdoor games.

We want to thank God for the beauti-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Eastwood FWB Church Grants License to John Gilliland

Left to right are Diane and John Gilliland and their pastor, the Rev. Taylor Hill.

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, recently granted a license to John Gilliland. Mr. Gilliland was brought up in the New Salem Free Will Baptist Church in Bexar, Alabama. He is now a staff sergeant in the army and is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is married to the former Diane Howard, daughter of Alton and Mary Helen Howard, who moved to Fayetteville from Kinston, North Carolina.

Mr. Gilliland is available for weekend supply preaching. He carries a very good recommendation from his pastor, the Rev. Taylor Hill.

Mr. Gilliland recently completed a course at Mount Olive College on the history and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church.

He may be contacted at his home address, Route 7, Box 298-K, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306, telephone 483-8903; or he may be reached through the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

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Martin Resigns as Pastor of Yelverton Grove Church After 16 Years of Service

The Rev. W. A. Martin resigned as pastor of the Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church effective June 30, 1973.

In the 16 years of his service there, he has served the church well and many things have been accomplished. The sanctuary has been enlarged and bricked, and new windows, carpeting, and light fixtures have been added, along with air conditioning. New Sunday school rooms and rest rooms have been added.

Most important, the membership of the church continues to grow. God has called two from the congregation to carry His Word forward as ordained ministers. There is now a church choir, a church quartet, a midweek prayer meeting, and a youth auxiliary. For all these things, the church members give God praise and thank Him for sending Preacher Martin their way during this particular time.

The congregation, represented by the Yelverton Grove Deacon Board, pray that God will continue His blessings upon Mr. Martin and continue to use him as He has at their church.

Mr. Martin is now a member of the mission board and the ordination board. He is a past member of the executive board of the Cape Fear Conference.

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White Oak FWB Church Plans Revival for June 11-16, 8 P.M.

A revival will be held at the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Maysville, North Carolina, on June 11-16, at 8 p.m. The Rev. L. L. Parker will be the guest speaker. He is from Sneads Ferry, North Carolina.

There will be special singing each evening.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church asks for your faithful prayers that many souls will be saved.

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Coming Events . . .

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

First Annual Junior Olympic Races Held for Young People in Wilson

The first annual Junior Olympic Races were held recently for the young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. The event was sponsored by the Lighthouse, which is directed by Ronnie and Frances Dilda.

The young people met at the recreation park about 9:30 a.m. and participated in various contests. At noon they all enjoyed sack lunches which they had brought from home. During the afternoon everyone enjoyed a softball game.

This was the first event of its kind to be held at the Wilson church, but it will be remembered by all who attended as a most wonderful day of fun and fellowship.

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Meeting of Laymen's League of Central Conference on June 4

The Laymen's League of the Central Conference will meet on June 4 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 264, Greenville, North Carolina.

A guest speaker will be featured and light refreshments served. President Donald Case urges all members to attend.

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North Carolina Ministerial Association To Meet at Cragmont, June 18-22

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association will be held at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, during June 18-22. The theme for the meeting will be "Watch Ye," with Scripture taken from Matthew 24:42 and Revelation 3:2. The program is as follows:

Monday

5:30—Evening Meal

7:30—Holy Land Slides, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
—Old Associational Film, the Revs. Ralph Sumner and L. E. Ballard

Tuesday

8:00—Prayer Breakfast, the Rev. Jerry English, Speaker
9:30—Class: "Second Coming of Christ," the Rev. D. W. Hansley
0:30—Break Time
1:00—Chapel, "Charismatic Movement: Why We Do Not Believe in It," the Rev. Charles Crisp
2:00—Lunch
—Afternoon Free
5:30—Evening Meal
7:30—Annual Business Session

Wednesday

8:00—Prayer Breakfast, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., Speaker
9:30—Class: "Second Coming of Christ"
0:30—Break Time
1:00—Chapel, "Attributes of God, the Holy Spirit," the Rev. A. B. Chandler
2:00—Lunch
—Afternoon Free
5:30—Evening Meal
7:30—Gospel Music Program, the Dixie Melody Boys
8:30—Annual Communion Service and Washing of the Saints' Feet

Thursday

8:00—Prayer Breakfast, the Rev. Wayne King, Speaker
9:30—Class: "Second Coming of Christ"
10:30—Break Time
11:00—Chapel, "Divine Healing," the Rev. Floyd Cherry
12:00—Lunch
—Group Trip to Be Planned

Friday

8:00—Prayer Breakfast, Mr. Stanley Slaughter, Speaker
—Adjournment

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Cape Fear District Youth Rally Set for June 2 near Raleigh

The Cape Fear District Youth Rally will be held on Saturday night, June 2, at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church near Raleigh, North Carolina. The time for this meeting will be 8 p.m. The program will include a singspiration led by the youth of the different churches.

All youth in this district are urged to be present.

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Revival and Homecoming Slated at Oak Grove Church, June 4-10

The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, will hold revival services June 4-9 at 7:30 each evening. The evangelist will be the Rev. L. H. Claton of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Special singing will be rendered nightly.

On Sunday, June 10, homecoming will be observed at the church.

The pastor, the Rev. George Greene, and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former ministers and members to come for both the revival and the homecoming activities.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

Kitchen - Dining Hall Progress

The construction on the kitchen-dining hall is progressing quite well. We continue to be gratified at the fine support that Cragmont is receiving from most of our churches, and we continue to encourage this support. As you know, June has been designated as "Cragmont Month" by our State Convention. We urge each church, Sunday school, and/or auxiliary to prepare to make a special donation to the work of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of April 1973.

Balance April 1, 1973		$14,610.83
Receipts		
Churches	$1,325.23	
Sunday Schools	116.29	
Sunday School Convention	20.00	
Youth Fellowship (Western Conference)	28.71	
Auxiliary Convention	75.00	
Leagues	45.82	
Gifts	10.00	
Total Receipts		1,621.05
Total for Which to Account		$16,231.88
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 406.53	
Insurance	96.70	
C. Cliff Meyer (Contractor for Dining Hall)	3,000.00	
Total Disbursements		3,503.23
Balance May 1, 1973 (Checking Account)		$12,728.65
Savings		2,419.40
Grand Total		$15,148.05

In Memory of Daniel S. Windley

It is with great sorrow in my heart that I write these few words in memory of my dear husband. On March 21, 1972, the Lord in his love and wisdom saw fit to call Daniel out of his suffering to forever be with him, "In that home where we will never grow old," which was one of his favorite hymns.

He was born to Johnah and Gittie Ann Windley on March 23, 1894. On March 2, 1919 he was married to Matilda Ann Ratcliff.

To this union were born eight children, four boys and four girls.

He was a faithful member of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, in his youth. After moving to Plymouth he became a member of the Plymouth First Free Will Baptist Church. He was a deacon at the Plymouth church and enjoyed helping with all church work as long as his health would permit him. It was an inspiration to him to be in church.

During his sickness he was patient in all, leaving his condition in the hands of the Lord. He was taken from us on March 21, 1972, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Free Union on his 77th birthday.

"There is an open gate at the end of the road through which we must go alone, and there is a light we cannot see, our Father claims his own, Beyond the gate our loved ones find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in our thoughts that our loving God knows best."

—submitted by
his wife and children.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

Groundbreaking In Puerto Princesa

by Harold Jones

Brother Perocillo speaks to the people of the significance of a groundbreaking service.

Ground is broken for a chapel near Puerto.

For almost one year now we have been going from house to house with the gospel message. We have led a great many people to the Lord. The Lord has truly been behind our efforts. As a result of this work, we have started four house churches with prospects for opening many more. Yet at the moment we see the need of a central meeting place—a place where we can gather all the people together on special occasions, as well as a place we can perform another type of ministry. For these reasons we are now entering a building program. We are going to construct a small chapel in a new subdivision near Puerto. Seventy houses are to be constructed there in the near future. This is also the area where many of our members live. We believe this is the Lord's time for this project. We have worked in this area for one year. Many people will not attend the house church, so this will be a means of ministering to their spiritual needs.

On Sunday morning, May 6, we had a groundbreaking service. In the pictures you can get an idea of the service and the number of people who attended. In one picture Brother Perocillo is preaching and also explaining what a groundbreaking service is, which is rather difficult in Tagalog. We hope to have the construction completed in early June.

Our main approach, however, remains the "house church," for with this we can reach people in the remote areas in their homes. Two of our house churches are far away from the building, so it will be difficult for the people to attend the services in the church building. This is why the Lord allows us to use different methods of outreach. All methods have their weaknesses, but by a combination of more than one the outreach to the lost becomes stronger and God is glorified. We praise Him for His sufficiency and we ask your prayers in this endeavor.

We do thank those of you who are making the building possible. God bless you for your generosity.

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THOUGHTS ON RETURNING HOME

by Harold Jones

As the time draws nearer for us to return home, naturally we become a little more excited as each week passes. Four years is a rather long time to be away from home. We are excited about seeing our families and many friends. We are also excited about the opportunity of visiting with many of you once again. Yet there is a little fear. We know things have changed. Perhaps things move at even a faster pace than they did in 1969. Clothing has changed. I bought two pairs of those "bell-bottom" trousers and, as hard as I try to like them, I feel extremely uneasy with them on. I have started to wear one pair of them at least three or four different times and always have changed to my old standbys before leaving the house. I guess I'll overcome this in time.

After not driving a car for over a year, this also will be quite a change. Peddling a bicycle has become a way of life that I greatly enjoy. It's healthy and much cheaper than a car. One does not have to worry about high speed crashes.

For many months our conversation has included this statement: "when we go back to the States." But now as the time draws nearer, a new phrase has inserted itself, "when we return." We are looking forward to going home, but we are also looking forward to returning to the Philippines. This is "home" to us now. The Lord has given us this work and we enjoy it greatly. Unless something unforeseen takes place, we plan to return in June 1974.

We hope that shortly after we return, perhaps another couple will join us here. Truly there is a ministry for anyone who will yield to the Lord's will for his life.

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PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

by Sandra Jones

A few days ago Harold, Wendy, Misty, and I went on a visit to some friends who live across the bay from Puerto. The wind was a little strong that day, but we didn't give it much thought because you know how it is when you plan something—you hate for anything to spoil your plans. We waited down at the pier for more than half an hour before the banca was ready to leave. At last we were on our way. The wind was still quite strong, but the water didn't seem so rough. There were two other passengers on the banca and they were going to the same location. When we got to the other side, the wind was so strong that when the driver tried to dock, the banca was carried away from the pier by the wind. After a few tries, we got near enough to another small boat that we could walk on to it and then to the pier. As I looked at the other boat, I wondered how we could pass with the children, because it was a cargo boat and the area on the sides was very narrow. Remember the wind was blowing and the banca was just bobbing like a fishing cork. The first thing we did was to ask the driver if he were going back to Puerto. We were afraid to take a chance in carrying the children around that narrow passage on the other boat. Then the men on the other boat said they would carry the girls to the pier, and they did with no problem, since they are seamen.

After getting to the pier, Harold was laughing at me because I was holding

the rail with both hands as I walked. The pier had big cracks between the boards. You could see the water, and there was only one railing. At last we arrived at our destination. After visiting for awhile, Harold decided we had better get back home if possible. He went down to the pier and there was no banca at the place where we docked. There is, however, another location where the bancas are also docking. It is much farther from Puerto and the water is much rougher if the wind is very strong. We said good-bye to our friends and hurried on our way to the pier. Just as we arrived there was a banca already out getting ready to leave. We waved to them and after awhile they were able to get the banca back to shore for us to get on.

There were three young boys on the banca and one of them said, "It is very rough, do you still want to go?" We told him we had to go back home even though it was rough. So we all climbed aboard and sat down on the floor. I sat with my back to the front of the banca, not realizing until later that it was a good thing that I did because I didn't have to watch those huge waves roll up in front of me. Well, being a mommy, I had to stay calm at least on the outside. Wendy was sitting between Harold's legs and Misty between mine. Wendy and Harold were sitting facing the waves and it was a little hard on Wendy, so we tried to cover her face with a canvas but she still peeked out once in awhile. Misty couldn't see very much and it didn't seem to bother her anyway. As she was lying there under the canvas with the roar of the motor, she went to sleep—yes, to sleep, with the sea raging all around her.

I don't mind admitting that I had already whispered a few short prayers. After seeing Misty asleep, Harold said, "You know, that shows how much she trusts us and you can't even swim." (Don't remind me of that, I thought!) But after many skillful maneuvers, our young experienced boatmen brought the banca safely to the pier in Puerto. As we were docking, Misty woke up as though nothing had happened.

My friends, shouldn't this be a lesson to us, that no matter the circumstances around us, we should be able to sleep in the "shelter of the arms of our Saviour."

"There are storms that we all encounter,
Do not fear, they will do you no harm;
In the Lord you will find protection,
In the shelter of His arms."

THE FWB CHURCH IN TAMNAO

by Harold Jones

On April 7 I made another trip to Tamnao. The bus trip was about the same as the trip described in a previous article, except I became a little more tired, having had malaria the week before. I arrived in San Narcisa about 3:30 p.m. and proceeded to Tamnao by banca.

It was good to have fellowship with our people there once again. The Dela Rosa brothers had a Bible study planned for that night, so after we had supper we went to "Little Tamnao" for this. We were a little late, so the attendance was not as good as expected, but we received a blessing by being in the open-air meeting.

This group of people attended the service held in the house of Brother Pio.

On Sunday, April 8, we had a service in the house of Brother Pio. This group of people are very industrious and have already begun constructing a church building. They plan to have it completed by the end of April. This is an area where the building is needed; the people are very reluctant to go to another person's house for a religious service. Our program is a flexible one; we try to use all good methods to reach people for Christ. In Palawan the "house church" is ideal. The people are very reluctant to go to a church building, but in Tamnao it is just the opposite. We praise the Lord that His work is not a narrow approach, but He has many ways of reaching people and bringing them to Himself.

Construction Site of the New Church Building

Also pictured are Brother Pio and some of the barrio folk standing in front of the construction site of the new church building. The posts are already in place.

This is a project of the people. They are building it of native materials at their expense and labor. This is what is desired, if the church is to become completely self-supporting in the future.

This group also has four out-reach ministries in other areas. It is a growing and energetic congregation. We ask you to remember these good people in your prayers.

I stayed in Tamnao until Monday morning, then returned to Manila. This trip was truly a blessing for I had the opportunity to see Christ at work in another area of our ministry.

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Meet Roberto Salut Jr.

by Harold Jones

I met Roberto for the first time in February when I first visited Tamnao. Roberto was born on April 13, 1953, and from then until March 3, 1970, his life was rather normal; on the day of March 3, 1970, he was stricken with a crippling disease and became paralyzed from his waist down. For two years he was in bed, flat on his back, unable to roll from one side to the other. Then in July 1972 he was able to walk with crutches. The doctor says that there is no hope that Roberto will ever be able to walk again, but I don't feel this way. When I first saw him I had the strangest impression that the Lord was going to heal this young man. Nothing is impossible with God. Roberto is a Christian and is seeking the Lord's will in his life. I want to request each of you to join us

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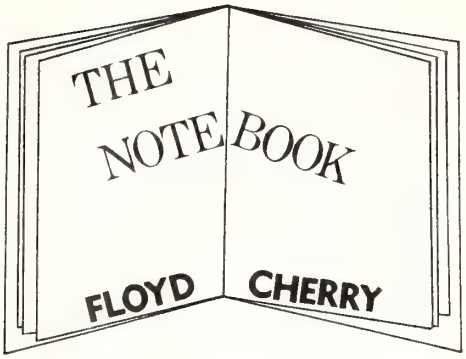

Those of you who missed the Founders' Day celebration at the Children's Home on May 19 missed a great blessing. We feel that it is a wonderful thing for the Children's Home to have two days a year, Founders' Day and Thanksgiving, when the Home is on display.

We were honored by being asked to bring the eleven o'clock message for the occasion. We read 2 Corinthians 3:3 and spoke about some of the things that we can learn about ourselves from a family portrait. Then we suggested that we take a look at a portrait of North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

First, our past declared our differences. Free Will Baptists came out of the Separatist movement in England. This means that, for the most part, we are not organization men, but individualists.

Second, our present tells us that divisions are dangerous. North Carolina Free Will Baptists have lived in three centuries: the eighteenth, the nineteenth, and the twentieth. We are not three centuries old, but we have lived in part of three centuries. We have had a major division in each of the three centuries in which we have existed as a people. In the eighteenth century we lost about ninety per cent of our strength to the Calvinistic Baptists; in the nineteenth century we lost about half of our strength to the Campbellites; and in the twentieth we lost at least a third to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Third, our present demands our diligence. We must be diligent in the support of all our work, not just a part of it. And we must be diligent in building our denominational fences so that outside forces cannot come in and take our strength as in the past.

Fourth, our future depends upon our dedication. With half-hearted service the future looks dark; but with complete yieldedness to the Spirit of God, our future is bright indeed!

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. L. E. Styron announces that he is available to pastor a church in the eastern part of North Carolina for the coming church year, and also to make weekend appointments.

Any church that would like to inquire about his services should write to him at Route 1, Box 332-B, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, or call 637-6774 after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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The Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church is seeking the services of a pastor. Serious inquiries are invited. Respond in confidence to Mr. Eugene Exum, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, P. O. Box 9, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518.

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The Rev. T. B. Hardin announces that he is available for revivals or full-time pastoral services. He is 50, married, and has no children now living at home. He may be reached at 216 Pine Ridge Road, Lyman, South Carolina 29365, telephone (803) 439-6228.

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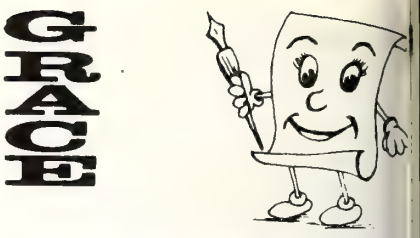

NOTES

By Nina Grace Regist

Nothing is deader this time of y than January's New Year's resolutio But it isn't too late to take another lo at them, and see if they can be salvag

I always make the same two (1: ke the house clean; 2: lose weight), a they're broken before the ink is d Either they're too selfish, or just t "daily," but I can't keep them.

Knowing how hard it is to keep re lutions, the editor of a national magazi made twelve resolutions, one for ea month. They were for his church, h family, and his friends. Doing thin for others is a good habit and very sat fying. By thinking beyond one's s and showing concern for others, the p sonal life and attitude improve almo effortlessly. It seems to work bet than promising to quit this or start th

In the six months before Decemb try one of the following suggestions t each month. By then, you'll know you want to continue any, or you m have added some others.

1. Write a letter to a friend (not relative), and tell her something you a preciate about her. It may have h pened some time ago, but means a gr deal to you.

2. Call someone in town you seld see, for a short chat.

3. Do something nice for a frie Take her a pie, an apron, a plant—an expected "just-for-you" gift.

4. Make a list of ten people and pr for them daily. Include some people y don't especially like, and at least t you hardly know.

5. Go to church each Sunday. Spe to at least three people you didn't spe to the week before.

6. Invite someone or a couple for meal, or at least for dessert and coff Drag out one of the old games like Tw dly-Winks, Monopoly, or enjoy so friendly conversation.

These may not be the best exerci in the world, but if you'll try one month, you'll find your life filled w friendship and a new kind of joy.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Please explain the Scripture, 'M brethren, be not many masters, ving that we shall receive the great- ondemnation. For in many things we nd all. If any man offend not in d, the same is a perfect man, and also to bridle the whole body" es 3:1, 2).

nswer: In consulting several authori- l seem to find that the difficulty that oked the writing of these verses from a church condition that some- s plagues us in this day. Many in church posed as teachers, thinking should be recognized as leaders, n either they did not possess the na- ability or they had not acquired the vledge and experience this kind of ership necessitated. Sometimes such d-be leaders may bring about a de- able state of affairs in a local church. use one is saved, knows he is, and genuine zeal and enthusiasm does qualify him as a leader or teacher local church. Neither may a person ared to teach in some secular field is saved and knows so be fit to Bible in the church. He needs a vledge of the Word and a call.

ul was led of the Holy Spirit to go Arabia for three years to become d to carry out God's commission that him the official apostle or mission- o the Gentiles. May we not learn a n here concerning the need of prep- on for the kind of leadership re- d in the local church? I think so. e is more at stake when one as- s spiritual leadership than anything We know that he has the calling hristians have from the following: reover whom he did predestinate, he also called: and whom he called, he also justified: and whom he jus- d, them he also glorified" (Romans 3).

d yet there are to be found in the instructions concerning the special necessary for such leaders as Bible ers, pastors, evangelists, etc. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11, 12). Compare, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some" (2 Timothy 2:15-18).

After the above is achieved in the life, growth, and experience of a Christian worker, Paul further instructs him: "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:20-26).

So we see that in this great household of God we may not all be apostles in the sense that Paul and others were. We may not all be pastors as was James, the brother of John, but we each fit together in the construction of a temple. We are "living stones" put together in one structure. We are all the members of the spiritual body of Christ. Not all are hands, neither are all feet, nor all mouths, but all members are one of another as well as being the members of Christ; so we each fill our places to the glory of God and the good of every other member, each having the mind of Christ if we would enjoy the proper function of this wonderful spiritual organism.

The following found on Page 197 of **Peloubet's 1968 Select Notes** has this to say:

"James here is warning the church against too many men pretending to have teaching ability, men who are not aware of the solemn responsibility, in the sight of God, of what such a ministry involves. Many among the Jews sought to be called rabbi, and even today I know a number of men without any particular gifts who call themselves 'Bible teachers,' and have set themselves up as some authority in the church. Plummer rightly says, 'Those of us who are teachers will receive a heavier sentence than those of us who are not such; for our obligations to live up to the law which we know and profess and urge upon others are far greater.' "

I have observed a pitiful sight in a local church when none felt like leading; but more to be pitied is the group where several strive for the glamour of leadership when none appear to understand what God requires of such a leader. I much prefer the timid, unassuming servant of God, such as was Moses when God allowed Aaron to help, or such as Jeremiah when God compelled him to go (giving him an inner urge that prepared him).

John writes: "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:4, 5). We are by nature opposed to false teachers and false doctrines of which there are so many. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4); "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, . . . Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 4).

STORIES

for our youth

RED PLASTIC ROSES

by Elizabeth Phillips

SPECK was the strongest boy in his class. When he pushed down on the pedal, his bike lurched forward four feet. Someday he planned to time it and see how long it took him to get home from school.

He saw Mike standing at the next corner. Speck had not intended to stop, but his friend nearly stepped into his path. Speck screeched to a halt. "I haven't got time today, Mike. I've got to be getting home."

"What's the hurry?" inquired Mike.

"After I do my chores, I've got to find a way to make some money."

Mike laughed. He had been hearing that for weeks. "What do you need money for now?" he asked.

"It's Mom," explained Speck. "Her birthday is at the end of this month, and there is something special I want to give her."

"What?"

"An electric mixer."

"A mixer?" Mike repeated, slightly amused.

Speck nodded. "She's wanted one for a long time. I was hoping I could get her one."

"Do you know how much those things cost?" asked Mike.

"Yes, plenty!" Speck had already asked at the appliance store. He had never had that much money at one time in his whole life.

"I don't think you'll make it. No one wants any work done this time of year."

"I know, but I'll get it somehow!" When the boy got excited, his expression changed. He was not called Speck for nothing. His face was covered with freckles, and each one stood out plainly. "I've got to go," he repeated. "Be seeing you."

Now Speck rode much slower. He was thinking about what his friend had said. There just weren't any jobs where he lived. Each year he had the same problem—getting money for Mom's present, and now he was growing up and wanted to get something a little more expensive—something special.

After a week had passed, he had made only a few dollars. I'll never make it, he thought as he counted the small pile of coins. Then as if that weren't enough, the next day his bicycle chain broke! He came home pushing his bike. Instead of using the kickstand, he dropped it roughly to the ground.

"Here now, young man!" called Dad from the garage. "That's not the way to take care of your possessions."

"Why did it have to break now?" Speck asked angrily.

Mr. Colson walked over to his son. "Don't you have enough money to buy another chain? That one was pretty old."

"Yes, sir, I've got the money, but I need it for something else." Speck explained why he had to hold on to his money.

"Son, you don't have to get such an expensive gift. You know how your mother is. She'll like anything you give her," Speck's father said.

"I know, Dad, but I'm tired of giving her handkerchiefs and aprons. I want to get her something special!" He pounded on the step.

"Well, you know I don't have enough money right now for a mixer and—"

Speck interrupted. "I don't want you to buy it for me, Dad! It's got to come from me. I've got to earn the money myself!"

"I was going to say I don't even have enough extra for a new chain, but I'll pay half if you'll pay the other ha

"Thanks, Dad." Speck and his fat were close. The boy knew that his fat always did what he could for his fam "Thanks again, Dad. That will hel lot."

The boy continued to pester every in the neighborhood, but his savings b ly grew. The day came to buy Moth gift. With the money he had, he k he'd be doing his shopping at the d store. There wasn't an item in the pliance store that he could afford.

In the dime store Speck walked one aisle and down the other. There wasn't anything good enough! Then come to a counter of plastic flow Their colors brightened the whole co of the store. "Maybe—" Speck stop to look. Mother liked flowers all ri Usually their yard was full of bloom plants, but this year there were n There had been two northeasters had ruined every plant growing.

He stepped closer. The flowers loo real enough, and it would be a gift would last a long time. He finally se ed a bunch of red roses and wished a that they could have been real.

Birthdays were a special occasion the Colson household. Everyone gat ed around Mother. The family made her blow out her own candles! was delighted with every gift.

Then Speck gave her his present. him the plastic flowers were a di pointment since he had wanted to her the mixer.

Mrs. Colson opened the tissue p carefully. When she saw the roses, held them close. "They're beautif she said.

Speck thought her face was beaut too, as she looked at the flowers. "The not real, Mother," he reminded.

Mrs. Colson seemed not to hear. got a vase and put them in the mi of the table. "Now!" she said. "We all enjoy them!"

It was then that Speck learned s thing. He knew that his mother wa pleased as if the roses had been real had cost fifteen dollars. He realized the first time that it wasn't the gift was so important after all! It was a person gave it and **why.** Speck k for certain why he had given his mo a gift. "Because I love her," he consciously said aloud.

"What was that, son?" asked Mrs. son.

"Nothing, Mom, nothing at all— happy birthday!"

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

ollege Plans onference for gh School Students

ount Olive College will sponsor a kend youth conference for high ol students on June 8-10. The con- nce will begin on Friday, June 8, the evening meal at 6 p.m. in the ge cafeteria and will end Sunday the noon meal.

e program will involve worship, er and discussion groups, singspira- , and recreation. The purpose of conference is to deepen a personal nitment to Jesus Christ and to ex- how to serve Him in the world. New Creations, a gospel singing p composed of students at the Col- will be counselors and prayer group ers.

e cost of the conference will be $15 he entire weekend, which will in- a nonrefundable $5 registration fee dition to the $5 registration fee for nuting students. For commuters, will be the $5 registration fee and may buy their own meals in the eria.

r application forms, please contact Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive Col- Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, hone 658-2802 (office) or 658-9363 e).

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celerated Degree ogram Announced

ount Olive College is incorporating cial Accelerated Degree Program g the summer session under which ing high school senior with a "B" ge or better may earn college t.

"tudents who qualify may register urses which are not in conflict with high school curriculum," a college sman said. "These courses are transferable and may be applied toward an associate or baccalaureate degree."

Mount Olive College Registrar, Mrs. Marie Glenn, reported that the program, which has been in effect for almost a year, has been "very, very successful. We've had numerous students enrolled in the program and they have expressed great satisfaction with it," she said.

Persons interested in the Accelerated Degree Program should contact the Mount Olive College Admissions Office.

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Dean's List FWB Students

The following Free Will Baptist students have been named to the Dean's List at Mount Olive College for the spring semester, 1973. To qualify for the list at the completion of each semester, a student must be attending on a full-time basis, have achieved a quality point average of 3.2 or higher in the subjects of the semester just ended, and must not have received a grade below "C" in any subject for the semester. Those so recognized are as follows: Freddie Fate Boykin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Boykin of Wilson; Janet Elaine Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Brown of Beulaville; Linda Kay Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bryan of Chinquapin; Beverly Joy Bundy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marvin Bundy of Farmville; Linda Gail Carter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Carter of Warrenton; James Michael Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Mount Olive; Sally Marie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis of Bladenboro; Tommy Lewis Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jasper Evans of New Bern; Linda Sue Haddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Haddock of Chocowinity; Linwood Ashley Harris Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Harris Sr., of Pantego; Nyra Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Hill of Deep Run; James Henry Hyatt Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hyatt of Ahoskie; Billie Jarman James (Mrs.) of Beulaville; Janie Carol Jones, daughter of Mr. Cleveland O. Jones of Washington; Deborah Anne Lancaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Cleveland Lancaster of Wilson; Lloyd Vernon McCoy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. McCoy Sr., of Cove City; Debra Anne Midyette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weddell Midyette of New Bern; John Allen Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Murphy of Kinston; Sharon Elaine Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brooks Owens of Kinston; Douglas Gregory Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Paul of Belhaven; Kristie Sue Raper, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive; James Noah Webster, of Beulaville; Graham Rodney Wilson, of Cove City; and Barbara Gail Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ball of Kinston.

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President to Speak

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will be the speaker at three high school commencement events this spring.

On Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m., he will deliver the graduation address at Creswell High School in Tyrrell County, North Carolina.

He will be the speaker for the baccalaureate service at Southern Wayne High School, Wayne County, North Carolina, on Sunday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m.

His final address will be at Princeton High School in Johnston County, North Carolina, on Friday, June 8, at 8 p.m.

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Trusting God to Know Some Things

Dr. Talmage once told a story of how, when a young man, he was inclined to be rather skeptical. One day, after he had asked an old minister "why" this, and "how" that, the aged man replied, "Talmage, you must let almighty God know some things you don't know." He acted on the advice, trusted, and preached to thousands afterward.—**Sunday Companion.**

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Offer to take someone without transportation to the "big city" with you the next time it is shopping day.

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Love is . . . cooking your husband's favorite dish for dinner.

God Is Supreme

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:3-6; Matthew 6: 24-34; James 4:7, 8

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:3

I. INTRODUCTION

Never in all the world will man ever find a power that will even begin to compare with the power of God. He is supreme in heaven and in earth and must be supreme in your life and mine if we are to be His loyal subjects. This supremacy does not manifest itself in dictatorial absolutes from God; that is, He does not, by virtue of His being supreme, force Himself and His Word upon anyone. They are offered to all, and those who conform their wills to His and follow the impulses He gives will find the way to eternal happiness in His presence.

F. B. Meyer tells this story. He was on a ship crossing the Irish Channel one dark, starless night. He asked the captain, "How do you know Holyhead Harbor on so dark a night as this?" The captain replied, "You see those three lights? Those three must line up behind each other as one, and when we see them so united we know the exact position of the harbor's mouth."

The great Bible teacher went on to say, "When we want to know God's will, there are three things which always concur: the inward impulse, the Word of God, and the trend of circumstances! God in the heart, impelling you forward; God in His Book corroborating whatever He says in the heart; and God in circumstances which are always indicative of His will. Never start until these three things agree." On these facts we can surely rely because the supremacy of God assures it.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There is no "graven image" of the true God. We have a living Image, the Person of our Lord Jesus himself.

B. A believer cannot be successful in maintaining a consistent Christian life while "moonlighting" in the service of mammon.

C. As Christians we need to be concerned more about the purposes of life than about the means for living.

D. The human brain, with its capacity for thought, is an amazingly complex and powerful instrument. Nevertheless, our mental powers are limited, and many feats are beyond their reach.

E. To seek the kingdom simply for the purpose of gaining "all these things" is to miss the essence of the righteousness of God.

F. Our submission to God is resistance to the devil.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

There is only one God and He is the supreme Ruler of the universe. At Sinai He gave His law to His people. Contrary to what some may think, the Ten Commandments were not given to make life a burden. They were given in love. God did not desire to see man drift toward destruction. Nor did He want him to be driven there by his own sin and folly. The Commandments were given to point out to man the way of life and of true freedom. The voice that spoke at Sinai was a powerful voice; it was the voice of God. It was a solemn one, for it spoke of matters pertaining to life and death. But it was also the voice of love, entreating man to respond in faith and obedience to its direction.

It stands to reason that if man desires a definite and trustworthy goal for his life, he can do no better than to hear the voice of God. Surely the Creator of life knows what life is all about, and to follow His way would be to experience life in its fullest. But His is not the only voice asking to be heard. For some, the call to power rings strongly in their ears; they would make a god out of the state. The state is not made for the people, they would say, but the people for the state, and the people must bow down before and serve the state. There is also the call of the flesh, insisting that the satisfaction of our physical appetites should receive first place in life. (voices are those of money, com popularity, and conformity, calling to follow and promising him every if he will do so. Above all these v God calls and says, "Thou shalt hav other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3

Even so, the other voices cry dai our ears, some with strong appeal. which shall we give heed? We f between them in indecision. And l undecided, our lives are fragme broken, disturbed. Such a life is out purpose to hold it together. without a center, without a faith, a is doomed. One must choose or els will "go to pieces." And since we only one life to live on this earth essential that we make the right cl of the God to whom we can give ou devotion.

—**Standard Lesson Commen**

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HYPOCRITE

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyon
Lift from each saddened heart the
And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day
And carelessly went my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from my eye.

I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road.
I did not even go to see
The sick man, just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done
I prayed, "Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered,

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to bless today
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below

And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me Lord, for I have lied;
Let me but live another day,
And I will live the way I pray."

—from an orphan home l

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The Test

"I believe the first test of a truly man is his humility," said John R Sir Isaac Newton, when an old man, "I am as a child on the seashore pi up a pebble here and a shell there the great ocean of truth lies before —W. B. K.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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THE MISTAKEN LOVE LETTER

saw a little child's grave without a stone. A fresh bunch of flowers had laid there and a little piece of paper down by a twig. Struck by the unness of this, I opened it, and read: 30, 1887. Papa had been here." It ed both sweet and sad. The father's had not yet learned to think about departed as having passed to the glory head. He thought of his child as lone- d shut away, and it might be a com- to know that "Papa" had been there. as a little love letter, and gave a beauti- glimpse into a father's heart. It is to oped that he may learn to think so differently about his child—even as nk of those whose castoff garments of are buried nearby.—Frances E. Wil- in a letter to children.

PRAYER THOUGHT

hen we can truly believe that our be- departed ones are not in the graves ay visit from time to time, we have nly accepted Christ's word, but have brought healing comfort to our own of loss.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

ipture Reading—Matthew 6:1-4

MONEY TALKS

t me have a word with you. I am servant if rightly used. You will be- my slave if you persist in misusing . I am often spoken of as "The root of il." This is not fair play. I can be oot of much good if you will use me rly.

to put yourself in my place—I don't o change hands for every little trinket ancy that come along. I would like to with you for a little while. There may real mission that I can perform for ometime. On the other hand, I de- eing held tightly. It hurts. When is something urgent, and really use- t me be on my way. I wasn't in- d for you alone. I want to be the st possible good.

l, ah, yes, please remember, I like to church, too. I am always happy I can work for the Master of all and gold, the One who owns the true of all the world.—M. F. Detterline.

PRAYER THOUGHT

rning to cultivate the best attitude d money is often one of the hardest anyone is called upon to master. you mastered it, or is money still ing you?

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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ful weather which prevailed throughout the day; it was such a lovely day. Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in this Founder's Day celebration, either by his presence and/or by his contribution. Our special love offering for Mother's Day and Founder's Day totals $4,886.03 and more is still being received through the mail each day. Following is a list of churches with the amount that each contributed. Other contributions received after this writing will be published in a later issue of **The Free Will Baptist.**

Albemarle Conference	
Sound Side	$ 45.09
Union Chapel	47.10
Cape Fear Conference	
Goldsboro (Cora Mitchell Class)	50.00
Lee's Chapel	550.00
Wooten's Chapel	100.00
Central Conference	
Edgewood Auxiliary	19.00
Daniels Chapel	331.00
Aspen Grove Auxiliary	25.00
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Crab Point	30.00
Welcome Home	50.00
Holly Springs	877.00
Russell Creek	50.00
Rooty Branch	100.00
Sarecta	100.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	59.48
Lanier's Chapel	47.89
Oak Grove	100.00
Moseley's Creek	93.05
Piedmont Conference	
East Rockingham	100.00
Western Conference	
Barnes Hill	130.00
Friendship	100.00
Watson Grove	27.18
Spring Hill	150.00
Friends and Others	129.64
Total	$4,886.03

VISITING HOME POLICY

Our "visiting home families" are families who have expressed an interest in our children and who have been recommended as good Christian families that would be good influences upon our children.

When a couple has expressed an interest in becoming a "visiting home family," we send them a "visiting home application," which they fill out and return to us. This application tells us what we need to know about this family. It also lists three references which we then contact. If the references return a complimentary opinion of this family, we consider them acceptable. We then invite the family to visit on our campus and get to know our children.

Our children do not go home with strangers. Therefore, when a child has become acquainted with this family and expresses an interest in visiting with them, we contact this family, informing them of the child's desire. If the family is in agreement, visiting arrangements are completed.

We expect our "visiting home families" to treat our children as they would their own in regard to discipline, etc.

We invite any of you who are interested in becoming one of our "visiting home families" to write for your application today.

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MISSIONS

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in prayer for his healing. I feel sure the Lord is going to heal him. He hears the prayers of His people and He answers their sincere petitions. Let us join together in prayer for this young man, and we will rejoice together at his healing.

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Bible Reading and Hoeing Potatoes

"Some people read their Bibles like I used to hoe potatoes when I was a boy: When the dinner bell rang, I had to put down a stick at the place in the row where I left off hoeing so when I returned an hour later, I could know where I left off hoeing. We read our Bibles with so little concentration that we do not know where we left off when the reading is resumed."

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nce you've been there. . . you know the bad side of life, its storms and raging seas. . . .

ONCE YOU'VE BEEN THERE. . .

(Inspired by a Friend)

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to have an aching heart.
You know how it feels to have eyes smarting with burning, stinging tears.
You know what it is to lie awake night after night, seeking rest—even praying for it—but having it elude you.

Once you've been there. . .
You know the hurt of disappointment.
You know how it feels to be rejected by so-called friends when you need help most.
You know what it is to be called unkind names, to be falsely accused to the extent that you bow your head in shame and turn your back even toward those who, unknowing to you, would want to reach out in love and understanding.

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to be somewhat bitter at life's unfairness.
You know how it feels to have the world stare you in the face and frown upon you, even when in a futile attempt you project your friendliest smile.
You know what it is to be trodden underfoot, to feel trampled in spirit, to feel unwanted, unloved—even despised—seemingly by everyone.

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to suffer loss.
You know how it feels to have every material thing taken from you, to live in poverty—not hungry for food especially—but hungry for attention and empathy from some compassionate heart.
You know what it is to fight within yourself, striving so hard to dispel some disquieting spirit, to find relief from despair and defeat.

Once you've been there. . .
You know the bad side of life, its storms and its raging seas.
You know how it feels to have walls moving in on you, perhaps because of extreme anxiety, alcohol, or drugs.
You know what it is to have your whole world come crashing down around you, entrapping you, and threatening you with some nameless fear.

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to need God.
You know how it feels to want His guidance, His loving arms around you to comfort you during your trials.
You know what it is to be dependent upon Him, to trust Him in all situations, to know that He cares indeed.

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to have a real friend—a human friend—but a real honest-to-goodness friend who wants no reward, but who offers whatever help he can provide willingly and unselfishly.
You know how it feels not to be alone, how it feels to have someone at your side or on the other end of the phone when you are feeling low and in such depression that you want to end it all.
You know what it is to have someone believe in you, to assure you of this, and to offer encouragement when others have derogated you and pushed you down to what you consider the lowest of human depths.

Once you've been there. . .
You know what it is to have a happy heart, bursting with pride that you have been able to resist some compelling temptation and able to realize the attainment of what was thought to be an impossible goal.
You know how it feels to have confidence in yourself restored, certain that you can go onward and upward toward self-respect and achievement.
You know what it is to have peace of mind and soul and heart.

Once you've been there. . .
Well, once you've been there, only then can you really know. . . .

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What Is Cub Scouting?

s is the second part of a two-part ar- e The first was printed in last week's of *The Free Will Baptist.*

by the Rev. E. F. Crary

Webelos

s word is code for "We'll be loyal s," and is pronounced WEE BUH At age ten a cub scout may elect y in his cub scout den, or be trans- with ceremony into a webelos den. This is a special den for a who has reached ten years of age o has completed the fourth grade. ebelos scout program is more chal- g to the older cub scout—in fact ow called a "webelos scout." He a different kind of uniform that izes his new status. Meetings are n the early evening or on Saturday. ader is a man assisted by other den s. The den chief is older and more ced than those serving cub scouts. ebelos scout's advancement is re- d by his webelos den leader rather his parents. He begins working diately on requirements badges that ead to the Arrow of Light award, couting's highest honor. In addi- he can work for and earn in any nce as many of the 15 webelos ac- badges as he wishes. They are as s: aquanaut; artist; athlete; citi- craftsman; engineer; forester; ist; naturalist; outdoorsman; r; scientist; showman; sportsman; raveler. Upon reaching age 11 or eting the fifth grade, the webelos is ready for scouting.

Activities

the weekly den meetings, a cub starts an activity. Perhaps it is a raft project or just practicing a for the next pack meeting. During eek, with Mother and Dad to help e finishes the project or perfects the stunt. If it happens to be something required for his wolf or bear achievements, his mother or dad may sign his cub scout book. In this way, cub scouting helps to strengthen family ties throughout the week as well as at the monthly pack meetings. Families are encouraged to attend pack meetings with their boys. The purpose of these meetings is to allow the parents to see their boys in action. Most pack meetings are divided into two parts. The first is informal: It may be a viewing of exhibits or participating with their parents in gathering-time activities. The second part has a formal opening, den skits, games or stunts related to a monthly theme, and the awarding of badges that boys have earned since the last pack meeting.

Outdoor Program

Cub scouting encourages an adventuresome outdoor program for eight-and nine-year-olds. These include den picnics, outings, day camping, and backyard camping. Being home-centered, family-camping is also emphasized. Overnight camping and back-packing for younger cub scouts is not encouraged; however, webelos scouts are encouraged to go on overnight experiences with their fathers.

Competitive Activities and Sports

Team sports and other competitive events occur within the pack and at an interpack level. Some of the standardized activities that have become favorites over the years are cub scout shows, pet shows, pinewood derbies (miniature car racing on tracks), regattas, kite-flying contests, summer olympics, and father-and-son cake-baking contests.

Publications

Volunteers are kept informed of national news and events through **Scouting** Magazine (circulation, 1:5 million). Boys may subscribe to **Boys' Life** magazine (circulation 2.1 million). Both are published by the Boy Scouts of America in North Brunswick. Additionally, there are a number of cub scout and leader publications including the **World Cub Scout Book, Bear Cub Scout Book, Webelos Scout Book, Cubmaster's Packbook, Den Leader's Book,** and the **Webelos Den Leader's Book.**

Philosophy

Apart from the fun and excitement of cub scouting activities, there are a number of ideals expressed in the day-to-day life of the young boy and his leaders. For example, the Cub Scout Promise states:

> I, (name), promise to do my best
> to do my duty to God and my country,
> to help other people, and
> to obey the Law of the Pack.

The law of the pack is as follows:

> The Cub Scout follows Akela (his leader).
> The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
> The pack helps the Cub Scout grow,
> The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

The cub scout motto is "Do your best." The cub scout colors are blue and gold. Blue signifies the sky, truth, spirituality, and loyalty. Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. Together they symbolize what cub scouting is all about.

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State League Project Now Underway

At the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, which met in March at the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, a communications project for the Links and Mexican missions was adopted. It is time now that something be done about the project.

Each league is requested to send $25 to Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590, by July 15 on this project. If your league cannot send this much now, please send what you can. The first phase of the project is to purchase a folding machine, the price of which is about $365.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Scripture Reading—Luke 17:5

HAD HE LOST ALL?

A young businessman who had been severely tested, and whose heart was again and again tempted to rebellion during the process of trial to which he was submitted, came to a Christian worker. His motherless babes, two and five years old, clung one to either hand. Though still in his early thirties, his hair was snow white from the hours of anguish through which he had passed. An income of twenty thousand dollars a year was gone. His capital was swept away. His home was gone; his car for sale. Stripped of everything but the two loved children, the big, broad-shouldered young father, towering over six feet, looked steadily at the worker, and said, "In looking back upon my sufferings, I find that God makes no mistakes."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In this young man's case, suffering had strengthened rather than diminished his faith in God. Can we say the same? Suffering is truly the testing ground for our faith.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Scripture Reading—Psalm 18:2

WHEN WE CEASE TO STRUGGLE

A drowning boy was struggling in the water. On the shore stood his mother in agony of fright and grief. By her side stood a strong man seemingly indifferent to the boy's fate. Again and again did the suffering mother appeal to him to save her boy, but he made no move. By and by the desperate struggles of the boy began to abate. He was losing strength. Presently he arose to the surface weak and helpless. At once the man leaped into the stream and brought the boy in safety to the shore. "Why did you not save my boy sooner?" asked the now grateful mother. "Madam, I could not as long as he struggled. He could have dragged us both to certain death. But when he grew weak and ceased to struggle, then it was easy to save him." It is when we cease from our own works and depend helplessly upon Him that we realize how perfectly able He is to save without any aid from us.—James H. McConkey.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is it not when we are weak and broken that we turn in complete submission to God, asking His wondrous help? And does He not always respond?

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:30

TO WHAT KEY ARE YOU PITCHED?

A traveling man entered a store where fine glass and chinaware were sold. Addressing the proprietor he said, "I would like to purchase all the glasses that you have in your store which are pitched in the key of "A." The proprietor looked amused, and said, "My friend, I don't buy glasses here because of their musical qualities, so I am not able to select the ones which possess the proper key which you desire!" The traveling man opened his grip and took out a tuning fork; when he struck it against the counter, every glass on the shelves that was pitched to the key "A" immediately responded to the tuning fork. So, in the Christian heart, the souls of all such as are born of God will respond when the voice of Jesus calls for devoted service for Him.—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

All Christians in one accord, all responding to Christ's call: Is it not a wonderful thought? Are you ready to join in?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:14

THE MINISTRY OF STORM

We were going through a great furniture factory, when our guide, the superintendent, pointed out to us a superbly grained and figured sideboard in the natural wood. "I want you to observe the beauty of this oak," he said. "It is the finest selected timber of its kind, and the secret of the intricate and beautiful graining is just this: that the trees from which it was taken grew in a spot where they were exposed to almost constant conflict with storms."

What a suggestive fact! The stormbeaten tree develops the closest and finest and most intricately woven fibers. When it is cut down and the saws lay bare its exquisitely figured grain, the cabinetmaker selects it as the material for his finest work.

So with the human life beset by sorrows, tests and trials. If it stands the storm, how the wind of God strengthens and beautifies it! We need life's stress. Character cannot be developed into its strongest and most beautiful forms without it.—B. J. in *Elim Evangel.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is this not a thought to recall when the trials of life seem almost too hard to bear? Through all our difficulties, may we remember that it is our attitude toward suffering that is important.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Scripture Reading—Malachi 3:10

FARMERS BRING IN TITHES

A group of Abernathy, Texas, f brought in their tithes. What they b filled two washtubs with $14,132.65 i and checks—money from the harv land they dedicated to God last spring farmer dedicated one-tenth of his a

The First Baptist Church has 500 bers. Most of the adult men are f on the rolling plains around Aberna town of 1,692, in west Texas, north o bock.

Last spring their pastor, C. A. Ke 35, asked them to dedicate one-te their land to God and see what the would be.

They did, each dedicating anywher 1 to 68 acres. Kennedy said the f who dedicated their land had "phenc results."

"There is Albert Hart, with five dedicated," the pastor said. "He me to his farm late in the summer to that all his acreage was bountiful, b the dedicated land the cotton stood inches higher than the rest and yielde and three-quarters bales an acre, com with an average yield of one bale a on his other land.

"He asked me why.

"Why? In Malachi 3:10, it says: ye all the tithes into the storehouse there may be meat in mine house prove me now herewith, saith LOF host, if I will not open the windo heaven, and pour you out a blessing there shall not be room enough to r it.'

"That's why."—*Now.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you have farm land, would you sider dedicating a portion of it to th therance of God's work on earth? You be surprised at the yield!

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Scripture Reading—Galatians 2:16

DO FAITH AND SCIENCE MIX?

Some smart assistant professor said students, "If you have science and fa your mind, you had better keep the watertight compartments, for if by chance they should intermingle, would disappear in the precipitation would take place."

Pasteur, the greatest of French scie said that it is but a question of the s the mind. If you have only a little b of a mind and get a lot of science in the little faith that you may have com floating out at the top and may be lost if you have a good sized bucket of a there will be plenty of room for both sc and faith."—*Good News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Unfortunately, science and religior

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

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he Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, gratefully wledges the following receipts for the month of April, 1973. Receipts have mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement eipts for April, 1973, compared with April, 1972.

butions Received	1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
arle Conference	$ 550.50	$ 373.19	$ 177.31
Ridge Association	42.53	33.68	8.85
ear Conference	1,088.90	729.95	358.95
l Conference	2,368.52	1,873.13	495.39
n Conference	2,517.59	2,787.28	(269.69)
ee Association	345.87	60.00	285.87
ont Conference	117.85		117.85
sh Conference		10.00	(10.00)
ver Association	25.00		25.00
rn Conference	2,899.18	3,801.58	(902.40)
Religious	10.00		10.00
ide Bodies	991.98	129.77	862.21
otal Religious Contributions	$10,957.92	$ 9,798.58	$ 1,159.34
s and Relatives	$ 1,136.60	$ 879.20	$ 257.40
s and Others	509.56	295.00	214.56
ncome		871.05	(871.05)
n Sales	100.16	362.00	(261.84)
laneous	213.04	256.91	(43.87)
otal Other Contributions	$ 1,959.36	$ 2,664.16	$(704.80)
otal Contributions for Month	$12,917.28	$12,462.74	$ 454.54

he above was received for the following:

l Fund	$12,727.28	$11,614.51	$ 1,112.77
Woodard Fund		10.00	(10.00)
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r Account	90.00		90.00
d Education Fund	100.00		100.00
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CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING

arle Conference

y Chapel	$ 5.00
Tabor	56.58
Meeting	16.67
School Convention	63.56
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Chapel	158.69

idge Association

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Chapel	18.88
oro	60.00
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Hickory Grove	18.50
Hugo	20.00
Little Creek	105.00
Ormondsville	5.00
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Piney Grove	46.83
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British Chapel	5.00
Core Creek	95.78
Deep Run	182.00
Dublin Grove	39.83
Edwards Chapel	255.00
Gray Branch	10.00
Holly Springs	95.00
Jackson Heights	23.64
Juniper Chapel	100.00
Kinston	5.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00
May's Chapel	150.00
Memorial	75.00
Moseley Creek	400.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	30.00
Eula Jones	5.00
Third Union S. S. Convention	50.00
Auxiliary District Fund	10.00
New Haven	38.84
Oak Grove	5.00
Oriental	41.20
Pearsall's Chapel	64.30
Rock of Zion	35.00
Sound View	50.00
Saint Mary's	507.00
Trent	25.00
Vanceboro	65.00
White Oak Grove	20.00

Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam	235.00
Little Bethel	33.86
Oak Grove	27.01
White Oak	50.00

Piedmont Conference

E. Rockingham	11.45
Mill Street	6.40
Piedmont Conference	100.00

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Starnes to Speak in Revival At Mount Zion FWB Church

The Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina. The revival will begin Monday evening, June 11, and will continue through Saturday, June 16. Services are to be held at 7:30 p.m.

There will be special singing each night by the many musically talented groups of the church.

The Rev. Charlie Overton, pastor of the Mount Zion church, will assist in the services. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

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Graduates Honored at Calvary Church During Worship Service on June 3

Graduates were honored on Sunday, June 3, at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, during the 11 o'clock worship hour. Graduates entered the church together and sat as a body.

During the worship hour, the graduates were presented Bibles from the church. After services, the graduates enjoyed lunch with the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling.

High school graduates from the church are Marty Vinson, Kenneth Windham, Britt Barnes, Tom Pittman, and Barbara Bailey. Glenn Etheridge is graduating from Atlantic Christian College.

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First FWB Church of Smithfield Honors Senior Citizens at Service

On May 27 the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, honored its senior citizens at the Sunday morning worship service.

During the course of the service, the favorite hymns of the senior citizens were sung. These included "The Old Rugged Cross," "How Great Thou Art," "When I've Walked the Last Mile," "He Is So Precious to Me," and "Jesus Paid It All." All the citizens were seated in a reserve section at the front of the church, and each one received a certificate of recognition for his faithfulness and service to the church.

Mrs. Lillie Crumpler, the only charter member, gave an inspiring talk on "I Remember When. . . ." Gifts were given to Mrs. Clara Daughtry and Mr. Connie Lassiter, who are the oldest members. They are both 81 years old.

Several of the ladies and young girls wore long dresses, and some even wore bonnets. After the service, all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall.

The senior citizens present were Mrs. Katie Allen, Mrs. Lillie Crumpler, Mrs. Clara Daughtry, Mrs. Lillie Hardee, Mr. Roy Hardee, the Rev. J. C. Hathaway, Mrs. Mammie Hodge, Mrs. Martha Langston, Mr. Connie Lassiter, Mrs. Ora Lee, Mrs. Nellie Moore, Mrs. Jessie Owens, Mrs. Nannie Stephenson, Mrs. Emma Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitehurst, Mrs. Stella Duncan, and Mrs. Jessie Hansley.

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Grubbs Graduates from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Rev. Harry Grubbs of Wilson, North Carolina, has completed the requirements for graduation from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He was awarded the Master of Divinity deg the seminary commencement exercis May 25.

Mr. Grubbs is the son of the Rev Mrs. Herman A. Grubbs of Prin North Carolina. He is a graduate o Duplin High School and Mount Oliv Atlantic Christian Colleges. He is pastor of the Milbournie Free Will tist Church.

Mr. Grubbs is married to the f Doris Faye Rackley of Nashville, Carolina.

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Albemarle Conference Youth Rally Slated at Mount Tabor FWB Churc

The Albemarle Conference Youth will be held at Mount Tabor Free Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 9. The host minister is the Rev. liam L. Littleton.

All youth of the area are urged present.

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For every item of gossip passe there is at least one victim—and times many more. **Dare** we treat ou lowman in a manner so devoid of s human kindness?

Coming Events . . .

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

A QUESTION AN RESPONSE

A Sonnet

by Celia Hales

What promise will the future ho
me?
A simple question, asked of God in
Direct. But answers He? Perhaps
Response when think I hear Hi
"Rejoice!
The future veiled is best for you.
then
Lament to know what could but h
ways
That only I can see?" 'Tis true.
Their futures could discern, how
the days
Would be, how labored living wou
come.
How say I this? Think soberly wit
How strong
Would have to be the hearts of n
some
Foresight were giv'n? Thus think
choice not wrong,
For truly frail we find the fa
man.
Would crushed be he if lifted
the ban?

Tribute To A Grand Old Soldier Of The Cross.

by the Rev. Billy Twiddy

esponded to my call to the ministry very early age. At the age of fif- was engaged in a miniature elistic campaign which began at ont Free Will Baptist Church in m, North Carolina. The Rev. E. C. s was pastor of this church. I im- tely became attached to Mr. Mor- robably because of the exciting of riding down Durham's main with him in his pompous Model d.

Morris displayed unusual courage he assumed the responsibility of roning and advising this wild teen-

hort time later I enrolled at the Will Baptist College at Ayden, North na, the youngest of the student At this time when the word "pro-" and the word "monster" meant ame thing to me, Mr. Morris was to pamper and placate the whims omesick boy who was ready to quit.

ore I was twenty years old, Satan ucceeded in persuading me to aban- y calling to preach the gospel, that ht make money and enjoy the ures of the world.

ing the years of my mid-twenties, Morris came to pastor my home in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. mediately began to gather up the n pieces of my life and put them er again. Without any compensa- whatsoever, he taught me the art miletics; he also taught me to read , which has been a part of my work any years. He advised me in all erious decisions and in a fatherly helped me correct my many mis- and by example demonstrated the like life.

er than Divinity, E. C. Morris has buted more to the success of my ry than any other human being.

Thursday, May 10, at the State n's Auxiliary Convention, held at al, North Carolina, I came face to with this aging man of God. As he own his walking cane and placed entle arms around my neck, I ht of 1 Samuel 18:1, for I knew ere and now the soul of E. C. Mor- d the soul of Billy Twiddy were ogether, both now and forever.

salute is also to Eunice Morris, who has been the stay and staff of her beloved husband in the declining years of his life.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

CRAGMONT HAS BEEN SOLD!

by the Rev. L. E. Ballard

Now, wait a minute! Don't take off on the wrong foot and start circulating a choice morsel of bewildering news! I do not mean that the property of Cragmont Assembly has been disposed of and is no longer the proud possession of Free Will Baptists. God forbid that this should ever happen!

What I mean is that Cragmont has been sold to our Free Will Baptist young people as a place to go for summer camp. Let us examine the evidence a bit:

The year was 1954, and the time was around 9 p. m. on Saturday before the second session of the General Youth Conference was to begin on Monday. This writer was on the phone calling a few pastors he thought might come to his rescue in an emergency by trying to arrange in connection with their services the following day for one or two of their young people to go to Cragmont. We would then find it possible to pay for the smallest bus the chartered service could furnish us. The next afternoon, two of the pastors called back to assure us that each of them would have one young person waiting for the bus. Late that evening, our son, then working with the newspaper in New Bern, called to say that he had been able to recruit three young people from the New Bern area for the conference. We asked him to call the bus company and let them know that we could have the bus—by straining our finances to the limit.

The time now is two weeks before we are to go to Cragmont for the 1973 session of the same conference. Two weeks ago, we arranged for four of the largest buses our chartering service could furnish us, and a week later we registered the final camper to complete the "absolute total" number the Cragmont board had decided it would be possible to accommodate at Cragmont. Since then we have had to write "Dear John" letters to over 25 young people telling them we could not take them—which has almost broken our heart! We understand that other youth groups—and this year there are five youth conferences scheduled in place of the one of 1954—are either filled up or rapidly filling up.

Yes, Cragmont has been well sold to our young people! We must now sell it to their fathers and mothers who could furnish the money for more buildings, and stop the "Dear John" letters from having to be written each year.

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

HELP, THINK, AND PRAY FOR THESE

by Z. I. Perocillo

For more than three centuries the forefathers of these people with whom we are working had been called and had declared themselves to be Christians (except for a very few who were formerly Muslims). And for the last 35 years an evangelical group has been in this very place, preaching to the people. In fact, it was said that this area was already evangelized; thus, others tried to discourage us from starting mission work here.

We were surprised, however, to find out that the people are neither Christian nor pagan. They are the most ignorant Roman Catholics that I have ever known. By this I mean that they are ignorant about the common beliefs and practices of their religion, and more so about the evangelical Christian's faith. As Palawan fauna and flora are different from the rest of the Philippine Islands, so also are the natives here. Don't imagine, however, that some of them are wearing the G-string, although some few children don't have G-strings or pants. Generally, though, they are already cultured. In fact, some of them hold college degrees. Basically, as human beings, they are the same as anyone.

Since God loves every person so much that He makes everyone of us distinct from the rest, even to the print of the thumb, so these people as a group naturally have characteristics which are different from the rest of us Filipinos. They hold "novena" (nine nights of prayer for a dead person) with gambling; worship graven images; are inhospitable to visitors; and are heavy drinkers, along with other vices. Yet, they are the poorest financially. It seems paradoxical, for to have vices means spending money. They earn money, but it is mostly spent for their vices. For example, one can find a pile of empty liquor bottles in almost every house, but seldom can one find an empty can of milk. A house without a fighting cock in the corner of the living room is a rare sight.

Much as I wish to state here also their virtues as a group, I am unable to do so. To be honest, I don't know of any yet, except the fact that they are prolific—if that be a virtue.

I don't need to be apologetic to state these observations, because the blood that runs in their veins is the same as mine. I love them. In fact, some of them have been my guests. Nevertheless, I put these observations in writing with the sole purpose of letting you know about the people for whom you are asked to pray. Our hope is that soon many of them will become part and parcel of the body of Christ.

Because of this hope and love for them, right now we have scheduled every third week of every month (beginning this May) to evangelize Northern Palawan and its offshore islands with the use of our mission boat. This is, of course, aside from all other evangelistic activities that we are performing regularly here in the city.

We aim at establishing well-organized and strong congregations all over Palawan. How to achieve this in the shortest possible time is our greatest challenge. It is the greatest because, given their many vices and their poor economic situation, they are also indolent, which generally makes them stubborn to change. Based on the experiences of many soul winners, I know that this type of person is the hardest to become a "born-again" Christian. I'm aware also, however, that it is among this type that dramatic conversion usually happens. And it is happening. Some few habitual drunks and gamblers have decided to follow Christ. The wonder of it thrills our hearts and assures us that God's Holy Spirit abides in us.

Because of this joy, love, and a desire in our hearts to accomplish the aforementioned goal, we began to understand their weaknesses. The reason that they worship idols, for example, is because they are searching for God, for His love and fellowship. They have so many vices because they want to cover and forget the agony of their dry and monotonous existence, devoid of love (agape) and peace (where sorrows and troubles matter). They are indolent becau their hearts there is no desire nor for the future, or for a better li come. They have a fatalistic att Moreover, many of the people eat crop and a limited amount of fish of the time. One cannot expect nourished and starving people (both ically and spiritually, respectively) active physically, more so to be i trious. Yes, they are inhospitabl deed, but who knows but that the hospitable in their hearts? In the place, how could one expect them fer something to eat, when they selves don't have enough. "Offer a of cold water," you might say, bu place is hot, and the average dis of the house to a well is a kilomet more. It is much to their desire, I to be generous, because it's in blood as Filipinos. But they become er shy and defensive because povert tates them to be so.

I sympathize with the ABWE als cause of the condition of the people (I don't understand, however, why missionaries, as well as the missio and pastors of other evangelical gr stay most of the time in their resid compounds.) I understand now wh cults are very active in this place cause where the people are confuse wrapped up in sins, it is profitab them. Obviously, the R. C. hierarch wants the status quo; they don't ca educate their people about God an Word. The more ignorant they are better, (so goes the attitude) be they will be more devoted and fan about their faith. Even if they did to educate their members, they cann it here because they lack personnel gone are the days in the Philip when the priesthood was looked with great honor and prestige. priests and members of the hierarch still honorable and powerful, too the young generation of Filipinos at the priesthood, generally, as an fashioned thing. It is as if the c has lost its glamour and grandeur. fortunately, this feeling is more p lent and prominent among large an er evangelical denominations in Philippines. As a matter of fact, are many Roman Catholic and Prote parishes which have no ministers cause many of them have left parishes to go into the business w

There are several real hindranc our gospel work: all these seeming wholesome characteristics of the p

n whom we are working; the realiza- that the religious atmosphere here ecoming more and more materialistic; the fact that Satan through the cults ery busily tempting our converts. But have prayed and are praying; thus we to claim Christ the victor over all e. I firmly believe that Christ can these hindrances into opportunities. experienced this with Him in my life, hat these obstacles to me are only bullets of a gun which cannot pass ugh its barrel when it is fired. The ets then have no force. If leading ple to the Lord is just like driving le to the green pastures, then there o challenge at all. These difficulties he mission field are as real as the ts in Canaan during Joshua's time. nytime anyone of us could get malig- malaria, attacking the brain (as hap- ed to Harold), or could be bitten by bra, etc. But truly the Holy Spirit the hearts of those men and women are concerned for the work of the of kings.

he Key, therefore, to every godly and est endeavor is the Holy Spirit. When rson is aflame with the Holy Spirit, becomes real. Do you not remember t happened when He became so real ou?

hen we began the work here, I tried all my efforts to apply the Carnegie of sales talk, having been at one an underwriter. I applied the best ogetics I knew, but to no avail. ey were convinced, but not converted Christ—because it is only the Holy t that convicts and converts.

here food and drinks are, there these le will be: nomads. In a situation this, how could one build a well- lished church? This means disci- d members, members who know t the word "disciple" means and t we are, by the twenty-eighth chap- of Matthew, commissioned to do. ugh the experience of mission ches here and abroad, we know that hurch can ever become strong with- having responsible members who ort its ministry. We think, for ex- e, of church workers who would to carry out the work of the church support of its congregation. But does one do when the church mem- don't even offer a glass of cold r? What, too, does one do under tmosphere in which priests and pas- have abandoned their parishes? Lay ers can lead, but when? Right now Christ needs them here, but who will respond? Will you?

I know that you will help us think and pray, as some of you have been. Thank you for your prayers.

BUILDING IN PUERTO

by Harold Jones

On May 17 construction of the Free Will Baptist Chapel in Puerto began, but the next day we ran into some problems. Lack of materials was one. We prayed about the matter and then began to search for the needed materials. Today, May 21, almost all the materials have been purchased and delivered. Another problem we met the same day was with the building permit. There were problems over taxes. As a church we are exempted, but these were taxes of the owner of the whole parcel of land of which our lot is only a small portion. I thought one time, "This is going to take weeks to clear up." But today, as I was sitting in the city assessor's office listening to the discussion about the problem, I prayed, "Lord, you have a solution to this problem; please solve it now." In less than fifteen minutes we walked out of that office all clear. We went to the city treasurer's office, and he issued a tax clearance for the lot. Afterwards I took all the papers to an employee of the city engineer's office, and he said, "All is 'OK.' You can continue construction tomorrow." So tomorrow, May 22, work will begin at a rapid pace, and the building will probably be complete in three weeks.

This experience has taught me anew that with all our efforts to accomplish something, we are only "spinning our wheels" until we turn it over to the Lord. I had thought and planned ways to solve these problems, but they didn't work. But when turned over to God, it was only a matter of a short time and the problems were solved. Truly He is the great and only God that is worthy of our praise and worship.

The building will be concrete and wood. The area size is six meters by eleven meters. This is a good size and will serve us well.

We praise the Lord for the progress the work has made this year, and thank each of you for your financial and prayer support. Without your support, this work would not have been possible. Truly all of us have been a part of God's plan to evangelize the world.

THIS LAST MONTH OF 1972 - 1973

This is the time of year that those of us on the State Convention level of work begin to check back over the past months to see what has been accomplished for our Lord through our particular area of work.

Sometimes, we see that if we had made a different decision at a particular time the results might have been greater than they were and possibly in some cases might have been less. This, we will never know. I think this is what Jesus was saying in Luke 9:62, ". . . No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." The only occasion that I can see reason for looking back is to check to see if we have been faithful stewards over the work given for us to do.

Let me express a sincere thanks to you for the great support that you have given missions during the past 11 months. Your faithfulness has made the work here more pleasant. We have not had to concern ourselves with a worry over whether or not ample support would be given. God has met every need we have had, even before we knew the need ourselves. We have grown to rely on the promises of God's Word and realize more fully that He is faithful. Since we claimed 2 Corinthians 3:5, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves . . . but our sufficiency is of God," as the very foundation of our mission program, God has proven that He is **all sufficient.** We realize that God uses people and churches like you to provide for our needs. You have responded to the call of God for your life and I trust that your life is more joyous for the response.

We have seen between 600 and 700 first-time decisions for Christ because of your response to the call of God. We will give you the exact number at the end of the year. For these, we are most grateful.

During this last month, let us check our records to see that all support allocated to missions in our budget has been sent in. Please do not wait until the last two or three days. The check may then get tied up in the mail so that it reaches our office after the first of July, and your church would thus be short of its goal for 1972-73. This happens every year to some churches. We would hope that every church in our Convention would at least make one contribution to missions

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

FWB Students Awarded Scholarships

Four Free Will Baptist students have recently been awarded scholarships at Mount Olive College for the fall semester, 1973.

Among the recipients is Janie Carol Jones, daughter of Mr. Cleveland Odell Jones of Washington, North Carolina. She is a sophomore majoring in religion and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Washington.

Three entering freshmen also receiving scholarships are Kathy Jo Brickhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Brickhouse of Columbia, North Carolina, and a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church; Debra Ann Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Taylor of Kinston, North Carolina, and a member of the Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston; and Aileen Thelia Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moore of Creswell, North Carolina, and a member of Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to those receiving scholarships, 12 more Free Will Baptist students have been accepted at the College for the fall semester. They are as follows: Karen Elizabeth Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack O. Arthur of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and a member of White Hill Free Will Baptist Church; Jackie Diann Bass, daughter of Mrs. Helen C. Bass of Fremont, North Carolina, and a member of Fremont Free Will Baptist Church; Marciletta A. Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah J. Best of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and a member of Woods Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; Peach Marie Brickhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas Brickhouse of Columbia, North Carolina, and a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church; James Willard Cahoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard A. Cahoon of Columbia, North Carolina, and a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church; Charles Edgar Chappelear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Chappelear of Farmville, North Carolina, and a member of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church; Stephen Alan Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harrison of New Bern, North Carolina, and a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church; Rebecca Lane Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Heath Sr., of Cove City, North Carolina, and a member of Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church; June Annette Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hodges of Grimesland, North Carolina, and a member of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church; John Mark Narron, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. John B. Narron of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, where John's father serves as chaplain; Randal Tilghman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tilghman of LaGrange, North Carolina, and a member of Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church; Danny Lynn Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Brinkley of Morehead City, N. C., and a member of Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church.

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Historical Records Presented

Marvin Waters (left) presents records to Librarian Gary Barefoot.

Marvin Waters, son of Mr. Alton B. Waters Sr. of Williamston, North Carolina, recently presented hand-written historical records of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Caro to Mount Olive College Librarian Barefoot. Waters is a sophomore at College and a former resident of mouth.

The presentation came in respons an earlier appeal by Barefoot for rec dealing with the Free Will Baptist nomination and its member churc Barefoot is in charge of the Free Baptist Historical Collection, house Mount Olive College, which is the one of its type in existence.

The hand-written records of the mouth church cover the period fron organization in 1953 through 1966. have agreed to add further records l

Barefoot emphasized that manus minutes are the most important s they are the primary source of an ev

"These gifts do much to enrich collection," said Barefoot. "It ins that church records and histories be available for future generations.

"We earnestly hope," he conclu "that other Free Will Baptist chur will follow this example and contri their records to this permanent co tion."

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NEW SCHOLARSHI PROGRAMS

Mount Olive College recently nounced two new scholarship progr for its students.

The "President's Scholarship" been established in the amount of $1, each to be awarded to selected a cants from the top one-third of t high school class who possess qual of outstanding leadership and excel character.

"Departmental Scholarships" have so been established for the Departm of Science, Modern Languages, Busir Music, and the Humanities.

Criteria for the departmental sch ships include evidence of excellent demic ability and promise of a conti tion within the department awarding scholarship.

"Private colleges like Mount Olive by their nature, more expensive tax-supported institutions," a Col spokesman asserted. "But scholars of this type, combined with our outst ing financial aid program, do mucl make private education competitiv terms of expense.

"Mount Olive College is in a pos to provide adequate financial assist

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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uestion: Please explain the Scrip- "The LORD is nigh unto them that of a broken heart; and saveth such e of a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

nswer: Man seems to be so consti- in his fallen state that in most in- ces he feels self-sufficient when all well with him in the natural realm; ves in luxury with few needs. Not does he feel self-sufficient in that as plenty, but from a social point of he is "looked up to" by all who have rialistic hearts and minds. It is said e rich man of Luke 16:19: "(He) . . . sumptuously every day." Such a on must be shaken out of this state alse security and spiritual compla- y ere he comes fully aware of his ediate need. He, the rich man, evi- ly knew the Old Testament in part. new it sufficiently, at least, to find will of God and to realize his state, he paid a little attention to the s he had learned in the Jewish home ing and the synagogue teaching to h he was exposed as a child. If he ever given heed to such, he had let e things slip. We are warned ac- ngly in the following: "Therefore ught to give the more earnest heed e things which we have heard, lest y time we should let them slip. For e word spoken by angels was sted- and every transgression and dis- ience received a just recompence of rd; How shall we escape, if we ct so great salvation; which at the began to be spoken by the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that him" (Hebrews 2:1-3). The result this: "And in hell he lift up his eyes, in torments, and seeth Abraham off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And ied and said, Father Abraham, have y on me, and send Lazarus, that he dip the tip of his finger in water, cool my tongue; for I am tormented is flame" (Luke 16:23, 24).

Then there was another Jew whom depicted in one of His parables: "And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21).

Both of these descendants of Abraham had evidently had sufficient instructions from the Word of God to have followed a different course of action, but had either procrastinated or had given little or no consideration to whatever convictions were brought to them. The Bible says, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1). The Bible also says, "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).

A person, when he so desires, may have God's help in turning from what he knows he should, when in a sincere desire and effort he seeks God in Bible study, meditation, and intercession. The rich man waited to pray and be concerned for his and his brothers' souls until he had died, and then he opened his eyes in the tormenting flames of hell. The other rich man died when his soul was required of God. The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7, 8); "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. . . . Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:13, 14, 17); "Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD" (Zechariah 1:4); "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Dr. Barrow's answer will be concluded in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

SATAN CAN'T WIN

by Nancy Matthews

Satan sends weakness,
But God shows us His almighty strength through this weakness.
Satan sends fear,
But God gives me the challenge to overcome.
Satan sends tension,
But God uses this to keep me on my toes.
Satan sends failures,
But God teaches me to grow through these failures.
Satan sends pain,
But God sends grace to bear the pain and help man learn the secrets of the marvelous human body.
Satan sends boredom and dissatisfaction,
But God sends creative thoughts to counteract.
Satan sends heartache,
But God wipes the tears and gives a new beginning.
Satan sends storms,
But God washes the air and the face of the earth with the rain, and waters all living things. He uses the wind to remove dead branches from the treetops so they won't fall one day on an unsuspecting grandfather resting in the shade.
Satan sends death,
But God receives the spirit from a pain-wracked body.
Satan, why don't you give up??

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When was the last time that you told someone—anyone—"I love you"?

STORIES

for our youth

LOVING CARE

by Elizabeth Phillips

SAY! Where did you get that?" Gregg pointed to the object Carol was holding.

The girl pulled her arms closer and nestled a little puppy under her chin. "Isn't he cute? He is so tiny, and his fur is so soft and smooth. Do you want to pet him?"

The boy ignored the invitation to pet the dog. He asked again, "Where did you get him?"

A tiny pink tongue reached up and licked Carol's chin. She giggled. "Mrs. Miller gave him to me. Her mother dog had five puppies. He's really too little to give away, but the mother dog got sick and can't take care of the puppies right now."

Gregg wasn't really interested in all that. He simply wanted to know whether he could have one.

"I suppose so, but you'll have to take good care of him until he gets old enough to eat by himself."

"I know all that. I'm going over to see whether Mrs. Miller will give me one." It wasn't that Gregg was fond of dogs. He just wanted to have everything someone else had.

Mrs. Miller was somewhat hesitant about letting Gregg have a puppy, but when he promised to take special care of it, she let him have his pick.

Mrs. Parker was surprised when her son came in with the puppy. She warmed some milk and showed him how to push the puppy's nose down into the milk. Immediately the hungry dog licked all around his face. Then he put his front paws in the saucer and tipped it over. Even Gregg laughed at the clumsy pup.

"He's going to make a nice pet, son. Feed him often and pet him and love him," reminded Mother.

The puppy grew fast at first. All he did was eat and sleep. As he got older, he became very playful. He would drag socks around and tear up bits of paper. Yet as weeks passed the boy grew tired of the puppy. He fed him only when he thought of it and almost never stopped to play with his pet.

One night after supper Gregg didn't have anything to do. He sat down on the back step and called the dog. The puppy inched his way to the steps very slowly. He stopped a few feet away and hung his tail between his legs. He did not look or act like the playful pet of a few weeks ago. "Here, boy! Come here, boy!" Gregg snapped his fingers and called again. The puppy crept a little closer and whined. The pup would not come a step farther.

Gregg called his mother. "Come quick!" he said. "Something is wrong with my puppy! He must be sick or something!"

With a soft voice Mrs. Parker called the pet. He lifted his head and whined. The woman thought a moment and then turned to Gregg. "Have you been feeding him properly?" she wanted to know.

"Sure, Mom!" Then he remembered. "Well," he admitted, "sometimes I forget."

"Do you keep fresh water in his bowl?"

Gregg did not answer.

"When was the last time you petted him and played with him?"

The youngster hung his head. It had been weeks since he had spent any time with the animal.

"Look over there, son. What do you see?" asked Mother.

Slowly he raised his head. He knew she was speaking of her flowers. She had planted them in that particular so that the family could look out and them from the dinner table. "I see flowers, Mother. They're pretty."

"Why do they grow so well?" she ed quietly.

He knew! Just that quickly he k without being told. "They're pretty cause you spend a lot of time with t You water and fertilize them and the weeds out."

"What would have happened if I planted them and then ignored them

The lad nodded. He knew that flower bed would be a mess. Hal them would have probably died. G and weeds would have overpowered flowers. "It sure takes a lot of time care, doesn't it, Mother?"

"Yes, it does. That is true of anyt that is worthwhile. When something longs to us, we are responsible for She was silent for a second. T "What about you, Gregg?" she aske

There was a puzzled look on his "What do you mean, Mom?"

"Well, you belong to us. Our hea ly Father gave you to Daddy and me are responsible for **you.** It is not en to just feed you and take care of We do other things that we think y enjoy, and we do them because we you."

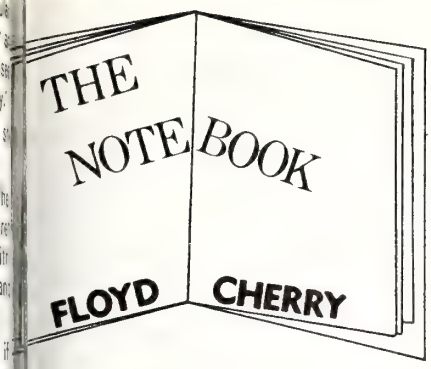
"I see, Mother. When Mrs. Miller me the puppy, she expected me to more than just feed him. She expe me to love him, too. I promised her I would. I did at first, but then I b my promise. Now my puppy won't c to me because he thinks I don't him."

Gregg got up from the step and k next to the dog. He rubbed the mal's head and scratched his ears. puppy rolled over on his back. His thumped the grass. Just a little a tion made such a big change. The rumpled the dog's nose and lay bac the grass. The pup instantly pounce his chest and started licking his "Hey! I don't need my face washed

Gregg played with his puppy until were both tired. He stopped to The puppy nuzzled Gregg's neck. G thought lazily, I never knew loving and kindness could make such a di ence!

Then he had a new thought. Say! don't even have a name! Let me se think I'll call you Pal. I know that will be a good pal to me, and I'm g to be the best pal you'll ever have!

—My Plea



the April 28 issue of the "Biblical rder" there is an interesting article obert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity st Church, Oklahoma City, Okla-. The title of the article is "How Keep Our Churches from Being h." This is an interesting and help-rticle for Free Will Baptists as well uthern Baptists to whom it is ad-ed.

. Scales points out how churches are times stolen. Often it is a pastor accepts a call from a church under e pretense of being loyal to the de-nation. At other times it is a small within the church who lead the k. And in other instances an elist who has been invited to serve hurch, in all good faith, uses his nce to turn the congregation away the denomination.

n the article moves to show how thefts may be prevented. A church d be careful in the selection of a r, and call one whose loyalties are stionable. Then a church should its members better. Do we really concern about what a person be-when he is received into our nes? Keep the congregation in-d about denominational affairs. cales cites one instance where a n was lost because someone made statements about the denomina-program. Truth is the best anti-for falsehoods.

t, the article deals with the ques-f what to do if someone undertakes al a church. What recourse does a h have? One, if they are in the ity, is to vote the dissident group d get rid of them once and for all. ey are in the minority, the courts ruled in at least two landmark that the property shall be retained group that more nearly represents haracteristics of the original de-ation." This last sentence is an quote from the article because are those who have made so much fact that Free Will Baptists have tried to protect their property. This is the statement of a Southern Baptist.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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for any qualified and worthy student. This assistance may come in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, campus employment, and cooperative education.

"We invite inquiries," the spokesman concluded, "since no qualified student has ever been denied admission to Mount Olive College for financial reasons."

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Walker Elected to Board of Trustees

John N. Walker, president of the Mount Olive Pickle Company, has been elected to the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

He will fill the unexpired term of B. E. Bryan of Mount Olive, North Carolina, who found it necessary to resign due to an excessive load of community and civic responsibilities, according to Chairman of the Board, Ralph Morris of New Bern, North Carolina.

Currently, Walker holds seats on the Board of Trustees of the Mount Olive Pickle Company, Southern Bank & Trust Company, and Wayne Computer Center.

He is the director of the Pickle Packers International, having been both president and vice-president of the trade association.

"Education has long been a primary concern of Mr. Walker," said a spokesman for the College. "He has displayed true dedication and service to Mount Olive College. We are honored to have him serve on the Board of Trustees."

Walker is married to the former Margaret Fulton of Nashville, Tennessee. They have three teen-age daughters, Ann, Lea, and Pat.

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President's Scholarship New Award at College

Mount Olive College will be continuing its exceptionally strong program of financial aid in the fall.

The most recent addition to the spectrum is the President's Scholarship. Candidates for the new scholarship must be in the upper one-third of their high school class and possess qualities of outstanding leadership and excellent character.

The award is in the amount of $1,000 payable $500 annually.

Other scholarships are available in the academic, music, and athletic areas. Grants and loans are available through various state and federal programs.

The Cooperative Education Program combines off-campus work experience with the student's academic program so that he earns money along with course credit. Campus employment is a much used vehicle for obtaining funds for higher education.

Mount Olive College is proud of the fact that it can provide a worthy student with 100% of the money he needs to attend college. No qualified student has ever been denied admission to Mount Olive for financial reasons.

Complete details on financial aid may be obtained from the Mount Olive College Business Office.

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Encourage your children to use their ideas in saying grace before meals. A child's prayer, recited, is often touching in its simplicity, but it is also important to help your child speak his **own** words to God.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 17

More Than Lip Service

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 6:1-6; 7:21-23; 21:28-32; Mark 7:5-8

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:21

I. INTRODUCTION

It is easy to sing, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee." We enjoy singing more, "Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way; Thou art the Potter, I am the clay." But how much of this is sincerity and how much is mere lip service? Do our actions back up what our lips are saying? That's what the question means.

When we think of this, we are reminded of the story of the good Samaritan. The priest and the Levite were probably on their way to the temple to engage in some elaborate ritual. They knew their Scriptures, all the jots and tittles. They could say the most beautiful prayers, and no doubt they fasted on certain days. Tithing was routine with them. Yet when they came face to face with an opportunity to put their religion into practice, they went by on the other side.

And in the modern church the priest and the Levite have their counterparts in millions who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. A religion that ignores the sorrowing and suffering along the way is something else, and less, than the Christian religion. Christianity is a religion of something more than lip service.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Such exclamations as "gee" and "gosh" are corruptions of divine names, and Christians should avoid the use of these and similar terms.

B. For your charitable giving, you do not need the services of a public relations manager.

C. It's amazing how much some people will donate if their names are to appear in stained glass.

D. You give in secret because you do not care to be noticed in public. The open reward is a consequence of the secret gift—not the reason for it.

E. God has wonderfully answered the prayers of many saints who may never know the results in this world.

F. Some people are so concerned about the outward appearance of their religion that they miss its true reality. They honor God always with their lips but never with their hearts.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Giving verbal assent to a creed is usually not very difficult. What is often much harder to do is to live up to what we have said we believe or will do.

With the high divorce rate today, the unfaithfulness of husbands and wives, and the widespread breakdown of the home in general, it seems apparent that for many people the marriage vows were just so many words which were repeated. For many, the promise to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" in a court of law also seems to be no more than lip service to a tradition.

God's children are not exempt from the danger of drifting into the sin of giving mere lip service to God and His Word. That is far worse than doing so to man and his laws. Christians often pray and sing without really thinking seriously about the words they are using and what they actually mean.

God desires more than lip service from His own. He calls for dedicated and surrendered hearts. Words are important, and verbal expression of one's faith and commitment is essential; yet a man's real character is far more important than what he says. How easy it is for one's life to belie what his lips say! Of course, it works the other way, too; one's lips often belie his life.

The Scripture for today's lesson emphasizes how not to do certain things. A careful study of these will help u the importance of giving God more lip service.

—**Bible Expositor and Illumin**

B. The name of God should ofte on the lips of His children. But the Commandment needed to be giver cause it is possible for one to use name carelessly, lightly, or even l critically, to use holy words for u purposes. To use God's name as word in cursing is to take that nan vain. It is also desecration to use name falsely, in swearing to a lie the use of God's name involves the son of the Lord in our affairs. Ca God, yes. This is a privilege that freely been given us. But do not that name in vain.

—**Standard Lesson Commen**

DREAMERS

by Hugh Donald Slade

Often I've wondered, if it's a fact
That dreamers ever, really come ba
From dreaming all those little tales
From soldiers to the big white wh
There are dreamers everywhere,
They just don't wonder, they just
care.
They haven't ever wondered why—
A person can walk, and a bird can
They haven't seen the rising dawn
Or played with a kitten on the lav
I wonder if they really live,
Or if they have their life to give—
To dreaming.

They never think of things like thi
They haven't ever had a kiss—
They haven't ever experienced the
That God gave us from up above.

I wonder if they have ever thought
Of all the things that God brought
The flowers, birds, and trees, and
Softly blowing breeze.
I wonder just what their life is fc
They close it up behind a door.
I wonder if they are really bad,
Or if they are happy, or if they are

So, dreamers, open up that door,
And dream those dreams no more.
I wonder if you are really there,
Of if I'm talking to the air.

You are a person, and we know it—
Open that door and begin to show i

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When was the last time you read good religious literature (and not for Sunday school)?

CHILDREN'S HOME

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ear. As of today, there are 56 es out of 252 listed in our records ave not made a contribution to the of missions. This is a little over of our churches that are missing l of the Great Commission. If your is one of these, please do some- about it in the next few days.

se send your contributions to Carolina Free Will Baptist Board ssions, P.O. Box 979, Goldsboro, Carolina 27530.

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God heard from you today? Speak now; and be sure to let **Him** speak .

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. L. E. Styron announces that he is available to pastor a church in the eastern part of North Carolina for the coming church year, and also to make weekend appointments.

Any church that would like to inquire about his services should write to him at Route 1, Box 332-B, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, or call 637-6774 after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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often viewed as being contradictory to one another. But such is not the case, as the testimony of countless scientists who are Christians reveals. They declare that the wonders of the natural world, revealed to them, serves to strengthen, not lessen, their faith in an overall Harmony—God himself.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Scripture Reading—Luke 23:43

HEAVEN INDEED

"It was a Sunday afternoon. I had taken my little boy of four summers for a walk to our village cemetery to see the grave of an infant recently buried there. We were walking homeward hand in hand, and had been silent for some time, when the little lad said: 'Papa, when you die and go to heaven, will you take me, too?' Somewhat in wonder at his artless question, I replied, 'Why, my son?' He gripped my hand more closely as he looked up with the light of love in his eyes, and said tenderly, 'Cause I want to go with you.' What answer could I make him? To go with me! Then he would fear not. Heaven would be home for him if I were there. There flashed into my mind the Saviour's word, 'Thou shalt go with me in paradise'" (see Luke 23:43).—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we will trust Jesus as this little boy trusted his father, death should hold little fear for us. There is Someone on the other side, waiting.

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THE TRUTH

by Elizabeth Boyd

The following poem was inspired by the Bible school literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. It is given here with its author's hope that it may be of value to you in your church's program.

In the eighth chapter of the Book of John,
The thirty-second verse—it's not very long,
Jesus is speaking to you and me,
"You shall know the truth, and it shall make you free."

True liberty cannot be shown
If Christ, the Saviour, you have not known;
Salvation, great, a gift, for all,
Not bought, but given, to big and small.

By works and deeds we all are known
And reap the harvest, from seeds we've sown;
But strength and wisdom God does provide,
When within His love, we do abide.

If we read God's Word and believe it's right,
We'll flee the darkness and seek the light;
Christ is the light, and He'll be our stay,
When we seek His guidance along life's way.

The price of death is the wages of sin,
But if we die in Christ, we shall also live with Him;
For sin shall have no dominion o'er us,
When we're under God's grace, and in Him we trust.

The truth is this: Confessing Jesus, and believing in your heart,
He is God's Son, and from this world did depart,
Leaving the Holy Spirit, to guide us on our way,
To eternal life, the perfect day.

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Spiritual Checkups

Going to church is like going to the dentist. We have regular dental checkups for trouble detection and correction. However, the determining factor of strong healthy teeth is not in the checkups and corrective action alone, but also a proper diet and daily personal care.

Church services are like the dental checkups for trouble detection and correction, but for strength in a Christian's life, daily personal Bible reading and prayer are a necessity, too.—Nancy Matthews.

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Can you imagine this little boy ever saying to his father, "You're not much of a daddy!"?

EDITORIAL...

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"YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A DADDY!"

"You're not much of a daddy!" Wouldn't these words coming from the lips of your son or daughter tear your heart out? Wouldn't you perhaps feel angry at the statement—but more **ashamed,** actually—that you had done something to deserve your child's disrespect and have him voice it in such an adamant way? Wouldn't you want to bow your head or perhaps turn in the other direction to prevent his seeing your hurt and disappointment that things had come to this end, that your lines of communication had broken down to the extent that you had become unreachable by him? Wouldn't it be terrible if, to his way of thinking, he had every right to make such a derogatory statement to you? Wouldn't it nearly kill **you** emotionally?

Of a truth, many men aren't "much of a daddy" to their children. They totally ignore them or at best take only a little interest in their activities. What concerns children is *not* unimportant, even if we as adults sometimes shirk off as foolishness their questions and what we consider to be inconsequential actions. Too often have we as parents hushed them up when they have wanted to talk because they were interfering with a television newscast in which we were interested or some favorite music to which we were listening.

This editor was cut to the core one day while riding in the car with his little eight-year-old son who was enthusiastically relating some event that had happened at school and which, to his mind, was of utmost importance. As the little boy was rattling off about this important event, he was "cut off" by his father because his father (your editor) was more intent upon hearing some pertinent and currently interesting news on the radio.

"Hush, son; just a minute," I said to the little fellow; and he did indeed hush at my command. When I had heard what I had wanted to hear (or as much as I had wanted to hear in regard to the present newscast), I questioned: "Now, what were you saying?"

The little blue-eyed fellow looked at me sadly, slipped down into the seat dejectedly, and said, "Oh, nothing, Daddy. It really wasn't important. You didn't want to listen anyhow."

You can imagine my reaction. It was all that I could do to choke back the tears. I hugged him close and assured him that I *was* interested and urged him to tell me what he had begun to talk about before I had interrupted him. He did tell me of the incident, but not with the same enthusiasm; and I prayed a silent prayer that God would forgive me; and I vowed that day that I'd never "cut off" my son again—that nothing, however seemingly important—would preclude his discussion of anything with me.

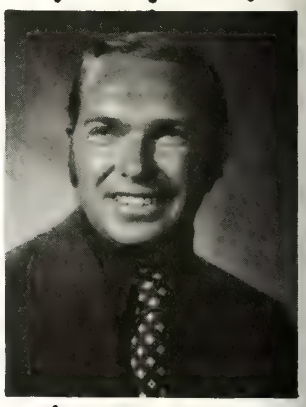
Parents don't have it easy. No indeed! But, neither do children! Their little minds and hearts are troubled constantly by some threatening fears, frustrations, or mere misunderstandings. Sometimes they suffer irreparable emotional damage because of us "big people" and our disinterested attitudes toward what to them are important things in their little worlds. Somehow, and for various reasons, we seem to forget that we, too, were children once and have felt the heartbreak of being disregarded when we wanted so much some attention we thought we merited.

Sometimes words cut worse than swords (as has been discussed by this editor before), and to a child, such "cutting" can be magnified to such extremes that he or she may withdraw into a shell, become unresponsive, and regress to a younger age. This has been proven time and time again through personal observation, and psychologists' files are full of such case histories.

Father's Day is a day to honor fathers, so why has your editor chosen such a topic for discussion: a sort of reprimand rather than a tribute? There are various reasons, but the most important one is that daddies should be special people in the eyes of the young population. However, we know children who have hated their fathers and have grown up under emotional strain, and even as adults have unfavorable feelings toward their male parent. The reasons: severe whippings or scoldings, disregard to things of interest to the child, indifference to the child's sickness, "poking" fun at his tears and telling him to grow up or act his age when inwardly he was torn apart; and, well, we could go on and on. . . .

Dear friends—fathers or daddies—(whichever you prefer to be called), be firm when necessary, but not brutal. Be a friend to your son or daughter and love them with all of your might. Woe be unto you if someday you hear from one of your children's lips, "You aren't much of a daddy!" Look at the little boy on the cover. Doesn't your heart go out to him? Can you imagine his ever saying **that** to his daddy? We don't know his daddy, but we can hope that his daddy has or will set a good example for him so that when he grows up he will love, honor, and respect that "big man" in his life—that he will not remember him with fear and trembling because of verbal or physical abuse suffered under his father's charge.

Your editor hopes that when **his** son grows up he will be proud of his father and point to him and say, "He's a **whole lot** of a daddy." How vain can one be? Very vain—and perhaps this desire on my part is the epitome of vanity; yet, I'd rather die than to hear from my son's lips those haunting words: "You're not much of a daddy." God forbid that such should happen to any of us!



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The Church Musician's Responsibility In Modern Society

merica is a country devoted to ress, chiefly scientific and techno- cal. The arts, while appreciated and uraged, are not government support- s they are in the Soviet Union. In a on interested mainly in business and stry, churches are one of the few ngholds of culture. Except for a lful of minute denominations, all ches maintain and support some type usic program. The church may then alled the last true patron of the arts.

ecause of his unique situation in the munity, the church musician must be re of his role and its demands. Ex- what are the responsibilities of the ch musician and his art? This ques- may best be answered by first ex- ing the reasons for the use of music e worship service. The reasons for se will lead to formulation of the ria for music chosen by the church ician, as well as the occasion for the of music in the church.

hy is music used in the worship ser- ? Primarily, church music is an at- t by man to offer something of his creation to the Creator of all. Rather burning incense or sacrificing ani- as an offering, the Christian sings n attempt to praise his Maker with s and music written by man especial- r the purpose of worship. Sacred c is something man has prepared cially for God and His glory.

usic has many advantages over the r arts. It is more easily participated an painting, for instance; more peo- can sing a simple melody than can draw an intelligible figure of a man. Music is the most universal, most easily understood art form. Because it is readily remembered, music can be used to instruct and indoctrinate; during the Arian heresy, both factions had hymns composed and taught to further their particular beliefs.

Once a statue is finished or a cathedral is completed, it becomes static; the only changes are caused by age or vandalism. However, every performance of a musical work is a new creation, a fresh presentation each time it is played or sung. Therefore, music is less easily tired of; its meaning and effect never become stagnant.

Well-chosen music is conducive to meditation and introspection. When a text has been well set with tasteful use of dynamics and text painting, the piece incorporates drama into musical form and encourages personal involvement from the congregation. The act of singing itself incorporates the whole man: the physical, through the vocal mechanism; the intellectual, through comprehension of the text; the spiritual, through response to the text. Singing is, therefore, a complete act of worship.

The choir takes this involvement a step further. Christianity is a religion of love and brotherhood among men. A choral group that perfects its ensemble and feels the rapport necessary for a superb performance achieves a special kind of brotherhood that is lacking in other church organizations.

Finally, music is the art form that is most easily related to. Everyone likes some type of music; most people enjoy singing. If the singing in a church is dead and interest in music is totally lacking, the church musician needs to examine the situation to see if perhaps the music has become so alien to the people that they find it impossible to grasp. If so, the musician is defeating his purpose, for people cannot offer an act of worship which they do not and cannot understand.

Consideration of the previous points will help in choosing music to use in the worship service. Since music is an offering, it should be the very best man has to give to God. Immediately the problem arises of defining the word "best." The "best" music is not necessarily the most pleasing to man's ear nor the most enjoyable to him. When man starts equating God's tastes with his own, music quickly degenerates to the level of entertainment. Nor should "best" be measured by level of difficulty. If music is too hard, it fails to communicate with the people, they cannot use it for worship, and it is a useless and ineffective tool.

The music chosen should be picked in terms of the sophistication of the ritual of the church. "Best" for a Pentecostal Holiness church is quite different from the "best" for Episcopalians.

Available manpower and resources are also considerations for choosing music. If the best possible is a unison hymn, it will serve the same purpose as a contrapuntal motet. This contradicts a statement made by the Rev. Alfred B. Starratt in **Music Ministry,** June, 1973: "We have an all-professional choir and in addition we use instrumentalists from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra about once a month. We believe that in these days of mass media a worship service must equal the professional competence of what any man can hear at home."

Nothing is more foreign to the church musician's purpose. The church is not in competition with television networks or recording companies; it is concerned with man's relationship to God. The main factor is that the music be presented with adequate preparation and with the proper attitude. An honest mistake made by a choir member giving his musical best in the service of the church is worth more than a perfectly performed service.

In choosing anthems by text, the church musician can be guided by the church calendar, the Scripture for the day, and the sermon topic. He should always study the doctrine of the church which employs him to avoid texts which conflict with the basic tenets of that denomination. In considering the music

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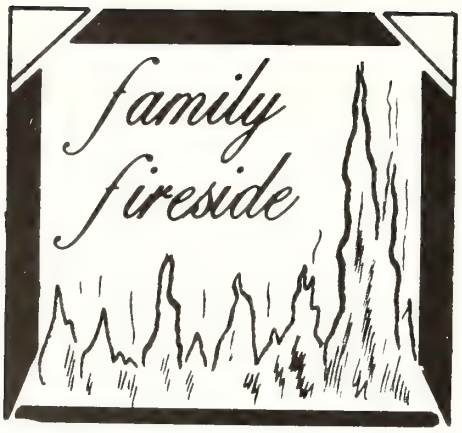
by Karen G. Register
Snow Hill, North Carolina



SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Scripture Reading—John 7:24

JUDGING OURSELVES

A man was complaining of his neighbors. "I never saw such a wretched set of people," he said, "as in this village. They are mean, greedy of gain, selfish, and careless of the needs of others. Worst of all, they are forever speaking evil of one another."

"It is really so?" asked an angel who happened to be walking with him.

"It is indeed," said the man. "Why, only look at this fellow coming toward us! I know his face, though I cannot just remember his name. See his little shark-like, cruel eyes, darting here and there like a ferret's and the lines of covetousness about his mouth! The very droop of his shoulders is mean and cringing, and he slinks along instead of walking."

"It is very clever of you to see all this," said the angel, "but there is one thing which you did not perceive; that is a looking glass we are approaching."—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we judge others, in turn others may be judging us! Do not condemn others too quickly, for the faults that are found in them might be some of our own.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9:22

IMITATING CHRIST

At the close of a gospel service an intelligent-looking man came to the minister and said, "I do not see any necessity for the blood of Christ in my salvation. I can be saved without believing in His shed blood."

"Very well," said the minister, "how then do you propose to be saved?"

"By following His example," was the answer. "That is enough for any man."

"I suppose it is," said the minister. "And you propose to do just that in your life?"

"I do, and I am sure that that is enough."

"Very well. I am sure that you want to begin right. The Word of God tells us how to do that. I read here concerning Christ. 'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth'" (1 Peter 2:22). I suppose that you can say that of yourself too?"

The man became visibly embarrassed. "Well," he said, "I cannot say that exactly. I have sometimes sinned."

"In that case you do not need an Example, but a Saviour; and the way of salvation is by His shed blood."—The Chaplain.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Bible teaches that a blood sacrifice was necessary for the remission of sins. Christ, and the shedding of His blood on Calvary, provided this. He is our Saviour and the only way to heaven.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:7, 8

PRAYING FIRST

Two Christian men "fell out." One heard that the other was talking against him and he went to him and said: "Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults to my face, that I may profit by your Christian candor and try to get rid of them?"

"Yes, sir," replied the other; "I will do it." They went aside, and the former said: "Before you commence telling what you think wrong in me, will you please bow down with me and let us pray over it, that my eyes may be opened to see my faults as you will tell them? You lead in the prayer."

It was done, and when the prayer was over, the man who had sought the interview said: "Now proceed with what you have to complain of in me." But the other replied, "After praying over it, it looks so little that it is not worth talking about. The truth is, I feel now that in going around talking against you, I have been serving the devil myself, and have need that you pray for me and forgive me the wrong I have done you." Here and there in almost every community is a man or woman who might profit by this incident.—*Christian Index.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Prayer is a very essential item in everyone's life. In prayer we discover many of our frailties and have the opportunity to ask forgiveness of these.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:15

"STILL ON MOUNTAIN TIME!"

A contributor to the *Reader's Digest* tells this one:

"One evening in Albany, New York, I asked a sailor what time it was. He pulled out a huge watch and replied, 'It's 7:20.' I knew it was later. 'Your watch has stopped, hasn't it?' I asked.

"'No,' he said, 'I'm still on Mountain Standard Time. I'm from southern Utah. When I joined the navy, Pa gave this watch. He said it'd help me remember home.

"'When my watch says 5 a.m., I know Dad is rollin' out to milk the cows. And any night when it says 7:30 I know the whole family's around a well-spread table, and Dad's thankin' God for what's on it and askin' Him to watch over me. I ca most smell the hot biscuits and bacor

"'It's thinking about those things makes me want to fight when the goin tough, he concluded. 'I can find out time it is where I am easy enough. I want to know is what time is it in U —*Reader's Digest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even though our physical bodies are where at different intervals, our menta ings are with our loved ones. Fond m ries of home can do wonders in tin need.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 9:

HE REPAYS MANY TIMES

The old German shoemaker had just his boy with a basket of garden stuff poor widow. He worked hard at his and cultivated his little garden patch nothing was more common in his life some such deed as this. "How can afford to give so much away?" I asked "I give nothing away," he said. "I le to the Lord, and He repays me many t I am ashamed that people think I am g ous when I am paid so much. A long ago, when I was very poor, I saw som in want, and I wondered if I could but I could not see how. I did give, the Lord helped me. I have had work, my garden grows well, and since have heard of some needy one. if I gave away all, the Lord would no me starve. It is like money in the b only this time the bank never breaks, the interest comes back everyday.—*Lo the Good Ship Grace.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are repaid many times for the k ness and material things we share with t who are in need. Our greatest reward come at the end time when we will rec the blessings of the Lord.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Scripture Reading—James 5:16

A DANGEROUS HABIT

The faultfinding habit is a bad one. is easily acquired and not readily bro We live in an imperfect world. Everyt is flawed and defective. Institutions blunder and fall short of the ideal. sons are all erring creatures and their fa give us offense. But one should not too much attention to the faults of ot or to the defects of the world in which lives. He may become a chronic fa finder, and in that case he will becom grumbler. If he is not careful, he will generate into a growler. And if he gro long enough, he will degenerate into a su er, and in the end he will become a cy When a man has become a cynic, he reached the bottom. There is nothing lo than cynicism. A cynic is of no acco

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Items from the Office of

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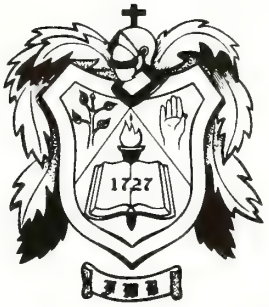

TALKING WITH THE EDITOR

ccasionally I visit the office of our or, Tommy Manning, and we discuss gs of mutual interest. Almost in- bly my conversation will come nd to the question, "Tommy, have received any letters recently?" He'll e and respond, "What kind of letters you have in mind? I receive many." etort, "You **know** the kind I mean: mendation and criticism." He'll nod say, "Yes, here are a few."

is encouraging to know that our le are reading what is being printed e Press and are using it to advan- . I asked Tommy to share some of recent letters with me and in turn v me through this column to share e with you. He has consented. Please the following excerpts, and during ensuing weeks I shall be sharing r such letters with you per his per- ion. Mind you, we shall not dwell mpliments alone; we shall be honest gh to share also such letters that unfavorable comments—just as long ey are not derogatory in a personal and bear a signature. He has been nate thus far in receiving favorable ents, but assures his readers that ppreciates just as much dissenting ions.

Brother Manning:

greatly appreciate your kind expression ncern and am glad that we were fortu- in finding an editor with spiritual and alistic qualifications as yours. I enjoy ng your editorials. When I go back . C., it will be my intention to see . .

Kindest regards,
R. N. Hinnant
Denham Springs, Louisiana

Tommy:

veral times each year we visit my nts in Smithfield. During those times d THE FREE WILL BAPTIST issues interest, usually a dozen or more is- at one sitting. Tommy, you edit an esting, informative, and challenging ly magazine. Surely the task is stagger- and the time schedule most pressing. are to be commended for editing a well- ared paper week after week.

God bless you. May the rest of 1973 be year full of spiritual blessings and fruitful opportunities.

Sincerely in Christ,
Dennis P. Wiggs, Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church
Beaufort, North Carolina

Dear Tommy:

I have just finished reading your editorial, "I Wish I Was Your Child" (May 16), and I felt compelled to write you. This is the kind of editorial that reaches the hearts of people. You used the simplicity and love of a child and your response to tell what real living is all about. The point you so clearly made is a perfect example, in my opinion, of how we can use each thing that happens to us as a witness to our Christian faith in God.

We Free Will Baptists probably do not let you know often enough how much we appreciate you and the work you are doing through THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your editorials carry a message with a blessing that can reach many people who otherwise might not be reached.

I pray that God will continue to bless you so that you can be used even more by Him.

Sincerely,
Jean E. Fillingame
(Secretary to the President)
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina

Dear Tommy:

Thank you for the May 2 issue. Certainly, I was extremely pleased to read your editorial ("Something I Hadn't Noticed"). I have had . . . people already mention this to me, but I had not had the opportunity to read the editorial itself (until recently).

It was most kind and very flattering. I am indeed grateful.

Best personal regards,
M. W. Aldridge, DDS
Greenville, North Carolina

(The above letter is in reference to an editorial written by Tommy after a visit to Dr. Aldridge's office for a consultation and at which time a picture of Christ was found to be hanging on the wall in the reception room. At first Tommy had not noticed the picture, but he had observed a tranquility about the atmosphere of the office which, in his words, was "unusual for such a place.")

Recently Tommy has made the news again on "Carolina Today," the morning show on TV Station WNCT, Greenville, North Carolina. His pertinent and interesting article on the proposed four-year medical school at ECU, which was printed in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, discussed by the television panel, and received quite favorably by the University, has met with much comment. In forthcoming issues, with Tommy's permission, I shall be sharing with you some letters in regard to this.

For now I will say, "So long—and in order to be a good Free Will Baptist, be a good Christian!"

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LET HIM IN

by Hugh Donald Slade

When you are young and really in doubt,
Call on the Lord, and you'll find out
That He is our helper, He is our friend.
That will help you when you are in sin.

You may be a sinner, you may be in doubt,
But call on the Lord and He will help you out.
Now is the time, the time to begin.
There's no better time than when you are in sin.
Yes! Call on the Lord, and you won't forget,
Call on the Lord and you won't regret.
The things you can do, the things you can see
Call on the Lord and He'll set you free.
He'll tell the devil, and the devil will flee.

These are the things, the things He will say:
"Get out of my castle, get out today—
Away with you, Devil,
Get out of this soul.
I'm washing him clean,
I'm making him whole;
He is my son,
I have no doubt.
Get out of him, Satan,
I'm moving you out.
This is my castle,
This is my home,
Get out of here, Satan,
Forevermore roam."

Aren't you now happy, aren't you in glee?
The one who saved you also saved me.
Yes, we were sinners, and we were in doubt,
But God came in and ran the devil out.
Yes! He is our Maker,
He is our Friend,
Don't you want to let your Saviour in?

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wilson Men's Chorus Enjoy Fellowship Supper

Enjoying supper and Christian fellowship.

The Men's Chorus of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, along with their families, enjoyed a supper Saturday night, June 2, at 5:30, in the fellowship hall of the church. The supper was catered by Parker's Barbecue.

The Men's Chorus was organized in January of 1973, and since that time has participated in several revivals in areas surrounding Wilson. A source of inspiration and spiritual uplifting, the chorus offers special music many Sunday nights in their own church.

Standing in the background of the picture can be seen Mrs. Rose Bowen, wife of the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

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Program Announced for FWB General Conference Meeting near Newport

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, on June 26 and 27. The theme will be the "Ministry of the Spirit," with Scripture taken from John 16:1-16; 15:26, 27. The program is as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon, June 26

4:00—General Board, the Revs. Walter Carter, Clyde Cox, Bobby Bazen, John Frame, L. B. Woodall Jr., John Furr, Fred Bates, Johnnie Bullman, J. B. Starnes, Ralph Lightsey, and Burrell Barnette

6:00—Registration, Credentials Committee

Evening Session

7:30—Song Service
—Devotions, the Rev. John Frame, Wharton, West Virginia

7:45—Greetings from the Local Church, Host Pastor
—Conference Opening, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, Greenville, North Carolina
—Business Session: Committee Appointments; Announcements

8:15—Conference Offering

8:20—Special Music

8:30—Sermon, the Rev. Walter Patterson, Mason, West Virginia
—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Hymn
—Benediction

Wednesday Morning, June 27

9:00—Registration

9:30—Song Service
—Reading of Scripture and Prayer

9:45—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, North Carolina

10:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, the Rev. Bobby Ba
Greenville, North Carolina

10:50—Intermission

11:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, the Rev. Lloyd G
Morehead City, North Carolina
—Hymn
—Benediction

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song Service
—Devotions, the Rev. Noah Br
Morehead City, North Carolina

1:45—Business Session: Report of
Committees and Boards; Old
New Business; Final Report
Credentials Committee; Repor
Treasurer
—Hymn
—Benediction

Music directors are the Rev. C
Cox of New Bern, North Carolina,
the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Starnes of N
port, North Carolina.

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Revival Services in Progress At Rains Cross Roads Church

Revival services are being held
rently at the Rains Cross Roads Free
Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, N
Carolina, and will continue through
urday night, June 16. The time of
services is 8:00. Serving as evange
for this series of services is Dr. Joh
Bunn, chairman of the Department of
ligion at Campbell College, Buies Cr
North Carolina.

The pastor of the church, the
Preston Smith, and the church mem
ship invite the public to be in attenda
for the remainder of these services.

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Youth Revival In Progress At Crab Point Church

Youth revival services are in prog
at the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Ch
near Morehead City, North Carolina,
will continue through the week. The
Jack Scarboro of Hanover, Pennsylva
is serving as guest evangelist. The pu
is issued a cordial invitation to be
attendance for the remainder of th
services which begin at 7:30 nightly.

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We should give one day in seven
particular reverence for and understa
ing of God's purposes for us. But m
we also need to give a part of our v
tion time this summer to spiritual re
tion?

Coming Events . . .

June 18-22—Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

June 25—General Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

July 8—Homecoming at Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

dmissions Counselor hosen for College

Mr. Roy John Parker III

y John Parker III, a native of Golds-o, North Carolina, has been named n admissions counselor for Mount e College.

rker is an alumnus of Mount Olive ge and is a candidate for a degree Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, h Carolina, this year. "Mr. Parker e first alumnus of Mount Olive to be oyed in the admissions office," said dent W. Burkette Raper, "and we ve that, based on his personal ex-nce, he will be able effectively to nunicate the distinctive educational ntages and values provided by Mount College. We welcome Mr. Parker r staff and invite interested students ntact him for more information or rsonal visit."

esident Raper further stated that er will be putting his emphasis upon personal and individual attention to udents who are interested in attend-Mount Olive. Parker will be avail-to visit high schools as well as to personal visits with prospective nts in their homes.

accepting the position, Parker said, "Because of my experiences at Mount Olive College, I now understand the sincere concern for each individual student to achieve academically as well as in the development of sound Christian beliefs and character. I realize the change the College has had in my life, and I want to become actively involved in the process of helping students achieve in their own academic and Christian educational process."

Parker is married to the former Harriett Upchurch of Mount Olive.

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Coming Events at Mount Olive College

June 22-24—Weekend Youth Conference (Minimum Age 12)
July 2—Second Summer Session Begins
July 9-11—Ministers' Growth Group
July 23—Third Summer Session Begins
August 6-10—Ministers' Institute

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College Plans Conference for High School Students

Mount Olive College will sponsor a weekend youth conference for high school students June 22-24. The conference will begin on Friday, June 22, with the evening meal at 6 p.m. in the College cafeteria, and will end Sunday with the noon meal.

The program will involve worship, prayer and discussion groups, singspirations, and recreation. The purpose of the conference is to deepen a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to explore how to serve Him in the world. "The New Creations," a gospel singing group composed of students at the College, will be counselors and prayer group leaders. The Rev. David Charles Hansley will be the song director and will conduct a teaching session on "Person-to-Person Evangelism."

The cost of the conference will be $15 for the entire weekend, which will include a nonrefundable $5 registration fee in addition to the $5 registration fee for commuting students. For commuters, there will be the $5 registration fee; and they may buy their own meals in the cafeteria.

For application forms, please contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone 658-2802 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

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Mount Olive College Extension Program

by Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain

From its beginning officials of Mount Olive College have recognized an obligation to serve the Free Will Baptist Church, particularly since it is the only college sponsored by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Various programs have been initiated by the College as a means of fulfilling this obligation, including a program of study for ministerial students, church scholarships for Free Will Baptist students, the providing of speakers and pulpit supply, the sponsorship of conferences for ministers and for youth, and numerous other services.

In order to broaden and strengthen our service to the church, realizing that the initiative for such service rests mainly with the College, the Department of Religion proposes to offer an extension program that will help to meet certain needs of the denomination at the level of the local church with an emphasis on the development of leadership in the local church and community.

I. Aims

A. To provide opportunities for Christian laymen to increase their knowledge and understanding of the biblical and historical foundations of the Christian faith and the practical application of this faith to the needs of the modern world, thus enabling them to assume a more creative role in the life and mission of the church.

B. To strengthen the program of Christian education in the local church by offering instruction to men and women who will serve as teachers and leaders of all age groups.

C. To assist ministers in gaining knowledge and practical training (continued on page fifteen)

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

Phone (919) 235-4079

SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

What's This? An Apron?

Mrs. Gladys Weeks modeling a very special apron.

No, this is not just an apron that Mrs. Weeks is wearing. It's more than that; it's a very special one, for it was presented to the Home, along with $651.10, which had been collected in the small pockets sewn on it. That was the method used by some of the ladies from the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, when they were raising money for Mother's/Founder's Day.

Following is an additional list of churches which participated by mail in the special love offering for Founder's Day:

Central Conference	
Edgewood	$180.00
Friendship	300.00
King's Cross Roads	312.34
Tarboro	150.00
Eastern Conference	
Moseley's Creek Auxiliary	$ 15.00
Western Conference	
Little Rock	$ 337.18
Little Rock Auxiliary	50.00
People's Chapel Sunday School	100.00
Total	$1,444.52

The preceding list, along with the contributions published in the May 30 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST brings the total special offering to $6,330.55. We thank each of you for your strong, faithful contributions.

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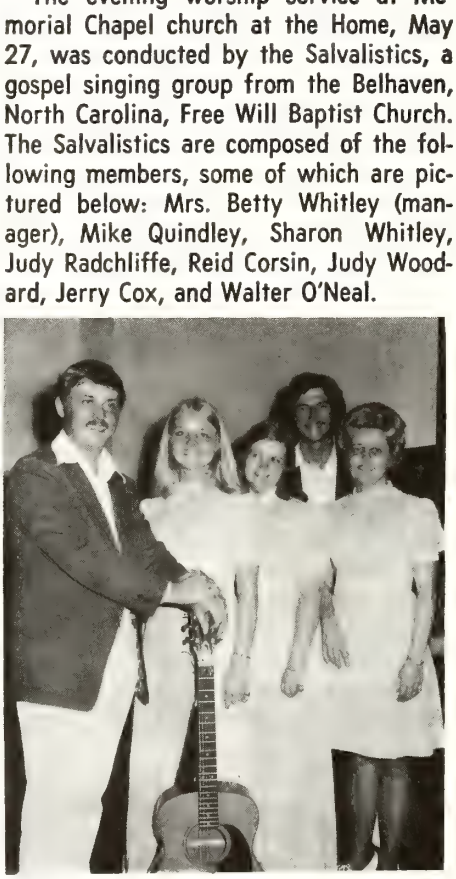
Salvalistics Hold Singing Service At Home

The evening worship service at Memorial Chapel church at the Home, May 27, was conducted by the Salvalistics, a gospel singing group from the Belhaven, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The Salvalistics are composed of the following members, some of which are pictured below: Mrs. Betty Whitley (manager), Mike Quindley, Sharon Whitley, Judy Radchliffe, Reid Corsin, Judy Woodard, Jerry Cox, and Walter O'Neal.



The service was enjoyed by all the children and staff of the Home, and there was considerable response. The sharing of God's good news by the Salvalistics is to be commended, as they wholehear ly sang and "talked" for their Lord.

Pictured below is Miss Sharon Whi pianist for the group, as she is giving personal testimony.

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Business Club Dona To Home

The Future Business Leaders of Ar ca (FBLA) of Southern Nash Senior School, Nash County, have been raising money for their project this The special project was to raise f which were to be designated for and nated to the Children's Home. The sponsored a car wash and a bake sal April 28. The car wash was held at Tarrytown Exxon Station in Rocky Mo North Carolina; and the bake sale held at Parkwood Shopping Center in son, North Carolina. Total proc came to $122.08.

The money donated will be use buy tennis court equipment for a court, which will be built at the H in early summer.

Mr. Weeks is seen on the left rece a check from Mr. J. Martin Baker, as bers of the Southern Nash Senior School FBLA look on.

The FBLA club president is Miss

ann, and advisors are Mr. J. Martin ar and Miss Mary E. Privette.

r. Weeks responded to the gift by g, "Thank you so much for your ribution and your devoted interest ur Children's Home."

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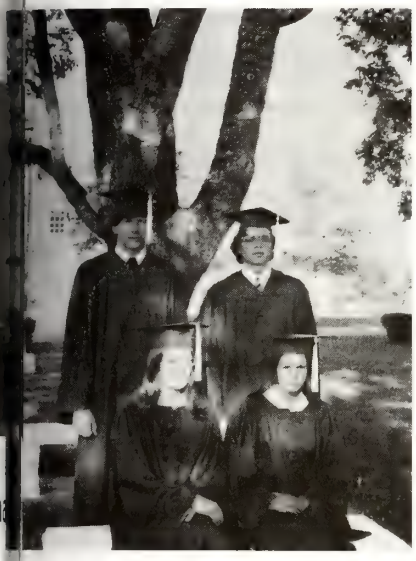

aduates seated left to right: Jane Hill oyce Woodard; standing left to right: us Elmore and Charles Warren.

ur young people are graduating from hern Nash Senior High School, Nash ty, this year. They have reached her milestone in their lives and are ready to venture into life as adults. lius and Charles will reside at the ren's Home this summer and then be off to college this fall. Jane and will be moving away as soon as ol is out. Joyce plans to get mar- and will be discharged from the ; whereas, Jane will remain on our because she intends to go to Wayne unity College this September. Joyce lard's new address will be: 301 k Avenue, Suffolk, Virginia 23434. Hill's new summer address will be: e 1, Box 312, Rocky Mount, North ina 27801.

member each of them and write to with words of encouragement as as possible.

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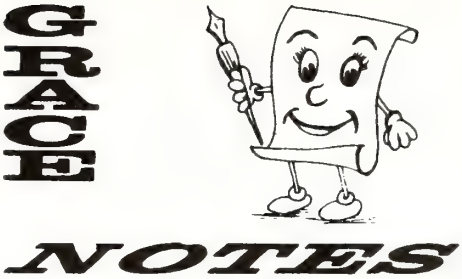

By Nina Grace Register

Frustration is when outside forces interfere with your plans.

The vacuum won't take the dog hairs off the living room rug; or, you've just emptied the water, put away the mop, and then you see a rather large place you missed, or have dusted everything but one prominent chair.

Just as you enter the bank, you remember you left the deposit at home; or, you get inside the grocery store and realize you don't have the list.

The dress fits nicely except through the hips, but it's the kind of material that shows stitchmarks if you let out the seam.

You've called the same number four times; you recognize the voice which says "hello," and then line goes dead. When the operator dials the number, no one answers.

You spend hours teaching the choir not to breathe "there," but at the performance they do it anyway.

The day you especially planned to visit a sick friend, you wake up with a terrible cold.

Did Jesus ever have frustrating experiences? He must have, for the Bible says that He had the same temptations that we have. Surely He never had trouble fitting a dress or dialing a phone, but He never seemed able to "get away from it all."

When He went into the wilderness, the devil followed Him. When He tried to take a nap in the ship, the disciples woke Him to save them from the storm. When He visited friends, the neighbors came, too, bringing sick people or asking questions. Everything He did on the Sabbath was criticized—walking with His disciples, healing a withered hand, or preaching! Sometimes He found time to pray only by going to the Mount of Olives when other people went home.

But, He didn't let it bother Him! His life had purpose and direction greater than those temporary interruptions.

We also need to keep things in proper perspective. We have a greater reason for living than small things like grocery lists and bank deposits, though they are necessary; but our main purpose is to serve and glorify Him.

He went about doing good and helping people. If we follow His example, the little frustrations won't seem so big.

AN INVITATION

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The golden wedding anniversary reception for John W. and Annie Beaman of Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina, will be held Sunday, June 17, from 2-5 p. m., in the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church Educational Building.

No written invitations are being sent, but the public is invited to attend and share this special occasion with the Beamans, given in their honor by their three children: Ethel, Gene, and Ralph. It is requested that no gifts be brought.

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The Eyes of God

The eyes of God can burn into the very soul of man. They see each smile; each tear; each motion; not only each secret deed, but beyond that to the intentions. The warmth of His eyes can melt the hardest heart. Yet God's eyes with all their power never choose to look upon a man's sins once they are covered by the blood of Christ.—Nancy Matthews.

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The Church Musician's Responsibility In Modern Society

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of an anthem, he should choose that which will best enhance the meaning of the text without overpowering it. Styles of the anthem should vary. Nothing makes a more boring choir rehearsal or castes the choir into a certain "mold" in the congregation's eyes than a series of similar anthems week after week. A variety of styles will heighten the dramatic impact of the anthem by keeping the listeners in an anticipatory mood. Occasional use of solos, ensembles, and instrumental groups instead of a choral anthem will also avoid musical monotony. The church musician must continually strive for diversity in his art to keep its function vital.

How much music should be used in worship? The medieval mass, completely chanted, was no doubt beautiful and satisfying, but a totally sung service would not be practical today. It would be a strain on the choir's voices, too much of a good thing (or a bad thing, depending on the choir's ability!). Also certain parts of a modern service, such as announcements, would sound ridiculous set to music.

The amount of music should give adequate time for both participation by the congregation, as in hymns, and meditations, during the anthem and instrumental interludes. Choral responses should be used when their presence will add to the effect of the service. There should not be too many, nor should they be badly done. Music chosen for weddings and funerals should avoid sentiment while increasing the devotional mood of the occasion; that used for baptisms and confirmations should be memorable as a source for strengthening one's vows.

The church musician should not neglect parish suppers and fellowship hours, for music is a good source for creating unity and a feeling of brotherhood at these functions. Unless it is a strictly devotional meeting, there is no reason to restrict the repertory to hymns at these times. The music can be popular tunes which everyone knows and can enjoy together. Music has a binding effect and should be used for that purpose whenever it can, whether it is binding the congregation into one in an act of worship or unifying them at a friendly gathering.

The church musician has other responsibilities besides those listed in his job description. As more and more schools lose federal aid for the arts, the church musician's role as music educator is increased. Many children's musical tastes as adults depend chiefly on the foundation set for them by their choir directors. The job of teaching the parts and meanings of the worship service frequently falls to the musician. Children become familiar with their church's ritual through participation. Confirmation classes teach the basic beliefs and doctrines of the church but are not lengthy enough to teach them why they worship as they do. Choir work is the area in which children learn the history of worship practices.

Church music should not be restricted to an elite group of singers called the choir. As indicated previously, the minister of music should make himself available to other areas of the church besides the worship service. He should give occasional programs for the women's society, men's brotherhood, and especially the youth groups. Besides doing recruiting for the adult choir, he may bridge the gap between the Establishment (organized worship as represented by the church musician) and the young. By soliciting their ideas on worship and music, he can make them feel that they have a real place in the established church. This cannot be done by walking in with an armload of "acceptable" music for a lukewarm sing-along session. It requires careful planning and mental flexibility, and it must be done if the music program is to reach all segments of the church. Otherwise, the church music program will be just another piece of ammunition in the eternal war between teen-agers and their parents.

An area of genuine failure in the church music program is among the elderly. They may be too old to sing in the choir, but they are not too old to enjoy music still. They should be made to feel included. In the overall church program, the music department appears to be very active because of its weekly participation in worship services. Its total lack of attention to the aged because they are no longer "useful" is a serious offense. Particularly pathetic is the elderly woman who introduces herself to the new church musician as the former church organist for 30 years. She and all the former choir members have earned a rest, but should have a chance to help if they wish to. There are plenty of jobs available: helping with children's choirs,

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maintaining vestments, or calling quent choir members. Churches c continue to "put out to pasture" th tired choir members, with a com lack of contact with the active program.

Church music is an effective for community outreach. Choir visit other churches, prisons, orphanages, nursing homes help the church sprea message. The church musician can do community work by himself. On table example is a choir director works with the students at a nu school as a girls' chorus in his time.

Church music has an obligation to tribute to and enhance the worship vice, to minister to the musical nee the congregation, and to provide ou for musical expression for the ch However, the spreading of the g should not be left solely to the cl If the musician expects the clerg take an active interest in the ch music program and to assume partia sponsibility for its success, he mus prepared to use his art in turn to ai clergy. In a modern society the ch musician cannot consider himself s led to one certain organ and one par lar choir loft. He is part of the community and must pursue his pa its fullest. Only then will he be g an acceptable service to the Creat all, whose praise is the church cian's chief reason for being.

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Do you often find yourself sadly appointed by the actions of your fri and associates? Perhaps you may knowingly be putting too much fait man, and he is a frail creature, ofte able to withstand close scrutiny. stead, place your faith in God, knows no frailty. In so doing, you discover that the weight of man's ings, felt so keenly by you, will le proportionately to your trust in God

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Barrow's column is a continuation ast week's issue of *The Free Will Bap-*

estion: Please explain the Scripture, LORD is nigh unto them that are of ken heart; and saveth such as be of trite spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

swer (cont.): It takes the Word to about this change or cause one to "Is not my word like as a fire? the LORD; and like a hammer that eth the rock to pieces?" (Jeremiah); "For I am not ashamed of the l of Christ: for it is the power of nto salvation to every one that be- h; to the Jew first, and also to the . For therein is the righteousness d revealed from faith to faith: as it itten, The just shall live by faith" ns 1:16, 17); "That if thou shalt ss with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, halt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt ved. . . . For whosoever shall call the name of the Lord shall be saved. hen shall they call on him in whom have not believed? and how shall believe in him of whom they have eard? and how shall they hear ut a preacher? And how shall they n, except they be sent? as it is n, How beautiful are the feet of that preach the gospel of peace, ring glad tidings of good things! hey have not all obeyed the gos- For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath be- our report? So then faith cometh aring, and hearing by the word of (Romans 10:9, 13-17).

God's condition must be met before re saved and therefore safe. Absa- the most handsome son of David, the Word as a lad from his father's As the Scriptures relate, however, d of subjecting himself to David, ther, and to God, the Lord of David, nt his own way. He murdered his er and further hardened his heart sought to dethrone David, take his om, and murder him. But Absalom is life when he was caught in his own trap and was suddenly destroyed without remedy. Solomon, who became king following his father's death, came before God with a broken and contrite heart. God offered him anything he might ask. He did not ask for worldly fame or riches, but wisdom from God that he might rule God's people wisely. "In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like" (2 Chronicles 1:7-12).

David himself, though, made mistakes. As he sinned, however, he sought God with a broken and penitent heart and became the only man in the Bible who, though he sinned, was called a man after God's own heart. "And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom all he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (Acts 13:22).

So the Word is the means to break the heart, but a man must respond to the Word in a favorable way before God the Holy Spirit, who wrote it, will administer it. Other figures are used in the Bible to call attention to the fact that, once a man has heard the Word, it is entirely up to him as to whether he receives and appropriates it or not. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). See and compare, Matthew 11: 28-30; John 12:48; John 15:7, 8; Matthew 10:14, 15, 38, 39; Matthew 18:4; Matthew 19:14; Matthew 20:22, 23; Matthew 21:22; Matthew 22:14.

There is one way to say in part what is said in Psalm 34:8: Such a person of necessity has submitted to the Word of God and allowed it to have right-of-way in changing his heart. On the other hand, the affections of the natural man are set upon things on the earth and that have to do with this life and its being. A person's heart changes to the degree that he has his affections set upon things above. Those he condescends to God and God's Word. Inasmuch as he can, being in harmony with the heavenly life, he lives peaceably with all men. When living peacefully with these requires compromise, he just goes on living in harmony with heaven and allows the opposing factors to be at odds with him and his life of obedience to God and to God's plan and purpose for him.

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The Voice of God

The voice of God is heard in the thunder; in the sound of mighty rushing waters when a peaceful stream turns into a destructive foe; in a still small voice late at night when it seems all the world is sleeping with the exception of me.—Nancy Matthews.

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STORIES

for our youth

IT'S ALL MR. HARVEY'S FAULT

by Vera Hutchcroft

"WHAT do you think of the assignment Mr. Harvey gave us at the Good News Club?" Steve asked Ron as they walked to the newspaper shack to get their papers for delivery.

"I thought it was going to be a snap at first, but I'm beginning to change my mind. A week of 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' kind of makes you change your ways," Ron said. "Today in class I had to think twice every time I was about to act up because I knew that if I were the teacher, I'd want the kids to behave." Then he added, "I think my mom was startled this morning when I put Chico's food out without being told to." Ron laughed remembering the surprised, but pleased, look on his mother's face.

"I know what you mean. It does make a difference. But speaking of Chico, do you know where he's been running off to so much of the time?" Steve asked.

"No, but I wish I did. Someone else must be feeding him because I usually have to throw away a whole dish of day-old food before I can give him something fresh. If I ever catch whoever is luring my dog away from me—" Ron's frown finished the sentence.

When they reached the shack, the boys collected their papers and then started out on their routes. Ron's route wasn't very big. He had tried to get a larger one, but the route he wanted in his own neighborhood had been given to Rick Samuels. Ron tried not to let it bother him, but it still hurt a little when he saw Rick riding the new bike he had just bought with his delivery money. Tonight, however, Ron was glad he had a smaller route because it started to rain. He started at a fast pace, but after about six deliveries, he paused; then, with a groan, he retraced his steps to make sure each paper was in a dry place.

At Mr. Harvey's house he started to throw the paper when an idea hit him. Laughing to himself, he took out his pencil and wrote above the headlines: "Because of you, your paper is dry; but I'm all wet. Ron." Then he put the paper in a dry place.

When he got home, he called for Chico, but there was no answering bark. I wonder where that dog is all the time? Ron thought.

"Here, Chico," he called again, looking down the sidewalk.

What he saw wasn't Chico but Rick—a very wet Rick with a paper bag full of papers and a small wagon loaded high with them, too.

"Hey, Rick, what happened?" he called out.

"I picked up a nail in my tire at the paper shack and had to walk my bike all the way home and get my little brother's wagon," Rick answered. "Now I'm late, and the papers are wet. What a day it's been!" he said disgustedly.

"That's too bad," Ron replied. Ron didn't look very sorry, however, as he went to his room for some dry clothes. Then as he reached his bedroom door, he stopped as if someone had grabbed him. "Not again," he groaned, and suddenly he started to laugh. "Oh, Mr. Harvey, if you only knew what you are doing to me." Still laughing, he left his room and shouted, "Hey, Mom, Rick is having trouble delivering his papers. I'm going to help him."

Grabbing a dry bag, Ron soon caught up with Rick who was grateful for the extra help.

When the two boys got to Rick's h about in the middle of his route, Ron denly heard a familiar bark. "Hey," said, "that sounds like my dog. Is

"I guess it is," Rick admitted.

"Well, I like that!" Ron said an "I wondered who has been keepin dog, and now I find out that it's Well you can just go and bring here."

"But—but—let me explain," Rick ed.

"There's nothing to explain," shouted angrily. "Go get him."

With a sigh of hopelessness, Rick and got the dog.

Dumping his papers on Rick's w Ron grabbed the dog and left wi another word. When he get home stormed up to his mother. "Do you where my dog was? Rick had him house—of all the nerve!"

"Why, that's odd," his mother "Did he tell you why?"

"No, I didn't give him a chance. couldn't be any good reason," he "And I helped him deliver his ol pers," Ron muttered as he went t room.

Suddenly he paused. "OK, OK, I I'd better see whether he does ha reason." Ron left and walked bac ward Rick's house.

Ron found Rick still delivering pa "I shouldn't have gone off withou tening to what you had to say," reluctantly admitted. "Now what is reason, if you have one?"

"Well, you see, Chico wandered here one day when my little brothe lying out on the porch. Bobby gav some of his lunch. Since then he al saves something for your dog, h that Chico will come again, and he almost every day. It's kept Bobby happier because now he has a play for a few hours every day."

"You see, Bobby was in a bad ca cident several weeks ago, and he be able to walk for quite a while."

"Oh," Ron said, suddenly unders ing, "I guess this is another of thos unto others.' "

"What?" Rick looked puzzled.

"Never mind. It's all right for little brother to play with Chico, hope he gets well very soon."

"Thanks a lot, Ron. I'm sorry I ask you before we kept your dog here."

That night as Ron and Steve were ing, Ron said, "Wow, Mr. Harvey

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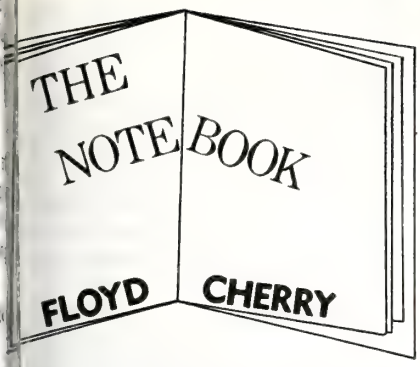

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first Baptist church in **America** n Arminian Baptist church. Roger ms came to Boston in 1631, was ed from the colony of Massachu- because of his views on separation urch and state; and in 1636, he ed the Rhode Island Colony. Three later a group of Baptists arrived oon persuaded Williams to accept views. He was rebaptized by Eze- olliman and established the First t Church of Providence that same which is regarded as the oldest t church in America.

first Baptist church in **North Caro-** as an Arminian Baptist church. Ac- g to Morgan Edward's notebook, had been Baptists in the colony as as 1695, but no church was or- d until Paul Palmer organized the mans church in 1727.

ore we start to brag, observe one None of these churches repro- themselves. The Smyth church, so is known, won no converts in Hol- Roger Williams deserted the First t Church of Providence, and it be- Calvinistic in 1771 without leaving rminian Baptists in the area. The mans church either became Calvin- or disbanded without leaving Ar- Baptists in the area—so far as we

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—the Editor.

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Memory Verse: Exodus 20:2

I. INTRODUCTION

Somebody has said, "Sunday used to be the day of rest, but in recent years it seems that far too many of us have to spend the other six days resting up from Sunday." If this is indeed the case, something is terribly wrong with us or the way we observe the one day in the week that God has designated for our worship and rest.

There was a time when just about all business in town came to a grinding halt from Saturday night at twelve until the next Monday morning. But have you noticed that this is not the case anymore? Business goes on as usual all over the country. Many say that they have to keep their places of business open to meet competition. Others say, "The ox gets in the ditch"—so what can they do?

Concerning this, Billy Graham said recently, "It should not detract from a man's reverence to do what is required. Even Jesus spoke about the ox in the ditch on the Sabbath. But if your ox is in the ditch every Sabbath, you should either get rid of the ox or fill up the ditch."

God knew what He was doing when He planned that man should work six days a week, and rest and worship Him on the seventh (which in this age of grace is the first day of the week, or what we call Sunday). There is something unbalanced about our lives if either of the three (work, rest, and worship) consumes so much of our time on the Lord's Day that it takes two or three days to get over it.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Sabbath is not merely a day to cease from work but a time blessed by God for communion with Him.

B. When something hallowed by God becomes legalistic, its blessing becomes a curse. Jesus exposed such false observance when His disciples plucked "the ears of corn" on the Sabbath.

C. Pharisees, whether in Jesus' time or ours, always block the blessings of God instead of serving the needs of people.

D. When one seeks to meet the needs of people, love always will find a way, even against the opposition of legalistic prohibitions.

E. The Sabbath for Jesus was marked by public worship, reading of Scripture, and anointed preaching. This is a good example for us to follow every Sunday.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

There was also a humane reason why God designated the Sabbath Day as a day of rest. Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man" (see Mark 2:27). The gods of ancient Babylon cared not for the slave, the stranger, or the dumb cattle. But God is concerned. Therefore the command, "Thou shalt not do any work" (see Exodus 20:10), was extended to include all. Work is good, but too much work without rest is damaging, both to man and beast.

Many seem to think that it really makes little or no difference whether or not one day in seven is observed as a holy day. Statistics prove otherwise. It has been demonstrated that persons who are regularly in worship on the Lord's Day are subject to lesser strain and even to fewer heart attacks than those who are not. This is the pragmatic side. It indicates that not only does one need release from work one day in seven; he also needs a time of spiritual and emotional renewal. Long ago God promised, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (see Isaiah 40:31).

The seventh day was also a day of worship. The fact that it was a time of remembrance and of thanksgiving would naturally make it so. The value of public worship is often ignored. As a ter of fact, it is indispensable. famous French skeptic Voltaire onc fessed, "While millions meet togeth worship on the first day of the w despair of destroying religion."

More than anything else, the v fellowship of the people of God a join in worship makes possible thei tioning during the week as "the hold of faith." The "tie that l hearts into a unity of the Spirit c is a tie that is forged as indiv and families meet together to worsl pray, and to study, in order to live in the will of the God whom they honor.

—**Standard Lesson Comme**

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OVERCOMING DISABILITY

I discovered early that the h thing to overcome is not a physica ability, but the mental condition it induces. The world, I found, way of taking a man pretty much own rating. If he permits his lo make him embarrassed and apolo he will draw embarrassment from ers. But if he gains his own re the respect of those around him easily.—Major Alexander P. de Sev

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to himself or to anyone else. He is ance and a stumblingblock. He did tend at the start to become a cynic. gan by finding fault, and the habit n him until his mind became twisted s heart sour.—Dr. Charles S. Jeffer-

PRAYER THOUGHT

you can see, a very bad habit origi- from faultfinding. Cure this practice u will not have to worry about de- g into the type of person depicted

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

oture Reading—John 1:4, 5

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

oman in Palestine sat under an olive wing handmade lace on a handker- A woman paused to inquire the f her work, and to have a conversa- "Do you live here?"

I live over the hill. Last night as I home a panther followed me, but e I carried a lantern and walked in cle of light I was safe."

mean the panther would not attack hile you were in the light?"

t is right, madam."

t a lesson is this for Christians!—*The eror.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

ryone should follow in the light of rd. The temptations of Satan would as great if we stayed on the path of usness.

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s' and Girls' Stories

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d us on something and this is he first day!"

e you sure it was Mr. Harvey who d it?" Steve asked.

ny, who else could it have been?" uestioned.

think God started it, not Mr. Har-

, of course you're right. Well, all say is that this has been quite a Do you know something? I've felt happier," he said with a sigh e contentment. "I think I'll try it tomorrow."

—**My Pleasure.**

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A friend who can keep a confidence only friend to have.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he will be available for full or half-time pastoral services the first of July by virtue of the fact that he will have finished his tenure at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of the Albemarle Conference at that time. Any church desiring his services or wishing to discuss the possibilities with him may do so by contacting him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186.

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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that will help them to have a more effective ministry in the local church and community.

D. To enhance the role of the College in service to its constituency in the Free Will Baptist Church.

II. Mount Olive College can serve local churches of the denomination by offering courses in three general areas: the Bible, the church, and Christian service.

Listed below are the courses proposed by the College to be taught **In the local churches** that desire any of the courses. As indicated, the courses vary in length and may be adjusted to the local situation.

These courses may be taken for college credit if desired. Most of the courses will have a recommended text that may be purchased through the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

Any church or groups who wish to have a course taught may contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Director of Denominational Services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. You may call 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

Mount Olive College was founded by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to help meet the educational needs of our people. It is in this spirit that Mount Olive College offers its services to its founding church to the glory of God.

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     2. The Nation Israel: Joshua—Kings (5 weeks)
     3. The Exilic, Postexilic and Intertestamental Period (5 weeks)
   - B. The Prophets of Israel (12 weeks)
     1. Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah (4 weeks)
     2. Jeremiah and Prophets of the Exile (4 weeks)
     3. Postexilic Prophets (4 weeks)
   - C. Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes (6 weeks)
   - D. The Praises of Israel: Psalms (2 weeks)
   - E. New Testament Survey
     1. The Gospels (5 weeks)
     2. Acts and Letters of Paul (5 weeks)
     3. General Epistles and Revelation (5 weeks)
   - F. New Testament Writings
     1. Gospel of Luke (4 weeks)
     4. Gospel of John (4 weeks)
     3. Book of Acts (4 weeks)
     4. Corinthian Letters (4 weeks)
     5. Romans (4 weeks)
     6. Revelation (4 weeks)
     7. Life and Letters of Paul (8 weeks)
     8. Galatians (4 weeks)
     9. Hebrews (4 weeks)
   - G. History of the Bible (6 weeks)

II. The Church: History and Doctrine
   - A. History of Christianity (8 weeks)
   - B. Basic Christian Doctrine: God, Man, Sin, Salvation, Church, Eschatology (8 weeks)
   - C. The Free Will Baptist Church: History and Structure (6 weeks)
   - D. The Nature and Mission of the Church (4 weeks)

III. Christian Life and Service
   - A. Pastoral Care in Crisis Ministry (8 weeks)
   - B. Marriage and Family Enrichment (4 weeks)
   - C. Evangelism and Missions (6 weeks)
   - D. Creative Teaching Methods (6 weeks)
   - E. Preaching and Preparation of Sermons (8 weeks)
   - F. Christian Ethics (4 weeks)
   - G. Church Music (2 weeks)

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Are you dying FOR or dying FROM a drink?

EDITORIAL...

DYING FOR A DRINK

The man slips up to the bar, lights a cigarette, snaps his lighter shut, shifts to a comfortable position on the stool, rests his elbows on the counter, and says to the bartender in the traditional sigh, "I'm dying for a drink."

If the bartender knows the customer, he doesn't have to ask what brand of beer he'd like; he immediately draws it from tap, pops a can, or opens a bottle; and, when it is finally in the grasp of the customer, he (the customer) takes one long swallow, exhales a stinking breath and smiles, anticipating a night of relaxation and contentment. The busy day has come to a close, and now he can enjoy himself in a dim-lighted bar decorated oftentimes in the modern fashion with ultraviolet (black) lights and fluorescent pictures that give off brilliant reds, greens, blues, and a myriad of eerie hues.

And, the man isn't alone. Lined up and down the bar rail are other men (and women), and several are seated in booths or around tables; and in the semidarkness the smoke is seen as it curls above their heads or from the ashtrays in which have been placed lighted cigarettes or cigars. The layering smoke mixed with the smell of the beverage provides an atmosphere which depresses rather than uplifts, and the dismal gloom of the room cannot be altered even by the sound of the jukebox, which plays song after song—some sad, some happy—but all too loud.

Here and there are heard little chuckles or boisterous laughter at some off-color story. The barmaid's shrill voice in an amplified tone is heard as she asks in her witchy way almost continuously, "Will you have another?" (Many bars employ girls or women as an enticement to the male customers on the premise that the female sex is more adept at selling the beverage, especially if the barmaid is attractive or particularly attentive to the customers.)

Drinking, drinking, drinking! More cans or bottles are pushed in front of some already well-drunk individuals, and those who are a little jittery cringe at the crash of glass as empty bottles are thrown into a trash box and the clang of metal as the empty cans are gathered and thrown into a similar receptacle.

In the corner, with beer in hand and tears on the face, sits a lonely man who is pouring his heart out to another, as he attempts to forget his perplexities by the way of his favorite brew. He twitches nervously, frantically attempting to light a cigarette. His "friend," observing his difficulty, lights the cigarette for him and encourages him to talk on. The friend, though well-drunk himself, is a little more used to the liquid; and though having consumed a greater quantity, he is steadier, more rational; and, at least to his mind, able to help this poor soul. So, the crying man continues to pour out his heart, prompting the remembrance that somewhere it was said that more confessions are made at bars than at altars. This may be mere conjecture, but nonetheless, it's worth thinking about. . . . Yet, we cannot attest to barroom conversions. . . .

Isn't this a sad scene? Isn't this a pitiful picture? We didn't mention the fallen women who frequent these places and sit in the usual manner, waiting for someone to offer them a drink, hoping perhaps that someone will begin a conversation which will lead to a pickup and a prosperous night for them and a conscience-induced headache for the men. Neither did we mention the topless waitresses who are now a part of the modern bars, who savor the delights of the men's thirsts both in a physical and mental way, providing lust where lust is wanted; and, well, there's little need to go on. Nevertheless, we must accept reality, however sickening it gets to be.

Sometimes a teen-ager (under 18) will come in, and if somewhere in the group there happens to be a man drinking a soft drink and who is suspected by the sharp-eyed bartender to be an ABC officer, the underaged teen-ager will be refused the drink. Yet, if the place appears "clean" and the clientele familiar, the bartender has no compunction at the serving of beer to the youth.

The hours come and the hours go. Men drift in and some slip out—possibly to their homes or apartments where they will be greeted by tearful wives or crying children. If the man is in a particularly bad mood, his wife and children will suffer for the "fun" he has had at the bar. They will endure cursings and possible beatings. If they're lucky, the intoxicated husband and father will be so stoned that he'll fall asleep when he arrives; and though half of his money may be gone, his family can at least rest in peace for one night.

Now, in North Carolina, some big shots are champing at the bit for the liquor-by-the-drink bill, to make legal the selling of *mixed* drinks or small quantities of the *hard stuff* in various public places. Thus far the bill has been defeated, but we wonder how long it will be before one will be able to enter any restaurant, lounge, or bar and order anything he wants "on the rocks." Debate after debate has been heard in regard to this issue, but no real answer has been provided except by us who are convicted that consumption of alcohol in any form (other than by prescription) is a violation of the Christian code. Of a surety, one can never become an alcoholic unless he takes the first drink; and *to make it so available* would, in our opinion, only *increase the number of potential alcoholics.*

Indeed, when the man (or woman) slips up to the bar and says that he or she is "dying for a drink," there may be a lot of truth in the statement. As beer can after beer can is lined up or grouped by the customer to determine the amount he has consumed, and as mixed drink after mixed drink is poured into his little glass, he may pride himself in the fact that he is a big fellow, that he can "drink *anyone* under the table." That's a lot to brag about, isn't it?

Emotionally and physically and spiritually, however, the drinker is suffering. He is losing his self-respect (if he had any to begin with), the respect of Christian society, and is fast passing from this life. Rather than "dying for a drink," he may very well be dying *because* of it!

Speak out, O ye people! Let your objections be known! In an editorial a few years back, your editor posed this thought: "To Drink or Not: That Is the Question." Now say we as then, *"Drink Not at All: That Is the Answer."* Agreed? In our opinion, liquor-by-the-drink or any other way stinks!

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SHE IS MY MOTHER

By
RAYE HAWES TROUTMAN
Greenville, North Carolina

(For sometime Mrs. Troutman has pursued creative writing as a hobby. She is currently enrolled in a creative writing class at Pitt Technical Institute, Greenville; and her heartwarming tribute to her mother is indicative of her deep feeling and that empathizing aspect of her character which reflects itself in all situations. Her husband, William F. Troutman Jr., is chairman of the Department of Political Science at East Carolina University.)

R her the light of day has slowly rown dim. Pains from the degener- diseases of age encompass and in- te her body. The voice of a dear anion that called to her so often is leaving silence and loneliness in ome which was once filled with a happy family. Her advancing ness has forced her to identify by g instead of by sight her medicine es, stove temperature settings, and other necessities. Despite the fact she has undergone eye surgery three , damages done by pterygiums and acts have not been corrected. She, is required to pursue a routine of ul morning exercises to aid her in more comfortably with debilitat- rthritis and to improve muscle tone. t, she, devoid of self-pity, strongly ts, "I am not alone. God is with And with that affirmation of faith courage, she at seventy-eight, reach- r beyond herself to find fulfillment ing and to fill the voids in her life. rrying on in the tradition which she her husband found satisfying and re- ing for fifty-four years, she demon- es constant concern for the needs e sick, the poor, the bereaved, the bled. The resources of her heart's house are boundless. Her compas- is so great that she is generous to oint of self-deprivation. Oftentimes has given her last dollar to a needy ly for charity without a fear for her needs. Always her trust is in God m she recognizes as the source of er spiritual and material possessions. many who take their problems to are received with open arms, a car- and forgiving heart, and listening With tender love, understanding, wisdom which is more valuable from maturity, she helps to relieve burdens, lighten spirits, and instill courage. All who entrust their cares with her are assured that before sleeping, she, on bended knee in the quiet and loneliness of the night, will share their burdens, which have now become hers, with God.

Last year with the coming of spring and the planting season, she faced the realization that she neither needed nor was able to help tend the usual, large vegetable garden. In the past the gardens had been a means of livelihood, recreation, and togetherness for her and her husband. But things were different now. Nonetheless, she found new challenge instead of despair. Undaunted by her limitations, she turned to her flower beds which she had cared for lovingly and from which she had gained continuing pleasure and contentment. "I can," she announced, "still have my own little garden by utilizing the extra space in my three flower beds."

Thus, she began her latest project with persistence in her positive approach to life. A cooperative sales clerk made it possible for her to purchase very small quantities of garden supplies — five pounds of fertilizer, five tomato plants, and ten cents worth of a selection of seeds. Early morn, noonday sun, and evening twilight found her busily planting, watering, cultivating, or just watching for growth. And there in her garden, she reports, she found serenity and happiness communicating with God, her flowers, and vegetable plants. Her favorite hymn, "In the Garden," seemed to take on deeper significance and beauty. It became easy to envision her feeling that

> He walks with me,
> And He walks with me,
> And He tells me I am His own.

As soon as the first tender sprouts appeared, she was eager to conduct tours to avoid having the casual observer overlook any of the products of her labor and love. The uniqueness of her handiwork evoked smiles of amusement and admiration from her family and visitors. Neatly concealed under a bowed, single blueberry plant was a cluster of eight berries. Questionably close to a scraggly apple tree were two hills of okra. The strange plants, she proudly pointed out, were her experiment with Japanese mung beans from which she had also grown nutritious bean sprouts in her kitchen garden. Included also in her fascinating variety were six strawberry plants, a few hills of squash, and short rows of assorted peas and beans. The harvest was small but adequate for one who lived alone. More importantly, she had succeeded in dispelling loneliness and in finding a new area of productivity. Moreover, she had earned acclaim for her little vegetable garden crowded among an array of colorful flowers.

Upon further reflection one is reminded of her steadfastness to her church and its functions; her perpetual interest in home improvements and in collecting and trying new recipes; her refreshing humor; and her faithfulness in writing, though she cannot see to reread them, letters once or twice weekly to her children who live in distant towns. Assisted by her family, she also acknowledges gifts and letters to preserve current friendships and ties of the past.

Even as her vision was badly degenerating, she sat frequently at her desk, and for short periods of time she read her newspapers, her Bible, and inspirational books through her desk magnifying lamp. Among her favorites were Anita Bryant's books, **Amazing Grace** and **Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory.** In discussing the books she reveals a personal

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Scripture Reading—Luke 19:10

OFFERING ALL THEY POSSESS

There is much that is inspiring, as it is pathetic, in the advertisement of a laborer and his wife in a small Michigan town seeking news of a vanished daughter. This humble couple offer to give "all they possess" for news leading to the recovery of the lost child. As an example of good faith, they append an inventory of their entire possessions. It is not a long list: a cottage home and furniture worth $1,400 and paid for out of a lifetime's earnings; $200 in the bank, the father's silver watch and the mother's wedding ring. For the restoration to their arms of the loved daughter, together they will gladly surrender all. Homeless and penniless, they will cheerfully start life all over again. For love, this laborer and his wife find no material price too great to pay, no sacrifice worth counting. They are like the wise man in the parable, glad to sell all that he had in order to buy the pearl of great price.

PRAYER THOUGHT

All of us should be willing to sacrifice our possessions in order to save a lost loved one. How would this number compare with the ones who would "give up" their sinful ways to receive Christ's blessings?

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:11

LOVE NEVER FAILS

A mother kept a candle burning in the window every night for ten years. One night, very late, a poor, wretched woman came in from the street. The aged mother said to her, "Sit down by the fire." The stranger asked, "Why do you keep the light in the window?" The old mother replied, "That light is for my wayward daughter. She left home ten years ago. I am praying for her return. I have kept a light in the window for ten years! Others often blame me for worrying about her, but, you see, I love her. I am her mother. Often, in the night, I open the door, and look out into the darkness and cry, 'Lizzie, Lizzie!'" The woman from the street began to weep. The aged mother looked closely at her and said, "Why, how cold and sick you seem! You must have trouble enough of your own!" Then suddenly the mother exclaimed, "Can it be? Yes! You are Lizzie! My own lost child! Thank God that you are home again!" How thankful we can be that Mother loves us.—*The Wesleyan Methodist.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How surprised the mother was to find her lost daughter after ten years a sick, wretched woman! Is your faith strong enough in Christ for Him to bring your wanderers home?

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 33:4

HOW TO UNDERSTAND

In the days of the South, a Negro slave and preacher had an infidel master. The master said to the slave one day, "You are a preacher, Sam?"

"Well, I tells about Jesus some, Massa."

"Well, if you are a preacher, you ought to understand the Bible. Now tell me, what does this mean?" And he opened the Bible and read, "Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate"—words that have puzzled wiser heads than the poor slave.

"Well," said the slave, "Massa, where is it?"

"It's in Romans," said the master.

"Oh, my dear Massa; I will explain dis 'ole business to you! It is very simple. You begin with Matthew, and do all the dear Lord tells you to do there, and then you go on to Mark, and Luke, and John; and when you get to that place, it is easy enough—but you can't begin there."—*Preacher's Homiletical Commentary.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

You should read your Bible thoroughly to gain its true meanings. Don't start in the middle and read to the end; always begin at the beginning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Scripture Reading—John 14:6

NEED PEACE OF MIND?
HERE'S HOW TO GET IT!

Clark H., 42, is a prominent judge. He said:

"It seems to me that people have more mental disorders today. Or is it just that I have my attention focused on such things?" he inquired.

"What would you advise as the best way to eliminate psychiatric problems?"

Here's Dr. Crane's answer:

"There would be much less strain on men and women if they teamed up with God as a daily partner. Indeed, in that event, psychiatry would almost pass out of existence.

"People who try to live independently and ignore God are soon overwhelmed with innumerable fears and worries.

"They become the typical hypochondriacs, always fretting about gall bladder or ulcer or appendix or impending cancer or insanity.

"If more people learned to team up with God, the human race would soon be able to throw off the 50 percent of its ai that medical educators admit are p logical."—Dr. George W. Crane, in C *Daily News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many dollars are spent on psyc help each year that is not necessarily ed. If one's trust in the Lord were enough, it's possible that he could sol problems with Him.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Scripture Reading—Genesis 28:3

PREACHER'S KIDS

Pity the P. K.'s, the preachers' kids? Rather thank God for them! Said Edward Wiggam: "Preachers' childre among the most fortunate in the world twelfth of all the persons listed in *Who in America* are children of mini The following were parsonage pro Louis Agasiz, George Bancroft, Ward Beecher, Henry Clay, Jonathan wards, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Oliver dell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, S F. B. Morse, Francis Parkman, and H Beecher Stowe. The parsonage has tributed to the birth of our nation, a its upbuilding. John Hancock, first of the Declaration of Independence, minister's son. Nathaniel Greene, a ge of the Revolution, was the son of a Q preacher. A. C. Muhlenberg, first sp of the first congress of a new-born n was a preacher's son. Woodrow W too, was a minister's son. Herbert Hoo mother was a Quaker preacher. Six ister's daughters have been "First ladi the land!' Our hats off to the preac kids!—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Yet, some of our most honorable a were not preachers' children. Each has the same opportunity and with help we should do our best.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Scripture Reading—Daniel 12:2

"DO YOU PLANT CORN?"

A missionary lady in Africa was tal to some black men and women. "J died on the Cross for us all," she them. "Then His body was put in a g and on the third day He arose from grave. We, too, shall arise from our gr after our bodies have rested for a tim the ground."

"How can that happen?" asked one black man. "I do not believe that. W is put in the ground cannot come up."

"Listen to me," said the missionary "Do you plant corn?"

"Yes, I do," he answered.

"Well, what happens when you put grain of corn in the ground?"

"The grain decays and corn comes out of the ground," he replied.

"Very well," said the missionary "The grain decays but the life in the doesn't die. It sends up a plant that co

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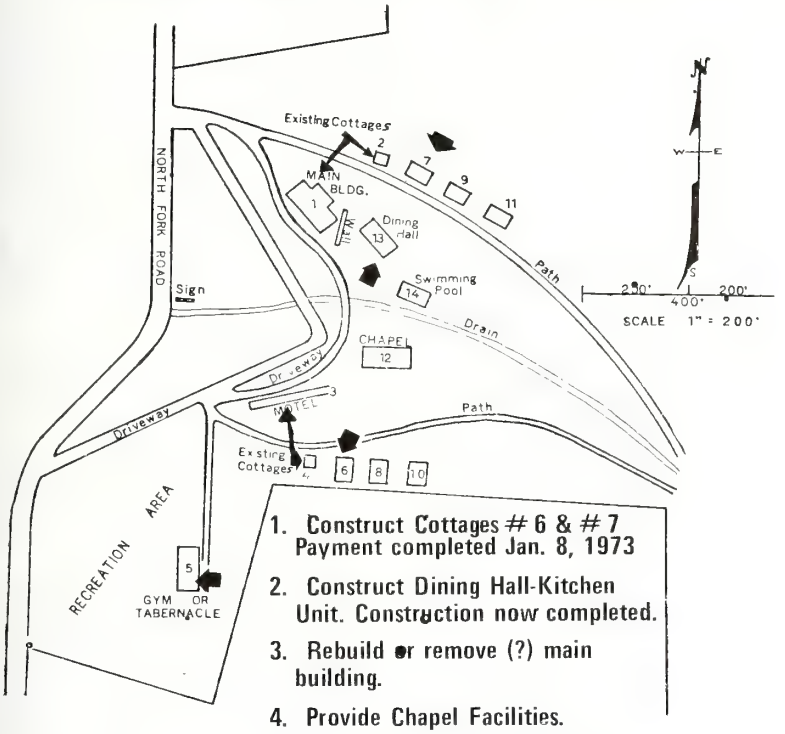
CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

CRAGMONT DEVELOPMENT



1. Construct Cottages # 6 & # 7 Payment completed Jan. 8, 1973
2. Construct Dining Hall-Kitchen Unit. Construction now completed.
3. Rebuild or remove (?) main building.
4. Provide Chapel Facilities.
5. Construct Swimming Pool and Improve recreational facilities.

1973 CAMP SCHEDULE

Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

and Mrs. Bill Davenport, Managers

25-30: Christian Cadets Conference director-registrar, the Rev. Raymond hes, 310 Southerland Street, Durm, North Carolina 27703.

2-7: Youth Frontier Conference A—ages 13 and up)—the Rev. David Hansley, director; Mrs. D. W. "Ma" nsley, James Street, LaGrange, rth Carolina 28551, registrar.

9-14: Youth Frontier Conference C—ages 9-12)—the Rev. David C. nsley, director; Mrs. D. W. "Ma" nsley, James Street, LaGrange, rth Carolina 28551, registrar.

UST 6-11: Young People's Bible Conence (all ages) — the Rev. Charles sp, director; the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina 28570, registrar.

AUGUST 13-18: Woman's Auxiliary Conference—Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, codirectors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar.

AUGUST 20-25: Family Week—Mrs. Bill Davenport, director-registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

OPEN PERIODS: May 21—June 9; July 15—August 4; August 27—October 15.

The open periods are ideal for church groups to assemble for a Churchwide Spiritual Life Retreat. Many churches enjoy such retreats each summer! These times are also wonderful opportunities for our church families to stop by Cragmont on vacations and get to know more about what we have and what is needed at Cragmont!

Cost for Cragmont will be the same as last year for the youth encampments ($37): the $7 registration fee and the remainder due upon boarding your bus. Woman's Auxiliary Week is charging $40 per head this year. Send your name, address, sex, age, and registration fee to the registrar of the conference you desire to attend!

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of May, 1973:

Balance May 1, 1973		$12,728.65
Receipts		
Churches	$ 1,854.41	
Sunday Schools	337.32	
Sunday School Convention	45.00	
NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention	639.68	
Leagues	30.00	
Auxiliaries	104.00	
Gifts	415.00	
Loan from Church Finance Association	19,560.00	
Unions	116.56	
Total Receipts		23,101.97
Total for Which to Account		$35,830.62
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 759.61	
C. Cliff Meyer (Contractor)	17,000.00	
Insurance	112.20	
Asheville Showcase and Fixtures Co.	756.86	
Advance to Open Camp	1,000.00	
Asheville Water Department	445.72	
Total Disbursements		20,074.39
Balance June 1, 1973		$15,756.23
Savings (Earmarked Funds)		2,419.40
Grand Total		$18,175.63

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An Open Letter to Free Will Baptists

On behalf of your Cragmont Board of Stockholders and Directors, greetings in the name of Christ. We realize that you as churches receive requests for funds throughout the year. Also we realize the impossibility of your acting upon each request. However, Cragmont makes only one appeal by letter annually. We are relying upon you to support us in this matter.

As you know our State Convention of Churches has designated June of each year as "Cragmont Month." During this

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Crab Point Church Reports on Revival and Kindergarten Graduation

Easter Sunday Baptism

During the revival held April 1-7 at the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina, by the Rev. Johnny Bullman of Heron Circle, Spartanburg, South Carolina, there were 14 first-time conversions, and eight re-dedications by individuals who felt the need for baptism. The baptism was held by the Rev. Lloyd Gore, pastor of the Crab Point church, on April 22, Easter Sunday.

The Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church's kindergarten graduation exercises were held on May 25. The program was designed to show parents how the kindergarten prepares the five-year-olds for school. Also added this year was a four-year-old prekindergarten program, which gives four-year-olds a chance to learn social skills, as well as preparedness for kindergarten.

During the kindergarten year, the child learns to adjust socially, become self-reliant in such things as dressing himself, health habits, and in making decisions. He learns muscular coordination, particularly of the eye and finger muscles (built through finger plays, games, music, and rhythm). Many of these and other basics necessary before entering first grade were demonstrated throughout the program.

Helping the children become acquainted with Christ is a pleasurable goal of the church kindergarten; therefore, the program for the kindergarten opened with pledges to the flags and Bible. The class then prayed the Lord's prayer.

Members of the class are pictured with the teachers. Front row, left to right, are Alex Hepler, Michael Becton, Jeanette Freeman, Clarence Cottle, Robert Hoffman; center row, left to right, are Ashley Bell, Christi Gill, Kristi Forbes, Cindy Hardison, Michelle Sutton; back row, left to right, are Mrs. Betsy Weeks, Melissa Hepler, Benjamin Buck, Myra Jo Moore, Richard Jones, Adrienne Bowling, Danny Doshier, Mrs. Julia Bennett. Not pictured are Diane Kelly, Sharon Guthrie, and Arnold Rivenbark.

Michael Becton welcomed the pa and friends to the program. Benj Buck, Christi Gill, Clarence Cottle, Jeanette Freeman told Bible stories the group sang appropriate songs, were "Only a Boy Named David," chaeus," "Donkey Song," and Created Heaven and Earth." Finger used were "Eency Weency Spider," "The Apple Tree."

Next on the program was the and dramatization of "Goldilocks an Three Bears." Characters were as lows: Narrator—Myra Jo Moore; Bear—Danny Doshier; Mamma Bear- dy Hardison; Baby Bear—Jeanette man; and Goldilocks—Sharon Guthri

In a "Do-It-Yourself" skit, several dren demonstrated putting on b crossing the street, brushing teeth, shoes, zipping coats, combing hair, dialing a number on the telephone.

The program came to a close three action songs—"Bingo," "The jo Song," and "The Clock Song." Rev. Lloyd Gore presented the dipl and personalized Bibles to the ki garten class, and diplomas and New taments to the prekindergarten The entire class then sang B-I-B-L-E."

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Central Conference Youth Conventio Met on May 26 at Community Chur

Approximately 100 delegates atte the Central Conference Youth Conve on May 26 at the Community Free Baptist Church, Weldon, North Caro At 7:30 p.m., the meeting was calle order by Faith Langley, president, prayer following by Mrs. Kemery Ar

Sandra Knight led in devotions ar congregational singing of "At Calv

Coming Events . . .

June 25—General Youth Conferenc Free Will Baptists, Holly Springs Will Baptist Church near New North Carolina, 5 p.m.

June 26—Woman's Auxiliary Conve of the General Conference of Free Baptists, Holly Springs Free Will tist Church near Newport, North lina, 10 a.m.

June, 26, 27—General Conference of Will Baptists, Holly Springs Free Baptist Church near Newport, N Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

July 8—Homecoming at Free Will Ba Children's Home, Middlesex, N Carolina, 10 a. m.

Jack Dail led in another prayer. A welcome was extended by Sandra ht of Community church, the host ch, with response by Cheryl Eason. yl also gave out the banners to the boro YFA and the Gum Swamp AFC. Get All Excited," "Glory, Glory, y," and "Jesus Is Coming Soon" were w of the songs in chorus time led by ra Knight.

esident Faith Langley introduced the ers for the upcoming year; there was business session. The Community h presented the program. It con- d of readings from "The Living Bi- acted out by Community's YFA and members.

f That Isn't Love" was the conclud- invitational special. Sandra Knight ounced the benediction. Refresh- ts were served afterward in the fel- ship hall, and an executive meeting held.

e youth of the Central Conference eciate the hospitality and the fine ram given by the Community church th.

e Winterville Free Will Baptist rch will be the host church for the t convention on August 24.

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ners Announced in Sword Held at Unity Church

hown above with their pastor, the . Raymond E. Jones, are the winner runner-up in a sword drill held re- tly at the Unity Free Will Baptist rch in Durham, North Carolina.

At the left is the winner, Dianne vell. As winner, she will receive a e trip to Cragmont Assembly. On the t is her sister, Bonnie Powell, who s runner-up. Bonnie will receive one f of her expense for a week at Cragmont. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell.

Both girls plan to attend Christian Cadet week, which will be directed by their pastor, Mr. Jones.

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Woman's Auxiliary Convention To Be Held at Holly Springs Church

The ninth session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport, North Carolina, on Monday and Tuesday, June 25, 26. The convention theme is "Led by the Spirit," with Scripture taken from Acts 13:2-4 and Romans 8:1. The program is as follows:

Monday

4:30—Registration
5:00—Youth Speaks
6:30—Adjournment for Evening Meal
7:30—Conference begins with Bible Bowl Quiz runoffs.

Tuesday

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn
—Devotion and Prayer, Mrs. Doris Bullman (Spartanburg, South Carolina)
—Welcome, Host Church
—Opening of Convention, Mrs. R. H. Jackson (Benson, North Carolina)
—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, and Ministers
—President's Remarks, Mrs. Norman Ard (Pink Hill, North Carolina)
—Business Session
—Hymn
—Offering
—Special Music Trio, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina
—Message, Mrs. Fay Barrow (Dunn, North Carolina)
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch
1:30—Hymn and Prayer
—Memorial Service, Mrs. Kemery Ard (Ayden, North Carolina)
—Special Singing
—Final Business Session, Committee Reports
—Adjournment

Organist—the Rev. Clyde Cox
Pianist—Mrs. J. B. Starnes

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President Raper to Speak At Daniels Chapel Church

The Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson, North Carolina, on Sunday, June 24.

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Maready Quartet to Sing At Reunion Church

The Maready Quartet will render a program of Christian music at the Reunion Free Will Baptist Church near Vanceboro, North Carolina, Sunday evening, June 24, beginning at seven o'clock. The church is located on the Maul Swamp Road. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a program of good gospel singing.

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General Conference Youth Convention, June 25

The Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, will be host to the General Conference Youth Convention Monday afternoon and evening, June 25. The theme for the conference will be "Youth Speaks," with Scripture taken from Ecclesiastes 12:1, 14, the Living Bible edition: "Don't let the excitement of being young cause you to forget about your Creator. Honor him in your youth before the evil years come—when you'll no longer enjoy living. . . . For God will judge us for everything we do, including every hidden thing, good or bad." The program is as follows:

Afternoon Session

5:00—Registration
—Youth speaks Through Song, "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
—Prayer
—Glorly Land Band, Mr. Harold Dunn, Manager, Sarecta FWB Church, Kenansville, North Carolina
—Youth Speaks Through Song from South Carolina
—AFC Youth Quartet, First FWB Church, Durham, North Carolina
—Youth Choir, Mrs. Melody Wall, Director, Christian Chapel FWB Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina
—South Carolina Youth
—The "Baptistics" Managers, Lanis and Bobby Whitfield, Daly's Chapel FWB Church, Seven Springs, North Carolina
—Everybody Sing, "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"
—One Way in Christ Singers
—South Carolina Youth
—Elm City Youth
—Newport Youth (All other youth

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SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Youth Group Visits Home

During the latter part of May, the youth auxiliary of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Robersonville, North Carolina, visited with us nearly a day. They toured the facility and engaged in a softball game with our children. This church is pastored by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

While they were here, they presented the Home with a $84.40 contribution, which they had raised in various ways. We are very thankful for our youth who care for us and we highly encourage church groups visits to the Home. Won't you come?

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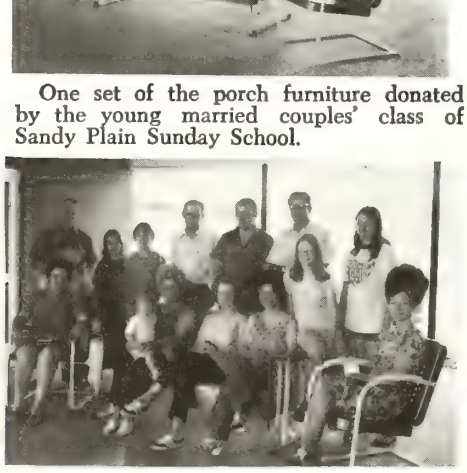
Porch Furniture Donated

One set of the porch furniture donated by the young married couples' class of Sandy Plain Sunday School.



Members of the Young Married Couples' Class

Earlier this month the young married couples' class of the Sandy Plain Sunday School arrived at the Home with a truck load of porch furniture. There were three sets of furniture like the one shown in the picture, and they were placed on the porches of Albemarle I, Smith and Deans Cottages, and Rodgers Cottage.

The class president is Mr. Joe Exum, who is not shown in the photograph. The class teacher is Mrs. Judy Kennedy, seated on the right.

This was a wonderful gift, one which will be enjoyed on these hot summer days. We are all very grateful for this fine, useful contribution.

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Notice to All Woman's Auxiliaries

We have waited, with much anticipation, for many months for our **new** 1973 Dodge van to arrive. It was ordered in early February, but did not arrive until late May. Its color is a lovely blue; it carries twelve passengers and has power steering and brakes. The children are very happy about this new vehicle.

The van was purchased with money contributed by the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This was their project for the years 1971 and 1972. This project goal was $4,000, which they reached willingly and exceeded. We are eternally grateful to the presiding presidents during those years, Mrs. Alice Barrow and Mrs. D. W. Hancock. Equal gratitude is extended to all convention officers and each woman's auxiliary which readily helped in this project.

The auxiliary project for the Home for 1973 is to raise $2,500 to pay on a 10 x 12 foot walk-in frozen food locker. The response to this effort has been tremendous because already over $1,300 has been received. We thank each of you for your rapid participation in this worthy project.

Now, permit me (the superintendent) to make a few personal remarks to you ladies. Each day I thank God for each of you; just knowing that you are —working, praying, giving, and sa ing—is a great comfort to me. My is in God, and I am dependent upo as He works through you to provid us at the Home. I fully realize th nificance and power of prayer. remember us and continue your pa tions. If you do, you will uphol outstanding record which you hav tained over many years, the one of you have a right to be very proud.

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Wanted–Houseparen

The Children's Home is still in of houseparents to live in the co and to rear our children. This is second plea to our Free Will Baptist workers in a three-month period. was absolutely no response to the plea for help. What about this tim

Our needs are for couples who a their 30's, 40's, or 50's—couples wh not simply looking for a job or em ment, but those who are willing to secrate their lives to God's work he this earth. Do you or do you ha friend who meets these qualificati If so, write to the Superintendent, D er E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27 today for your application.

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Homecoming

On Sunday, July 8, we will have annual homecoming at the Childr Home. The services will commenc Memorial Chapel at 10 a.m. At 12 lunch will be served by the Home and children. After lunch, the al association will hold its meeting, ing at 1 p.m. At 3 o'clock open h will be held for all our visitors.

This is another opportunity for yo visit the Children's Home on a special occasion. An invitation is ext ed to all former children and emplo of the Home, the alumni members, to each of our Free Will Baptists. please come to our Home for this h coming.

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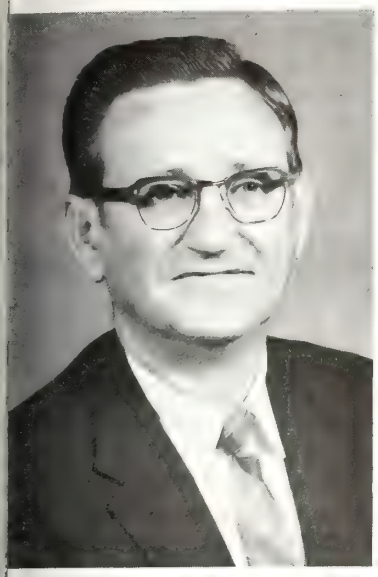
The smallest human potential in hands of God can become with miraculous power a mighty force. knows what can be done with a lif He is given control? Can I say He complete control of my life?—Nancy thews.

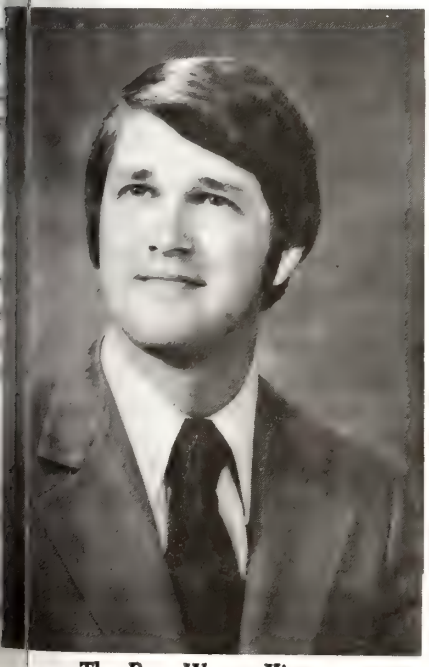
Mission Evangelism Conference



The Rev. J. B. Starnes

The third annual Mission-Evangelism Conference will be held on Friday, July 13, 1973, at the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly, North Carolina. Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with three messages before the noon hour. The speakers for these services will be the Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina; the Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina; and Dr. Terry C. Hulbert, Dean of Graduate School of Bible and Missions, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Starnes is a well-known pastor-evangelist in our State Convention. He has been used of God in some very successful pastorates throughout the convention. Brother Starnes is a man that loves the Lord and preaches with a fervency that will challenge your heart. It is believed that he will be used of God to get the conference started at a pace and spirit that will inspire those attending.



The Rev. Wayne King

Mr. King is a young man, maybe not as well known as some of our ministers, but truly a man that can inspire those attending. He came to North Carolina from the Paul Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists in South Georgia. He married Miss Deborah Hines and they are now working with the people of the Sandy Plain church.

Dr. Terry C. Hulbert

Dr. Terry Hulbert of Columbia Bible College will bring the third message of the morning. He will also speak in the afternoon and again at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Dr. Hulbert comes to us as a man qualified for this speaking engagement. He was associated with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship for sometime before going to Columbia Bible College. He will deliver three messages for us during the day. Plan to hear each one.

After lunch along with the message of Dr. Hulbert, Mrs. Dora Dudley will represent the woman's auxiliary with a message. Those of us that know Mrs. Dudley, know that she will do a good job. Also, Miss Guyla Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Corbett of Ayden, North Carolina, will give an inspiration and entertaining period with her dummy.

Mrs. Dora Dudley

Plans are made for special singing to be in each of the services. Why not come prepared to sing if you have a group, quartet, trio and we will plan to use you at some time during the day. You might even drop me a line so we could plan for you before that day.

During the evening service, we will only have one speaker this year. Dr. Hulbert will bring the message. There will be an offering taken during this service to help defray the expenses of this conference.

Pastors, the success or failure of the program will depend largely on whether or not you give promotion of it in your church between now and July 13, 1973. Please announce it from your pulpit each service.

Miss Guyla Corbett with her Dummy

This conference can be counted as a study course for your auxiliary, so why not plan to come, spend the day and bring a car, bus, or train load?

Plans now are for the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones to return home from the Philippines at Raleigh-Durham Airport on August 9, 1973, at 2:22 p.m. Plans are being made to meet them on that day.

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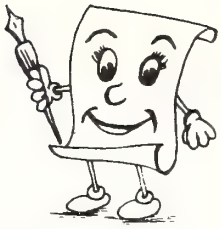
Relax! And **enjoy** this day that God has granted to you.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Jesus never entered a house where He was not welcome. But each home He visited was changed in a mervelous way by His visit.

He entered Jairus' home where they said the little girl was dead. But Jesus told them she was sleeping; and, taking her hand, He lifted her up. To that home He brought new life.

As soon as Peter's mother-in-law's fever left, she waited on the people there. Perhaps she served them cool drinks. In that house He gave new health.

When Mary and Martha were arguing about whether to work in the kitchen or listen to Him, Jesus taught them that spiritual things are more important than temporal. The result in their home was peace.

The disciples were secretly discussing who of them was most important. But He called them aside and told them that whoever wanted to be first should be last and servant of all. In that instance He taught humility.

At other times and in other houses He also taught the disciples privately. As Jesus explained His parables and teachings to them, He imparted knowledge.

He visited Zacchaeus, the notorious tax collector, who confessed his sins and promised to return more than he had stolen. With Jesus' visit, salvation came to that house.

Shortly before the crucifixion, a woman who loved Him greatly anointed His head with very expensive ointment. This was sacrifice.

Jesus' friend Lazarus had been dead three days when He arrived. But He said, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (see John 11:25). With the resurrection of his friend came assurance of eternal life.

Jesus visited all kinds of homes, large and small, rich and poor, ornate and plain, and His presence brought happiness to each. What would happen if He came to your house today?

NO 'BAPTIST' JUNE 27

In order to maintain our schedule of not printing but 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" per year, we have to skip two issues each year. The first issue to be skipped this year will be the one of June 27. The next "Baptist" you will receive will be dated July 4, 1973.

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CRAGMONT NEWS

(continued from page five)

month we urge you to receive a special offering for Cragmont. One good method is that suggested by the Rev. Floyd Cherry in a recent article in "The Free Will Baptist." This suggestion was that each congregation have a Dollar Day. We are challenging each congregation to have a "Cragmont Dollar Day." On this day if each person in your church would accept the goal of bringing one dollar for Cragmont, the results would be both amazing and gratifying! If one half of our churches would adopt this idea, we could close our year in November of 1973 with our new dining-hall kitchen unit debt free! Will you and your church accept this modest challenge in order to aid the ministry of your Assembly at Black Mountain?

Due to the late closing of the public schools we have had to change our number of youth weeks from seven to six weeks. At the same time due to our two new dorms, our new kitchen-dining hall, and improvements on cottage No. 4, we have increased the number of campers per week to 160 plus their accompanying counselors. The Ministers' Week, Woman's Auxiliary Week, and Family Week will be held as usual. Also the camp will welcome individuals or church groups through the third weekend in October during open periods. To register as a church group or individual contact: Mr. Bill Davenport, Manager, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

This year we are completing Phase II of our five phase development program. This is the construction of our kitchen-dining hall, which is now complete. We hope to be able to pay it within this year! We need **your** help!

Thus far our 1973 season promises to be a real winner! You can do a lot to help 1973 to be a truly great year of Christian camping at Cragmont!

(1) **Pray:** Pray that God's watchful eye and guiding providential hand will continue to direct the work at Cragmont to reach new spiritual he
Pray also that we will not expe
any serious accidents among ou
sonnel, counselors, or campers.

(2) **Attend:** Send your youth and
and his wife to Cragmont. Aid
financially. Go during Woman's
iliary Week, Family Week, or
Church Retreat. Stop by Cra
on your vacation! By all mea
tend your Assembly.

(3) **Give:** Support Cragmont in a
ingful way financially. Cragm
sole income is the gifts of chu
church groups, and interested
viduals. We do not make any
from the campers' fees.

Free Will Baptists, only you ar
resource. Please help us! Preser
"Cragmont Dollar Day" to your c
or a better plan of your own durin
remainder of June. The need of a
effort in support of God's minist
Cragmont Assembly is great. We a
pending on you and the church (s
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Your Cragmont Boar
De Wayne Eakes,
Promotional Secretar

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Big Things at Youth Convention

We are expecting big things to h
at the General Conference Youth
vention, Monday, June 25, at the
Springs Free Will Baptist Church,
port, North Carolina. It is our
that all our Free Will Baptist youth
North Carolina, South Carolina, Wes
ginia, Virginia, Ohio, and Georgi
making plans to attend this conve
Please let us hear from you, and
can be of any help to you in f
a place to stay while you are here,
be happy to do so. Please contact
Jack Everett, 2313 Murray Hill
Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

General Conference Youth Comm
Mrs. Jack Everett, Chairman
Mrs. Norman Ard
Reb Lancaster
Rev. George Greene

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What kind of conversation do
children hear at the dinner table
night?

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Did you advance spiritually
Or have you just been marking tim
ly?

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please give the main Scrip- setting forth the second coming of .

Answer: What one would consider as nain or most important Scriptures is vast biblical subject may not be so considered by another diligent nt of the Word. We shall, however, some of those that tell in one way other of this blessed event.

nd I will put enmity between thee he woman, and between thy seed er seed; it shall bruise thy head, hou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis Scofield in his notes, Page 9, in eference Bible named for him, iden- this verse as the "first promise of Redeemer." It is said here, ". . . it bruise thy head, ..." This is e, but ". . . thou shalt bruise his has already occurred—on Calvary. ormer will occur in conjunction with udgment in its final act, but in a is occurring day by day as Jesus gh His church (such members as you) gives forth the gospel to lost sin- See Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12. ever else works to bring to or en- the new life of the believer serves s a destructive stroke to Satan and ell-bound ambitions. So when you live and proclaim the gospel in dif- t ways we, in God's hands, are the m through which He is making verse a living reality. Satan, the of the serpent, and all he sym- d in the garden are being diminish- ith every obedient act performed e God and man. In this way we ur light shine. We also as His hes "bear fruit," or fulfill God's rement symbolized by the tree that good fruit.

many Scriptures throughout the Testament on this subject, the d coming of Christ, are too numer- o attempt to locate in the limited available here. One could use a **pson's** or **Scofield Reference Bible** William Evans' **The Great Doctrines of the Bible** more advantageously than we can attempt here. Perhaps for this short article it would be wise to give the questions of Jesus' disciples preceding the Mount Olive discourse and a summary of the answers, as found in this discourse, with comments and other Scriptures as they seem fitting. The apostles' questions are these: ". . . Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3).

By going back and reviewing Matthew 23 and the verses in Chapter 24 that precede this verse, one beholds Jesus on the eve of His arrest, false trial, and crucifixion putting forth much effort to enlighten His disciples—especially the 12 apostles—of the immediate events of the future. He had said conclusively on His way to Jerusalem that that which must come to pass (as was written of Him) was now at hand. "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day" (Matthew 16:21). Preceding this verse, one may read of Jesus' first mention of the church in Matthew 16:18. Note that after Matthew 16:21, quoted above, Peter is reprimanded for seeking to hinder or forestall the fulfillment of Scriptures on the part of Christ. It would seem that the kind of reaction Jesus exhibited would have been sufficient for Peter and the others with him to have begun to see the teachings of the Old Testament in such passages as Isaiah 53; Zechariah 13:6, 7; Malachi 3:1; Psalm 22; and especially Matthew 16:13-20. But that was not the case. It was to turn out, from here on, as Jesus predicted when He quoted from Zechariah 13:7, ". . . smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: . . . ."

"Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. . . . Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples. . . . Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. . . . And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. . . . But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. . . . Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. . . . And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man" (Matthew 26:31, 32, 35, 41, 43, 56, 69, 70, 72).

In Matthew 28:1, women (with Mary Magdalene being mentioned by name) came to the tomb on the first day of the week. They did not find Jesus but the angel. He confirmed that Jesus had told His disciples about the postresurrection meeting in Galilee. This meeting proved indeed profitable. As Jesus went from Galilee and into heaven from the Mount of Olives, the amazed disciples gazed into heaven. This showed their desire to get the last possible glance of His glorified form as He returned to the local presence of the heavenly Father. "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey" (Acts 1: 10-12).

Dr. Barrow's answer will be concluded in the next issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Free Will Baptist Press and the Free Will Baptist Bookstores at Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for the employees to observe Independence Day. Both the printing department and the bookstores will be open again on Thursday, July 5, at the usual hours. Thank you.

STORIES

for our youth

FORTY - EIGHT TULIPS

by C. Ellen Watts

MRS. HILL had been talking on the phone. "Oh, dear, what will I do?" she said, as she walked away from the phone.

Randy looked up from the dining-room floor where he had just assembled his toy racing set. "What's the matter, Mother?" he asked.

"That was Mrs. Brown on the phone. She called to say that she won't be able to baby-sit this afternoon because she has unexpected guests. I can't call Grandmother this time because she's having lunch with her friends, and I have to leave in fifteen minutes."

"I'll take care of Tommy. I'm old enough," Randy offered.

His mother hesitated. "I don't know. If I didn't have to give the lesson, I wouldn't go to the meeting."

"Please, Mother. I'm ten and a half years old. Besides, Tommy will be asleep part of the time. I can watch him."

"All right," his mother said. "We'll try it this time and see how you get along. The meeting is only a block away —at Alice Stone's house. I'll give you her phone number so that you can call if you need me." She smiled at Randy. "I'll pay you what I had planned to pay Mrs. Brown. Will that be all right?"

"Sure!" Randy answered. He seldom had a chance to earn money. He could think of a lot of things that he might buy with it. "You don't have to worry, Mom. When Tommy wakes up, he can watch my racers. We'll be fine," he said.

Randy felt pretty important as he said goodbye to his mother. "It's a good thing I'm on spring vacation from school," he said. "Otherwise you wouldn't have a baby sitter."

Tommy slept until three o'clock, so Randy had a lot of time to enjoy his racing set by himself.

When his little brother finally came downstairs, Randy gave him a glass of milk and a cookie and showed him where to sit. He didn't mind having Tommy watch him, but his brother was too young to play with the racing set by himself.

However, Tommy soon grew tired of watching Randy play. "Outside," he said, pointing with a chubby finger.

"OK," Randy told him. "As soon as I finish putting these tracks the way I want them, I'll take you outside."

Tommy ran to get his sweatshirt. He pulled it on over his blond curls and looked at his big brother. "I'm ready," he said.

Randy laughed. "You've got your sweatshirt on backward. Look, the hood should be in back." He turned it around. "I'm not quite finished with this. You go on out, and I'll be there in a minute."

As he opened the back door for Tommy he warned, "Stay here in the yard."

The project took longer than Randy had expected. He glanced out the window a couple of times and saw that Tommy was playing happily on his tricycle.

He was almost finished when he heard the back door open. Tommy came running through the kitchen.

Tommy said, "Look, Randy."

"Just a minute," Randy finished the track and smiled at his little brother.

Tommy held up his red sand pail. "See what I found," he said.

Randy looked in the pail. It was full of flower buds.

"Oh, Tommy! Those are tulip Where did you get them?"

"Outside."

"Where outside?"

"I'll show you." Tommy led outside and across the yard to their neighbor's border of flowers b

The tulip stems waved in the s breeze, but every single bud was g

"Oh, Tommy! Why did you pic flowers? They belonged to Mrs. ris!"

"Pretty flowers," Tommy answe

Randy didn't know what to do. Harris lived alone and was very fo her flower garden. She was sure upset. He looked at his little br Tommy was only three years old. haps if he explained to Mrs. Harris away, she would understand.

He knocked on her door, but n answered.

He walked home slowly and se bucket of buds on the back step; he played with Tommy for a while.

He kept thinking about the r flowers and wondering what to d he put them in a paper bag and p them in the garbage can, perhaps n would know. If he took Tommy the house while Mrs. Harris was away, she might never guess wh spoiled her tulips.

Suddenly Randy began to feel a ed. If he'd been looking after T as he had promised to do, the littl would have never damaged the flo

After he had thought about it while, Randy got the pail of tulip and counted them. There were three. He dialed his grandmo phone number. When she answere asked, "Do you still have a lot of in bloom?"

As soon as he heard her say ye asked whether he could buy some.

She answered, "I'll be glad to them to you, Randy."

"No," Randy told her, "I must pa them." He explained about Tomm the buds. "You see," he said, "M plans to pay me for watching Tom wouldn't be right for me to tak money unless I use it to replace Harris's flowers."

"I'm proud of you, Randy," Grandmother. "Will twenty-five ce dozen be all right?"

"I'll need four dozen," Randy tol "That will be a dollar. If Mother d pay me that much, I can take som of my bank."

When Mrs. Hill came home a

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

nstruction Begins on Chapel

nt Olive College President W. Bur- Raper and College Chaplain Frank on are shown above assisting in moval of a 15-foot wooden cross he site of the new chapel.

cross was fashioned and placed site in November, 1971, by Mount students. Speaking on their be- that time, Mr. Harrison said, "We gathered here today to dedicate oss on the site of what we hope omeday be a chapel. This cross a symbol to us: It will remind us ometime in the future, there will hapel on this site to aid us in our p of God."

ondly," Mr. Harrison continued, cross, which for 2,000 years has symbol of the Christian faith, will us of our own commitment to an discipleship."

e that time, almost $230,000 has aised in gifts and pledges for the , contracts have been awarded, nstruction has begun.

ident Raper reports that he antici- the long-needed chapel to be in Easter.

he crane slowly pulled the cross s resting place, Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students, commented, "This day is significant because at last we are replacing the symbol with the reality."

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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through the soil and grows several feet above the ground.

"It will be the same with us. When we are dead, our bodies will be put into the ground. They will lie there until Jesus comes again. Then He will wake us and we shall arise from our graves. We believe that His Word is true."

"I cannot understand it," said the old black man. "But I believe it now, too, for Jesus has said it."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus said explicitly that He would return and receive the saved. Are you prepared for this day?

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 12:29

HE DID WHAT HE COULD

A young man accepted for the African missionary field reported at New York for "passage," but found on further examination that his wife could not stand the climate. He was heartbroken, but he prayerfully returned to his home and determined to make all the money he could to be used in spreading the kingdom of God over the world. His father, a dentist, had started to make, on the side, an unfermented wine for the communion service. The young man took the business over and developed it until it assumed vast proportions—his name was "Welch," whose family still manufactures "grape juice." He has given literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to the work of missions. Every job is missionary work when we interpret it by stewardship.—*The Presbyterian Advance.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

An initial disappointment, as this man's inability to go to the mission field, may be God's way of saying that a different course is His will for us. Be ready to take an alternate route if unfolding events seem to so dictate.

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Editor's Note: Due to our policy of printing only 50 issues each year, there will be no magazine for next week and thus no Family Fireside. Please use other inspirational readings to continue your family devotions.

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The Hammer

God's Word has been a hammer for nineteen centuries and when other hammers today try to break God's eternal anvil of truth we remember the inscription on the monument to the Huguenots at Paris: "Hammer away, ye hostile hands; Your hammers break; God's anvil stands."—Samuel M. Zwemer.

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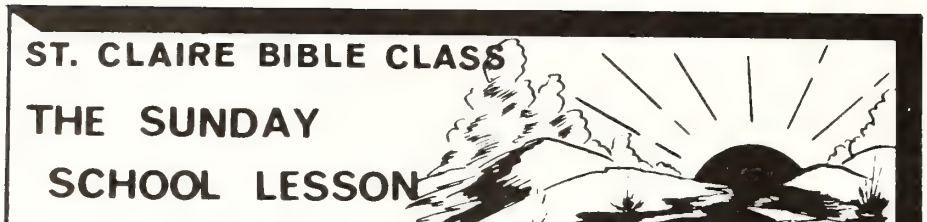

Response to Heritage

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 23:22-25; Mark 7:9-13; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12

I. INTRODUCTION

Many things have contributed to the greatness of America, and not the least of these is the godly Christian home—the home that has left to its children a goodly heritage. That heritage, however, is only as good as the response to it made by the children. We like to think that the American home has given more than any other to the well-being of children. This may not necessarily be true. The important thing is deciding what value may be in that which was given.

A large city conducted an essay contest in the public schools. All the children of a certain age were asked to write on the subject, "What I would do if I had $25,000 a year." Thousands of essays were turned in, and it was discovered that Jewish children placed in the forefront their desire to provide for their parents. Gentile children had this much less in mind. The fifth commandment had sunk deep into the Jewish children's hearts.

The kind of society in which we live today was largely determined by the kind of home or heritage left to us. The kind of society of the future will be determined by what we are leaving to our children and to their children. If we have been responsible parents, we most likely will have responsible children who will respond well to the heritage we leave them. The right response must be there, else the heritage is wasted on ingrates and spoilers who will despise the good things we leave and substitute inferior ones of their own. If this is done, the goodly heritage we leave goes down the drain. Our lesson today should help us avoid this.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. As difficult as it is to legalize one's natural duty to honor one's parents, the Pharisees were able to do even that.

B. Honor from children is earned through the parents' teaching and example.

C. The Sunday school should be a supplement to that teaching which is given in the home. Blessed are those who have this family heritage.

D. A promise is attached to the commandment to honor one's parents. When God gives a promise, His faithfulness will guard it, and His resources will fulfill it.

E. The quality of our roots is determined by our heritage. How the promised blessing affects us depends, in large measure, on our application of that heritage.

F. Both parents and children have their responsibilities to pass on the blessing to future generations.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

No person has any say in the matter of whether he will be born in rural mid-America, in a crowded inner city or in an African jungle. Nor whether he will be born to parents who are "red, yellow, black, or white." Whether we call it fate, accident, or divine providence, neither our heredity nor our environment at birth is chosen by us. We are not responsible for our heritage. We can take no credit for what is good about it nor can we be blamed for its failures. However, if we are inclined to curse it because it has brought us problems not of our own making, we should also be inclined to gratitude for its values that we have done nothing to deserve. Our heritage is all we have to work with. We can pursue various inquiries further than our fathers ever dreamed. If we feel compelled to do so, we can modify their conclusions. But our starting point must be upon the basic good, the basic truth, that we have received from the past.

This is not to say that heritage is important, but just the opposite. I one of the decisive determining fac in a person's life. Another equally portant factor is what he does with heritage that is his. It cannot be q tioned that Israel became a great nat The four thousand or so years (s Abraham) are a long time for a peopl exist, and the descendants of Abra are still with us. There are two ments of their heritage that, more t anything else, have accounted for t The first is the instruction of God, cluding the Ten Commandments, to g them. The second is the solidarity the family to preserve them. Wit these two factors we would be saf saying that the nation Israel would h long ago gone into oblivion.

—**Standard Lesson Comment**

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FOR JULY 8

Reverence for Huma Life

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 21-26; 12:9-13; James 4:1, 2; 1 J 3:11-18

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:15

I. INTRODUCTION

The Bible places a high premium o human life. When God created man placed him in the garden of Eden, intended that man should live and die. But even in this early dawn of human race, we see how man began place little value on human life. fit of anger, Cain killed Abel, the brother in the world killing the se one. From that day to this, man's humanity to man has stained with b the pages of human history.

But if human life has ever been sidered cheap in the eyes of sinful it has always been held in reverenc God who created it. The fact is, hu life in the eyes of sinful man today long since lost its value and sells cheaply. This is especially true in such as Vietnam where men, women, children die brutally by the hour. true in ghettos where humanity has much of its dignity. It is true in cr ed tenement houses where privacy rarity. It is true wherever men sight of their place in the creative s tive of God. When we forget what who we are, how wondrously we made, and what price God paid for

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Sunday School Lesson

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deption, life becomes very insignifi-
nt. Then the statistics on suicide in-
ea.

O lesson today is designed to help
s the importance of human life and
we should show reverence for it.

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F.W.B.).

HTS THAT HELP

A. God's law is pointed and unmis-
ka y clear: human life is sacred.

B. Humiliating and breaking another
m spirit are like killing the person.

C. The spirit of man is so sensitive
at worship in its true sense becomes
possible if one is aware that another
s something against him. Spiritual life
ow freely through cleaned-out chan-
is.

D. breakdown in human relationships
lik a headache: It is only a symptom
. underlying cause—self-centered-
ss.

E. True love makes itself known not
ly heroic deeds such as saving lives
t so in helping to save others from
e esent indignities of life.

F. ove should flourish not only in the
ain of poetry and song but also in
eryay life.

—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

ADITIONAL TRUTHS

Th law against murder can forbid and
nis the outward act. Yet killing goes
. he defect of the law is that it seeks
retrain the end but not the begin-
ng f evil. It is not just the murderer
ho s in danger of the judgment but
o he person who holds anger in his
art and broods on it until it becomes
dring passion in his life. So Jesus
es ack to the very roots of crime to
t hart of man where hatred, lust, and
ret usness may lodge. Whoever is
gry with his brother is in danger of
dgment. Thoughts and attitudes
t as significant as deeds, for they
the deeds. Wars begin in the
of men, and so do personal quar-
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ng about the struggle in his own
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ly associated with anger is con-
pt and it also brings one in danger
ment. The apostle Peter had to
rn rough a vision that he should call
m common or unclean (Acts 10:28).
ry uman being is made in the like-
s of God, no matter how marred that
ne s may have become.

'et ve cannot be reconciled to God if we are estranged from a brother and make no effort to overcome that estrangement. The apostle John asks, How can we love God whom we have not seen if we will not love our brother whom we have seen?

—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

NEWS NOTES

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groups from other states who plan to sing, please notify the General Conference Youth Chairman immediately.)

—Everybody Sing, "Pass It On"

—Benediction and Blessing

6:30—Supper, Served by Host Church

Evening Session

7:00—Registration

7:15—Organ and Piano Prelude

7:30—Call to Worship, "Spirit of the Living God"

—Prayer

—Sing-a-Long, "Is He Satisfied?"

—YFA Bible Bowl Quiz, Book of Luke (25 questions)

—Sing-a-Long, "I Keep in Touch with Jesus"

—AFC Bible Bowl Quiz, Book of Luke (25 questions)

—Sing-a-Long, "I've Got Peace Like a River"

—Announcement of Winners of Awards

—Sing-a-Long, "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord"

—Offering

—Special Music, Yvonne Stephenson, Saint Mary's Christian FWB Church

—Speaker, Jackie Millbrook, Spartanburg, South Carolina

—Invitation, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

—Benediction

—Organ and Piano Postlude

Curtis Brock, Organist
Marla Ard, Pianist

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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minutes later, she gave Randy a dollar. "Thank you for being a good baby sitter," she said.

Randy hung his head. "I wasn't," he said. Then he told her everything that had happened. "Forty-three tulips," he said, "and Tommy picked all of them!"

When Grandmother brought the tulips, Randy asked his mother to arrange them in a pretty vase. She had to use a large one to hold so many flowers.

She turned to Randy. "There are forty-eight tulips here, Randy."

"I know. Grandmother said she'd sell them for twenty-five cents a dozen, and —well—I got to thinking that cut tulips probably wouldn't last as long as they would in a flower garden, so I ordered a few extra to try to make up for it. Was that all right?"

Mother smiled at him. "Of course. It makes me happy to know that you are trying to make amends for your mistakes."

"It makes me happy, too," Randy said.

"Me, too," echoed Tommy.

—**My Pleasure.**

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SHE IS MY MOTHER

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identification with Anita and her family which is heartwarming. Later, as reading became more difficult, she took advantage of every possible moment to have one of her family read to her. And now she enjoys the blessing of a talking machine (record player), talking books, and magazines which are provided by the Commission for the Blind. "Time seems to pass quickly," she avows, "during the many hours I sit listening to my talking materials." And she adds, "For further companionship, recreation, and information, I rely, mostly through listening, on my deeply appreciated friend, my television."

She is my mother. Setting an example for her fellowman, she has intelligently surmounted the obstacles of age and physical disabilities. And though the brightness of day has faded, she never falters in giving expression to the radiant light of love which glows within her heart. There are those inescapable moments of emptiness in her life since God called her husband, our daddy, to his eternal home. Nevertheless, with inimitable faith, she lifts a sweetly smiling face to reassure us, "I am not alone. God is with me." And she goes on—inspiring and serving in a needy world!

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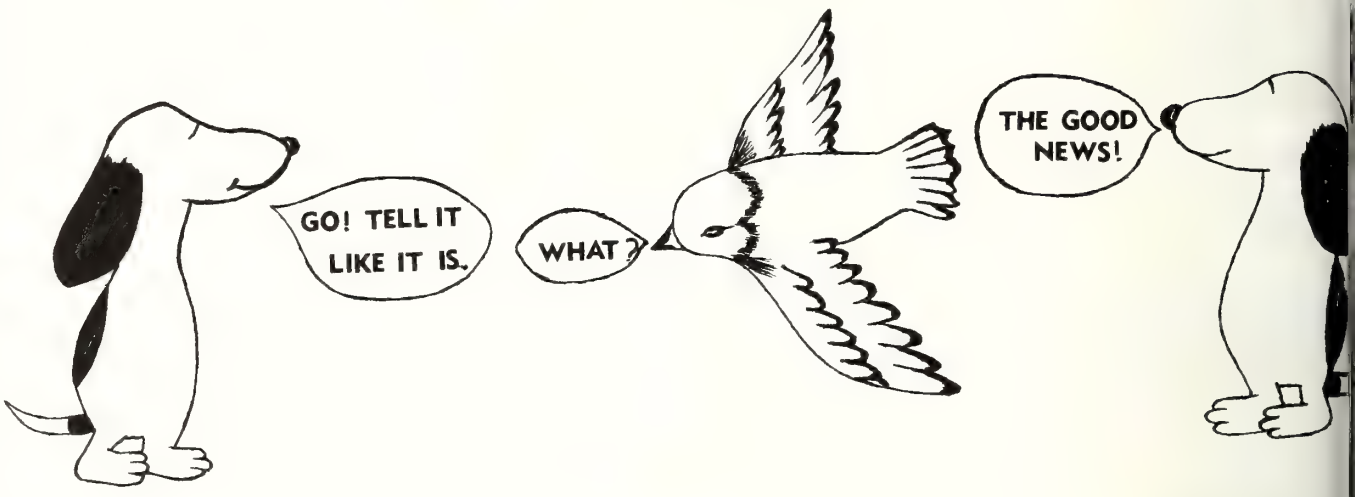

ECCLESIASTES 12:1, 14

BLESSINGS, JOY, AND LOVE

will be yours to receive and share at the **Free Will Baptist General Youth Conference, Monday, June 25,** beginning at **5 p.m.** with singing and testimonies from our FWB youth of the General Conference at the **Holly Springs FWB Church, Newport, North Carolina.**

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THIS IS STILL MY COUNTRY! IS IT YOURS TOO?

EDITORIAL...

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MY COUNTRY? REALLY? I'M NOT SURE!

In view of the recent Watergate hearings and the scandals these hearings are causing for some "high-up" governmental officials and the defamation of national honor in the eyes of our neighbor countries, the editor has been prompted upon request to reprint portions of an editorial he wrote which was published in the July 1, 1970, issue of the "Baptist." Observe first, if you will, the following:

Our country is not perfect by a long shot, and neither are its people. In fact, its people are what makes it so imperfect; and, many of us would contend that it is needless to point out such a fact, inasmuch as everybody knows it anyway. Still, we blind ourselves many times to known facts and block out, as it were, from our realization such knowledge that would discredit those in high authority, hoping upon hope that they **could** and **would** do no wrong. We are afraid of panic buttons. . . .

Politics, however, has, since its beginning, been reputed to be "dirty" even by those who are a part of the political system and hold important posts in it. Still, it perplexes us to consider the possibility that our government—or a certain facet of it—is corrupt, especially when for generations we have boasted of our democratic way of life—that ours is the best of governments. There may very well be reason now for pessimism in regard to the present crisis brought about by the Watergate affair; yet, in deference to our form of government, and until it is proven conclusively that ours is **not** the best, we cannot help but **still** be glad that this is our country, though we may not at this particular time be able to hold our heads quite so high.

Consider, please, the following thoughts lifted from the editorial mentioned earlier:

"This is my country. Though I do not always agree with her leaders and their policies, I still love her and am proud to be a part of her. Though I am shamed by some of her inward strifes and am not always in accord with her wars, I do not hesitate to claim her. Though I do not understand how God should have blessed her with such wealth and prosperity when her people have strayed so far from Him, I do not question it; and. . .

"Though it is difficult to view her magnitude, her strength, and her resources through objective eyes, I do not consider it impossible to look more closely at what I am because of her or what I could have become had it not been for her.

"Though I do not consider myself the most patriotic of patriots, I do not have to prompt my heart to beat faster when I hear 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' I do not have to be reminded to catch my breath when I glimpse 'Old Glory' floating in the breeze, nor do I have to be told to speak with pride when I recite the 'Pledge of Allegiance,' nor do I have to make an effort to lift my voice in exultant fashion when I sing 'America.' Why? because I am an American; and this is my country.

"This is my country—all of her: her lofty mountains and flat plains, her rain-soaked meadows and dry deserts, her roaring oceans and whispering streams, her trickling brooks and rushing rivers, her singing birds and crying babies, her happy smiles and broken hearts, her supporters and dissenters.

"Oh, now my soul is thrilled when I hear her speak of God; and how overwhelmed I am when she praises Him and rushes to His side for guidance and protection! This I love—more than the softness of her dew and the warmth of her sunshine, more than the green of her forests and the gold of her sunsets, more than the blue of her skies and the whiteness of her clouds—I cherish her thoughts of God. . . .

"Freedom from bondage and sin—where but in America could this happen and happen so wonderfully free of oppression? How glorious to sing sweet freedom's song; how uplifting to sing of Jesus and His love! How wonderful to live in America!

"And, this is my country. Is there any wonder that there are tears in my eyes?"

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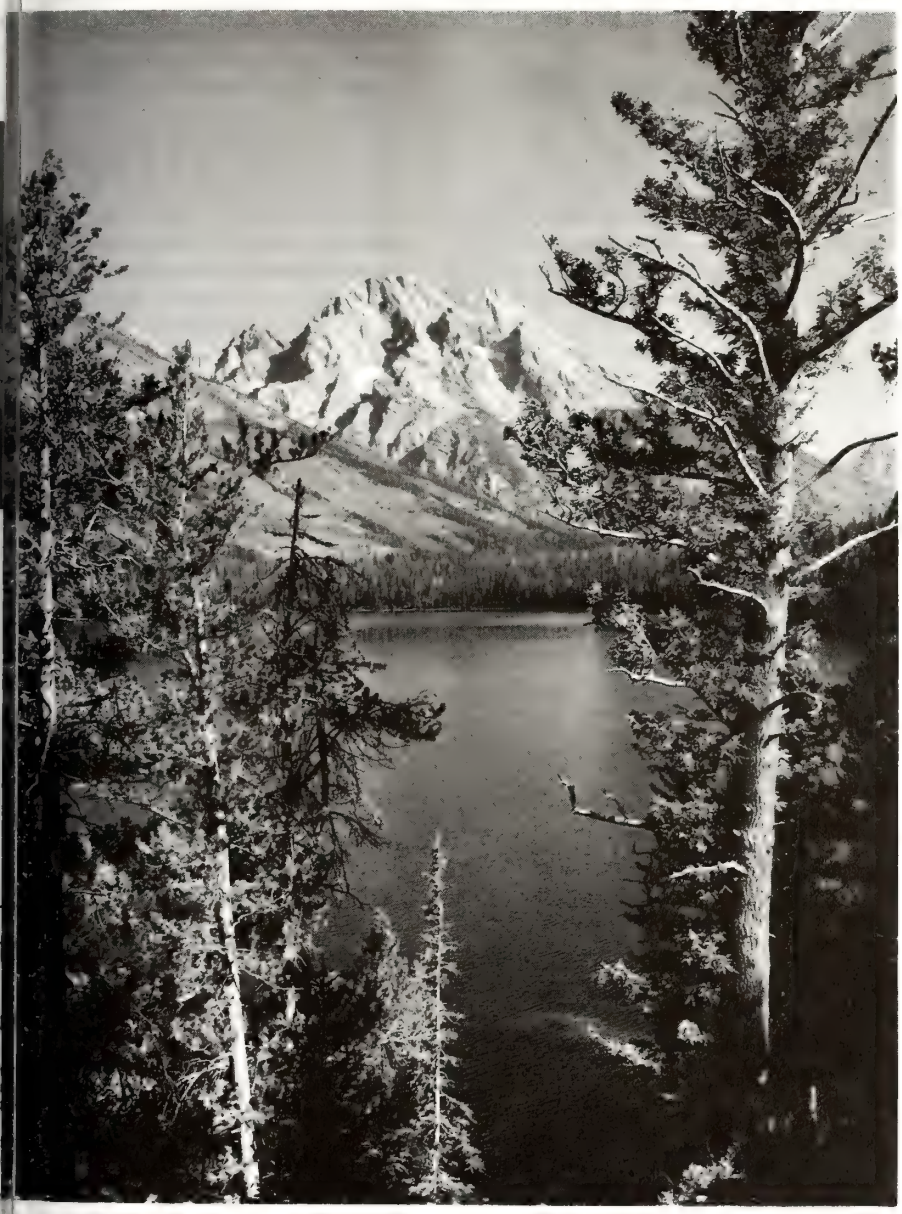

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evidence of God's law and His love might be found in an armchair visit to Switzerland?

R seven fast-moving, happy days rom June 2-8, I enjoyed the privi- of savoring the sights and sounds e little country that some have call- e "most civilized in the world." It ten singled out as **the** European try to visit—or, if such be your de- to adopt as home. Its spectacular ntainside views are marveled about the world over. But I found in my trip something more—over and above what I knew to expect. I found in Switzerland heartwarming evidence of the love of God manifested in the actions of the people with whom I came in contact. I found too the benefits that have accrued to a nation that for many years has practiced peace (a fundamental dictate of God). May I share with you some of the highlights of my short but delightful trip?

My first contact with a Swiss citizen was made as I boarded the bus that was to take a portion of our group from the airport in Geneva to our hotel in Montreaux. Being the first to board that particular bus, I took a seat just behind the smiling bus driver. To my question, "Do you speak English?" (which is universally understood), he responded with a broad grin, an emphatic shrug of the shoulders, and a vigorous shake of the head from side to side. His friendliness nevertheless communicated itself across the language barrier, and as the others boarded the bus, they were greeted one by one with the same cordiality he had shown me. Together all of us enjoyed music—the universal medium of communication—on the hour-long drive to our destination. The terrain **was** all that I had heard—in a word, fabulous. The world created by God, I reaffirmed, is truly magnificent.

The pleasant manner of the Swiss bus driver was echoed again and again as day followed day in my vacation. I saw besieged desk attendants in our hotels (who, thankfully, spoke English) handle question after question by impatient tourists with the same calm, efficient manner. I saw tour guides go beyond their required duty of pointing out the sights to display genuine concern that the visitors to their country would feel "at home" in unfamiliar territory. And I saw hotel maids and store clerks express by the unspoken word the fact that Americans are welcome in their country. French and German are principally spoken; I speak some Spanish and Italian, and consequently on one day enjoyed the experience of finding a common language with, first, the lady who straightened up my hotel room (who could speak Spanish), and second, with the lady who sold me a few gifts for my family (all the while speaking Italian). I found, however, that where words fail, gestures are always possible to make known appreciation and/or friendliness.

The honesty of the people is noteworthy. Time after time, a shop owner or cash register attendant would, by gesture, show that he wanted me to be aware that the money carefully counted out in my hand was the correct change. Recognizing a tourist's unfamiliarity with the currency, the Swiss want him to know that **they** are being honest. A tour guide expanded upon this idea as he expressed the belief that tourism will

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SUNDAY, JULY 8

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:14

ROLY-POLY PIGS BECOME LEAN PIGS

A farmer's herd of swine was often spoken of admiringly by neighboring farmers. They were sleek and roly-poly. In feeding his pigs, the farmer would go to the edge of the pasture, knock sharply with a stick on the trough which was filled with grain. All over the pasture, the pigs, hearing the farmer's knock, would lift their swinish snouts. Then they would run squalingly in the direction of the well-filled trough. All was well with the pigs until some woodpeckers began to make their homes in the dead trees scattered over the pasture. The pigs mistook the pecking on the dead trees for the farmer's knock on the trough. They ran from one dead tree to another. Rapidly, they became poor and scrawny.

How many of God's dear children, become spiritually lean-running hither, thither, and yon, "Carried about with every kind of doctrine," sampling this speaker and that one. Unanchored, and unsettled, they are never able to say, "My heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord!"—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are often misled by false doctrines. May we not be tossed to and fro, but keep our heart and mind fixed and anchored in God's love.

MONDAY, JULY 9

Scripture Reading—Habakkuk 2:15, 16

ON HIS FATHER'S GROUND

Colonel Fred N. Dow tells us the following story to illustrate how the son of a father devoted to a great principle is likely to follow in his father's steps. Colonel Dow once visited friends at Quebec, and, while seeing the sights of the city and its surroundings, he took a public carriage to visit the Falls of Montmorency. At a halfway house on the road the driver pulled up his horse and remarked, "The carriage always stops here." "For what purpose?" asked the Colonel. "For the passengers to treat," was the reply. "But none of us drink, and we don't intend to treat." The driver had dismounted, and was waiting by the roadside. Drawing himself up to his full height, he said impressively: "I have driven this carriage now for more than thirty years, and this happened but once before. Some time ago I had for a fare a crank from Portland, Maine, by the name of Neal Dow, who said he wouldn't pay for anybody else to drink." The son found himself occupying the same ground as that on which his father had stood.—*New Century Leader.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" is true in most incidents. May our training be such that we will be glad for our children to follow.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Scripture Reading—Luke 12:31-33

"SNEAKING INTO HEAVEN!"

I was once asked to visit an old Scotchman who was dying. He was anxious about his soul, for he was unprepared to meet God. After a few visits the truth dawned upon him, and through repentance and faith he experienced the joy of forgiveness, and the assurance of eternal life. Just before he died he said to me, with obvious regrets: "I feel such a *sneak* because I've served Satan all my life and only now at the *end* of my life have I yielded my heart to God." His conscience told him it was a mean, despicable way to serve his Master and Redeemer. It is a comforting thought that God is so ready to receive and pardon us, though we have spurned Him all our day. *Salvation is all of grace,* whether we are saved in youth or in old age.—Aruthu Hedley in *Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do not put off the accepting of God until the last moment; who knows, you might not be given that last moment. Then what will be your destiny?

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:34, 35

A GRAND BANK

"If I had my wish," said an old lady, "I'd like to establish a bank of a very special nature."

"What kind?" asked her companion.

"It would be a Bank of Kindness," was the reply.

"Bank of Kindness!"

"Yes, that's right, and whenever I heard of a lonely, depressed person I would write a check stating: Please Pay to Bearer one automobile ride or Please Give to Bearer one bouquet of her favorite flowers."

"That's a splendid idea, but couldn't we establish a service on that plan?" "How?"

"Well, even though we are no longer able to get around much we could make a list of all the people we know who need cheerful attention and we could telephone our active members to call on these people."

"Now that's really practical. Much better than my Bank of Kindness."

"We would be the Cheering House instead," chuckled the second old Lady.

"Kindness is the golden chain by society is bound together."—Goethe.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we always show the kindne others that we would like to be shou I'm afraid not. Remember, when we kind deed to others, we are also do unto Christ.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Scripture Reading—Acts 4:12

DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

At an international gathering of people in New York City, we are tc young American asked a cultured girl Burma what was the religious belief c majority of the Burmese. The woman informed him that it was Budd The American said quite casually, well, that doesn't matter; all religion the same anyway." The Burmese girl ing directly at the young man, said, "I had lived in my country you would no that! I have seen what centuries of s stition, fear, and indifference to social lems have done for my people. We the truth and uplift of Christianity. I became a Christian it cost me somet If your religion had cost you more, might be more aware of its superiority country needs Christ.—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What has your religion cost you? price did you have to pay? Had it co more we might appreciate it more!

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 27:1

THE FALSE GOSPEL OF DELAY

A minister of the gospel determine one occasion to preach on the text, "Nc the accepted time; behold, now is the of salvation" (see 2 Corinthians While in his study thinking, he fell a and dreamed that he was carried into and set down in the midst of a conclav lost spirits. They were assembled to vise means whereby they might get at souls of men. One rose and said, "I go to the earth and tell men that the is all fable, that it is not divinely appoi of God." No, that will not do. Anc said, "Let me go: I will tell men that t is not a God, not a Saviour, no heaven hell."

"No, that will not do; we cannot n men believe that." Suddenly one a and with a wise mien suggested, "N will journey to the world of men, and them that there is a God, that there Saviour, that there is a heaven—yes, ar hell, too; but I'll tell them there is HURRY; tomorrow will do." And sent him.—*Biblical Treasury.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The old adage, "Procrastination is thief of time," certainly applies here. have no promise of tomorrow, so do not off another day the acceptance of the L

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OOD'S CHAPEL AMED FOR ITS ST PASTOR

d's Chapel Free Will Baptist , located at the intersection of ys 97 and 581, near Spring Hope, ounty, North Carolina, was named first pastor, the Rev. Jessie Flood.

ng the summer of 1871, a group Will Baptists met with Mr. Flood a brush arbor which served as a g place for the entire summer. the winter months this stalwart an leader held the services in his and under a brush arbor at Dick- Mill in the Toisnot Swamp area.

889 this original group of dedicat- lievers worked together toward g a church. The land for the new g was donated by J. S. Bissette, ather of Eddie Bissette of the Chapel community. Soon the wooden church building was com- with all the labor being done by embers.

first deacon board consisted of J. ette, Jack Barnes, and John Baines, of the church. Some of the early s of the church were the Revs. Lan- B. T. Dixon, J. F. Parrish, and son.

original church building was used ously for about 60 years before modeling was done. In 1951 the alph Clegg was called as pastor e convinced the membership that urch was in need of repairs and eling. However, Mr. Clegg re- the church before the job was ted.

remodeling job called for a new auditorium. The old structure rned around and used for Sunday rooms. In 1953 the remodeling m was completed and a new pas- e Rev. Wesley Price, was called church.

Rev. Kenneth Carter became pas- 1954 and remained until 1956 the Rev. Willie Renfrow accepted storate. He served the church un- 60.

Rev. Charles Morgan, a member od's Chapel, became the pastor in He gave a great deal of time and to the work and improvement of me church. Although the members with the work, Mr. Morgan was sible for the electrical wiring, in- ion of bathrooms, and central g. Also during the twelve years organ served as pastor, the church installed new carpet, new church pews, storm doors and windows, central heat and air-conditioning, and purchased a new piano.

Mrs. Bert Brantley served the church for many years as secretary and treasurer. Also Mrs. Beatrice Bissette held the position for nearly twenty years. The present secretary and treasurer is Mrs. Kaye Joyner.

The church's present deacon board is composed of Curtis Murray, Oscar Baines, Elijah Bissette, Jan Mitchell, and J. D. Bissette.

Eddie Bissette served the church as clerk for many years. The present clerk is Elijah Bissette.

The Rev. R. P. Harris of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is the present pastor. The church's newest addition is a lovely mural on the wall behind the pulpit. This was recently added by the woman's auxiliary of the church.

This 102-year-old church has continued to grow steadily throughout the years under the leadership of a long list of dedicated preachers.

WHOSE BIRTHDAY?

It was a hot day in July, and the heat was coming in waves through the kitchen screen. Mom tried to hold her hand steady as she decorated a big, white angel food cake.

"It's not my birthday," said Elaine, edging closer to stick a finger into the icing.

"Is it my **birf**day?" said Todd hopefully.

"No," Mom said smiling. "And it is not my birthday or Daddy's birthday. I wonder whose birthday it is."

The children fidgeted with curiosity until Mom used the cake decorator to form a big, red **U**, then a blue **S**, and then an **A**.

"USA?" said Elaine, puzzled. "You mean it's our country's birthday?"

"Happy **birf**day, country," offered Todd.

"Do you remember what the Fourth of July means?" Mom asked. "Our country was born July 4, 1776, and it is still free. We should never forget to celebrate **that!"**

America is still free and is still a wonderful country! Although our country is not perfect, there is none better in the world. There are many ways to remind your children of this. They will hear from so many other sources all the things that are wrong. In fact, there are "hate America" books, movies, and TV programs right now. Oh, they may not say to hate America directly, but they will point out that what was done in the past by patriots was wrong.

Some schools have thrown out the patriotic songs. Some towns let July 4 slip by without any notice. But nearly every town or city has a place of historic interest, even though it be only a simple monument with an inscription, by the side of the road. How often have you passed a historic marker without stopping to read it? This Independence Day take your children to at least one historic place. It may be an old church, a museum containing examples of American or ethnic history, or an old cemetery.

Jesus loved His country and wept over it. He loved His countrymen with a special love. Each Christian should do the same and should remember that as a believer he is the salt and light that can help keep his country from being wholly bad.

"Even a child is known by his doings, . . ." (Proverbs 20:11). Teach your children that everyone has influence. Someone once said, "One person can change the course of an empire." America was once a handful of Christians all alone in a strange land full of enemies. Don't let your children forget that!

Don't let them forget that our forefathers fled a Christian nation but that its Christianity had gone rigid and legalistic. The nation they fled had head knowledge but lacked love.

And don't let your children forget that America has a birthday on July 4!

—Lois Hoadley Dick.

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Spiritual Ecology

We hear so much today about ecology, which was until a few years ago unheard of by most lay people. Ecology is a study of the relation between animals, plants, people, and their environment. Most Christians practice spiritual ecology. We live as though we are afraid too many people will come to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and there will not be sufficient blessings to go around. But, thank God, there is no limit to His blessings. The more we use, the more the supply in His storehouse is multiplied.—Nancy Matthews.

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An open and honest approach to friendship is the only reasonable attitude to assume. How else are we ever to get along with one another?

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

St. Mary's Grove Honors Graduating Seniors

St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, honored its high school seniors Sunday, May 27, during the morning worship service. Each senior was recognized and presented a Bible by the church. The pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, in his morning message, challenged the seniors to put Christ first in their lives while they are still young.

The graduates were as follows: Danny Coats, Robbie Cobb, Donald Byrd, Jeffery Byrd, Ricky Norris, and David Parrish.

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"School's Out" Party For AFC Boys and Girls

Saturday, June 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., the AFC boys and girls of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, were entertained with a "school's out" party given by Mrs. Neta Lee Byrd. The group enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, along with potato chips, cookies, and lemonade. Following the refreshments, the boys and girls played a game of baseball. There were 22 present.

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Young Adult Class Holds Annual "Pig Pickin'"

The Young Adult Sunday School Class of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, held its annual "Pig Pickin'" in the activity building of the church Saturday, June 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. Wade Higgins, one of the class members, donated the pig for the feast. During the occasion a farewell gift was presented to Mr. John Floyd, the class teacher, who will be leaving to accept the position of principal of the Saratoga High School next year.

Along with the barbecue, potato salad, coleslaw, cake, and iced tea were served. Approximately 50 persons were present.

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Calvary Church Reports Successful Bible School

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, held a most successful vacation Bible school the week of June 11-15 with an average attendance for the week of 138. Serving as director of the school was Mrs. Hildred Barnes, assisted by Mrs. Barbara Pittman. Music directors for the week were Mrs. Dorothy Pittman and Mrs. Patsy High.

The following served as teachers for the week: Nursery—Miss Janet Stone, Mrs. Janice Brock, and Mrs. Shirley Britt; Beginners—Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mrs. June Godwin, Mrs. Marie Lucas, and Mrs. Portia Hardison; Primary No. I—Miss Hilda Watson and Miss Judy Jones; Primary No. II—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Turley and Miss Linda Watson; Juniors—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pittman; Seniors—Mrs. Jane Rountree, Mrs. Larry Pittman, and Mr. Dewey Allen; Adults—the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of the church. Serving on the refreshment committee were Mr. Dan Godwin, Mr. John Day, Mrs. Audrey Day, Miss Margaret Walston, Mrs. Inez Stone, and Mrs. Ruth Morgan.

The offering received during the week was applied to the church property debt. Commencement exercises were held Sunday evening, June 17.

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Calvary Adult SS Classes Visits Children's Home

The combined Adult Sunday School Classes of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, treated the children and adults of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, with a weiner roast on Saturday, June 2. The occasion w celebrate the end of another school Approximately 35 people from the vary church went along. Just b eating, everyone joined together in ing a game of softball. The occasio most rewarding for all at the Hom those from Calvary church.

The Children's Home requests other churches participate in this of event and to always remember in prayer.

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Old-Fashioned Service Held At Wilmington Church

On Sunday night, June 3, an old ioned service was held at the First nal Free Will Baptist Church, Wil ton, North Carolina, to commemorat forefathers of the church. Most one dressed in honor of the occasion instead of using the electric lights, sene lamps were used in order to Old-time singing and preaching wer highlights of the service, along wit eral short talks by some of the saints of God who told just how it was back in those days. Many of remembered walking with their pa at least five miles to church. Th course, made all the younger p realize that they, with all the m conveniences they have, just cannot an acceptable excuse for not atte church. It certainly behooves all tians to stop looking for such excu

During the service, the pastor, Rev. W. L. Bronson, delivered a filled sermon entitled, "I Want to Heaven." After the service refreshm were enjoyed by everyone along some more wonderful fellowshi Christ.

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Mt. Zion, Cash Corner, Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Mount Zion Original Free Will tist Church, Cash Corner, Pamlico Co North Carolina, announces revival vices for the week of July 9-14. vices will begin each evening at o'clock with the Rev. C. H. Overm Ayden, North Carolina, as the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Edwards, will be assisting in the ser The public is extended a very cordi vitation to attend these services a much in prayer for their success.

On Sunday, July 15, the Mount church will observe its annual hom ing. Everyone is also invited to a and enjoy a service of worship an lowship together.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

GRUBBS FAMILY ATTEND MOUNT OLIVE

The Herman Grubbs family pictured from left to right (first row): Herman and Lillian; (second row) Adrian (minister at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Sims), Sandy (senior at Princeton High School), Muriel (a nursing major at Atlantic Christian College), Darrell (math teacher and assistant coach at James Kenan High School in Duplin County); (back row) Paul (a senior at Princeton High School), Frank (a ministerial student at Mount Olive College), Harry (minister at Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson), and Leon (minister at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County).

Fifteen years ago, a postman in Perry, Florida, heard about a college in North Carolina and decided to move his entire family here so that they could go to school.

Since then, both Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs have attended Mount Olive College, five children have graduated, one is presently enrolled, one has been accepted for entrance in the fall, and the last of the eight children has plans to attend.

That is an amazing record for any family or any college.

Herman Grubbs, his wife, and their eight children were born and raised in Florida and did not have thoughts of coming until they met Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, at a convention in Miami.

"We asked him a lot of questions about Mount Olive," Mr. Grubbs said in a recent interview, "and I was impressed with what he told me.

"We wrote to Dr. Raper and asked him to make some contacts for us in the event that a move would be feasible. In February, 1959, he found a postman in Goldsboro (15 miles from Mount Olive) who was willing to exchange postal routes," Grubbs said.

"So in August of that year we came up here for the expressed purpose of attending Mount Olive College," he declared.

Grubbs added that the decision to leave Florida was not an easy one "but we wanted to do what was best for the children," he said.

"A lot of our Free Will Baptist young people were being lost to other denominations, and we were afraid this might happen to our children too. We felt the need to have an education and do something about this.

"We loaded all our possessions in a couple of pickup trucks, rented vans, and headed north with our children.

"Mr. M. L. Johnson, the college business manager at that time, helped us find a house and we moved in." A local newspaper article at that time quoted Mr. Grubbs as saying, "When we arrived on Saturday, two men I'd never seen before came up and helped us unload. I don't remember their names. They just said that they were neighbors.

"We lived in Mount Olive," Grubbs continued, "until a church without a pastor asked us to move there and take over the pastorate. That was Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County. We went from there to Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, and then it was Northeast Free Will Baptist Church in Mount Olive. I then organized a mission church in Kinston which is now Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church."

Grubbs retired from the Goldsboro Post Office on December 31, 1972, in order to give full-time service to the church and fishing. In June he will move to Plymouth to assume the pastorate of the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

"Our main purpose in coming to Mount Olive was to give our children a chance for a good education," Grubbs continued.

"Things are far better than we ever dreamed they could be. We had no idea that our children would feel the call to the ministry as Adrian, Harry, Leon, Frank, and Paul have. We just wanted them to have a good Christian education.

"They have accomplished more than we ever expected.

"In the beginning, we were a little disappointed with Mount Olive College because we expected more emphasis on Bible and religion than there was then. I guess we really expected a Bible college.

"But since the fall of 1971, we have been completely satisfied with the spiritual atmosphere at Mount Olive. The college experienced a spiritual revival during this time and the Free Will Baptist church was very much aware of this and quite pleased.

"I feel that Frank Harrison, college chaplain, had a great deal to do with this," Grubbs said. "Mount Olive College has everything a college could offer and, with the addition of this spiritual revitalization, it took on a new life and zest.

"When a person leaves Mount Olive College he has a **good** two-year college

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

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SAM WEEKS, SUPERINTENDENT

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of May, 1973. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for May, 1973, compared with May, 1972.

Religious Contributions Received	1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Albemarle Conference	$ 905.59	$ 655.11	$ 250.48
Blue Ridge Association	18.00		18.00
Cape Fear Conference	1,904.35	4,388.76	(2,484.41)
Central Conference	5,577.47	4,983.73	593.74
Eastern Conference	4,441.72	5,127.83	(686.11)
Pee Dee Association	156.70	133.65	23.05
Piedmont Conference	275.00	498.40	(223.40)
Rockfish Conference		88.50	(88.50)
Toe River Association		36.00	(36.00)
Western Conference	3,655.44	5,212.27	(1,556.83)
Other States	43.30	132.09	(88.79)
Statewide Bodies	175.93		175.93
Other Religious (Living Waters)	40.00		40.00
Total Religious	$17,193.50	$21,256.34	$(4,062.84)
Parents and Relatives	$ 1,411.60	$ 829.20	$ 582.40
Friends and Others	384.00	830.00	(446.00)
Refunds	594.75		594.75
Farm Income	1,114.55	705.48	409.07
Canteen Sales	256.42	64.90	191.52
McLeod Farm Rent	200.00		200.00
Miscellaneous	5,078.45	911.74	4,166.71
Total Other Contributions	$ 9,039.77	$ 3,341.32	$ 5,698.45
Total for Month	$26,233.27	$24,597.66	$ 1,635.61
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$25,775.33	$25,149.99	$ 595.34
McLawhorn Education Fund	200.00		200.00
McLeod Education Fund	200.00		200.00
Jesse Woodard Education Fund	10.00	5.00	5.00
Van Savings Account		65.00	(65.00)
Freezer Account	47.94		47.94

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING

Albemarle Conference

Free Union	$ 75.24
Hickory Chapel	100.00
Malachi's Chapel	70.00
Mt. Tabor	110.00
Mt. Zion	31.66
Albemarle Auxiliary Convention	208.67
Shiloh	152.83
Sound Side	95.09
Union Chapel	62.10

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill	$ 18.00

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel	$156.60
Eastwood	10.00
Faith	400.00
Goldsboro	295.00
Lee's Chapel	550.00
Auxiliary Convention	55.75
Oak Grove	125.00
Palmer Memorial	20.00
Pleasant Grove	20.00
Riverside	102.00
Shady Grove	40.00
Smithfield	10.00
Smyrna	
Saint Mary's Grove	
Wooten's Chapel	

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$
Ayden	
Bethany	
Black Jack	
Community	
Daniel's Chapel	
Dawson's Grove	
Dilda's Grove	
Edgewood	
Elm Grove	
Faith	
Free Union	
Friendship	
Greenville	
Grimsley	
Gum Swamp	
Harrell's Chapel	
Hickory Grove	
Howell Swamp	
Hugo	
Hull Road	
King's Cross Roads	
LaGrange	
Little Creek	
Marlboro	
Second Union	
Auxiliary Convention	
Fourth Union	
Ormondsville	
Otter's Creek	
Owen's Chapel	
Peace	
Piney Grove (Pitt)	
Pleasant Hill	
Reedy Branch	
Roanoke Rapids	
Rocky Mount	
Rose Hill	
Saratoga	1
Spring Branch	
Sweet Gum Grove	
Tarboro	1
Winterville	2

Eastern Conference

Bethlehem	$2
Bethel	1
Beulaville	
Core Creek	
Core Point	
Crab Point	
Davis	
Deep Run	
Dublin Grove	
Ephesus	
Faith	
Friendship	
Gethsemane	1
Gray Branch	1
Holly Springs	9

niper Chapel	182.55
nston	25.00
nier's Chapel	57.89
ng Ridge	10.00
acedonia	100.00
oseley's Creek	108.05
t. Zion (Pamlico)	89.48
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fth Union Sunday School Convention	40.00
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w Haven	40.22
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k Grove	111.74
lgrim's Rest	25.00
ney Grove	50.07
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oty Branch	100.00
ssell's Creek	50.00
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nith's New Home	1.50
nyrna	50.00
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arden's Grove	138.27
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haley's Chapel	65.00
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herson	$ 40.00
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st Rockingham	$100.00
ghland Pines	25.00
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rnes Hill	$145.00
anch Chapel	160.19
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vood Lane	38.75
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endship	5.75
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tle Rock	470.18
cro	15.00
cond Union	100.46
xiliary Convention	42.00
st Union	44.63
st Union Sunday School Convention	25.00
Marsh Swamp	33.00
Milbournie	65.50
Mt. Zion (Nash)	20.00
New Sandy Hill	50.00
People's Chapel	110.00
Piney Grove	207.29
Pine Level	5.75
Pleasant Grove	190.26
Pleasant Plain	50.00
Pleasant Hill	20.00
Rains Cross Road	314.00
Rock Springs	77.23
Rosebud	5.00
Sherron Acres	125.00
Spring Hill	150.00
Stancil's Chapel	308.36
Stoney Creek	60.75
Stony Hill	45.00
St. Mary's	76.50
Union Chapel	65.00
Union Grove	124.00
Watson's Grove	27.18
Wilson	274.00
Other Religious	
Living Waters	$ 40.00
Other States	
Laurel City, W. Va.	$ 43.30
Statewide Bodies	
Auxiliary Convention	$105.79
Founders' Day Loose Offering	70.14

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for the donation from your bake sale. The auxiliary from the Eastwood church held a bake sale recently which was a wonderful success. The profits from the sale totaled $112.80 and was given to Cragmont Assembly. This means that the Eastwood Woman's Auxiliary will be on the "Honor Roll" of Cragmont which will be posted when the kitchen-dining hall unit is debt free. We appreciate the interest and fine support of the Eastwood church.

Our thanks also go to the Cora Mitchell Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, for the donation of $60 for the purchase of a 55-cup electric percolator for the new kitchen-dining hall unit at the assembly. This donation also places this Sunday school class on the Cragmont Honor Roll.

Thank you, the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, for the donation of your Sunday school offering each second Sunday of each month. The Rev. A. B. Chandler is pastor of the church; and his wife, Mrs. Chandler, is a member of the Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly.

There are many ways in which you can give; these are just three ways that various groups have used. If you use an unusual or novel idea in raising money for Cragmont, please let us hear from you. Also if the method you used was not unusual or novel, but proved successful, please share your success with us!

Cragmont Board of Directors,
De Wayne Eakes,
Promotional Secretary

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Remember in your school days when having a "best friend" was so important? Have we outgrown that need—or is it slumbering somewhere, waiting to be rewakened?

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Notice, FWB Ministers!

The Superannuation Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists is in the process of enrolling all Free Will Baptist ministers' widows in the "Ministers' Widows' Fund." To participate in this each minister should send $10, along with his wife's full name and address, to the Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, as soon as possible.

Remember fellow minister, it could be your wife who would need this money next.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds
Director-Treasurer

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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education. If he majors in religion at Mount Olive I think he has the equivalent of a three- year education at some other college," Mr. Grubbs stated.

"One of the best things that has happened to Mount Olive College is the new ministerial training program in which students participate in a supervised work experience under a minister's guidance in his church. It is going to make a difference! It benefits the church as well as the students. I fully believe in it," Grubbs said.

"It (moving from Florida in order to attend Mount Olive College) was a difficult decision and it was definitely a turning point in our lives. No other decision has been as far-reaching as this one.

"We are happy to have had this opportunity," Mr. Grubbs added.

Mount Olive College is a two-year, liberal arts college sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. Through the accelerated degree program, individualized instruction, nonfailing grading system, and continuous enrollment, Mount Olive is recognized as practicing some of the most innovative educational concepts in America. A complete system of financial aid insures that no qualified student has ever been denied admission to the college for financial reasons.

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OUR LIBERTY BELL

The Liberty Bell, whose ringing first announced to the waiting people of the United States the Declaration of Independence, on July 4, 1776, was brought from England in 1752, and hung in the old State House, Philadelphia. One of its many uses was to act as a fire alarm for the city. It soon cracked, however, and in April, 1753, was melted and recast by American workmen. Its tone was not correct, so in June of the same year it was recast again. This time the words, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof" were inscribed upon its crown. These words were taken from Leviticus 25:10. After that, the bell was used by the city of Philadelphia until July 8, 1835, when it cracked while being tolled at the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

Of course, all you boys and girls of America know the story of how and why it was rung on July 4, 1776!—Adapted.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Barrow's column is a continuation he last issue of *The Free Will Baptist.*

stion: Please give the main Scrip- setting forth the second coming of

wer (cont.): The Scofield Bible give quite a choice selection of and longer passages of Scripture quite well summarize the first and d comings of Christ. The following art of these taken from Page 1148 original Scofield notes:

e two Advents—Summary: (1) The estament foreview of the coming sh is in two aspects—that of rejec- nd suffering (as, e.g. in Isaiah 53), at of earthly glory and power (as, h Isaiah 11; Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel Often these two aspects blend in ssage (e.g. Psalm 2). The prophets elves were perplexed by this seem- ntradiction (1 Peter 1:10, 11). It olved by partial fulfilment. In due he Messiah, born of a virgin ac- g to Isaiah, appeared among men egan His ministry by announcing edicted kingdom as 'at hand' (Mat- 4:17, note). The rejection of King ingdom followed. (2) Thereupon jected King announced His ap- ing crucifixion, resurrection, de- e, and return (Matthew 12:38-40; , 21, 27; Luke 12:35-46; 17:20-36; 34; 19:12-27; Matthew 24; 25). uttered predictions concerning the of events between His departure turn (Matthew 3:1-50; 16:18; 24: (4) This promised return of Christ es a prominent theme in the Acts, s, and Revelation.

ken together, the New Testament gs concerning the return of Jesus may be summarized as follows: t return is an event, not a process, personal and corporeal (Matthew 24:30; 25:31; Mark 14:62; Luke John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Philippians 21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17). (2) ming has a threefold relation: to urch, to Israel, to the nations.

"(a) To the church the descent of the Lord into the air to raise the sleeping and change the living saints is set forth as a constant expectation and hope (Matthew 24:36, 44, 48-51; 25:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:14-17; 1 Timothy 6:14; Titus 2:3; Revelation 22:20).

"(b) To Israel, the return of the Lord is predicted to accomplish the yet unfulfilled prophecies of her national regathering, conversion, and establishment in peace and power under the Davidic Covenant (Acts 15:14-17 with Zechariah 14: 1-9). See 'Kingdom (Old Testament),' 2 Samuel 7:8-17; Zechariah 13:8, note; Luke 1:31-33; 1 Corinthians 15:24, note.

"(c) To the Gentile nations the return of Christ is predicted to bring the destruction of the present political world-system (Daniel 2:34, 35; Revelation 19: 11, note); the judgment of Matthew 25: 31-46, followed by world-wide Gentile conversion and participation in the blessings of the kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:10; 60:3; Zechariah 8:3, 20, 23; 14:16-21)."

Then there is a slightly different arrangement of some of the passages of Scripture to be found on Pages 309, 310 in **1000 Difficult Questions Answered** by George H. Handison:

"That Christ is to come a second time was foretold by the prophets and by Christ himself, as well as by the apostles and the angels (Daniel 7:13; Matthew 25:31; Acts 3:20; Acts 1:10, 11). It is called, among others, 'time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,' 'of restitution of all things,' and 'glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour' (Titus 2:13; Acts 3:19, 21). The time thereof is unknown, but the signs which are to precede it are fully set out (Matthew 24:36). In his second coming Christ shall appear in the clouds, in his own glory, and that of the Father. He shall come suddenly, unexpectedly, with a shout and voice of the Archangel, with power and great glory and accompanied by angels and his saints (Matthew 24:30; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25:31; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Mark 13:36). At his coming the heavens and earth shall be dissolved and those who sleep shall rise, they who have died in Christ shall rise first, while the saints alive at the time shall be caught up to meet him (2 Peter 3:10, 12; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). The purposes of the second coming are to complete the salvation of saints, to be glorified in them, be admired by them that believe, judge the earth and reign over it after bringing to light the hidden things of darkness (Hebrews 9:28; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Psalm 50:3, 4; Revelation 20:11-13). The saints being assured of this second coming, love it, look for, await, haste unto, and pray for it. They shall therefore be preserved unto it, shall be blameless at it, shall be like him, shall not only see him but shall reign with him (Job 19:25; 2 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 2 Peter 3:12; Matthew 24:24; Matthew 24: 42, 44; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2; Colossians 2:4; Daniel 7:27). The wicked who scoff at it and presume upon its delay shall be surprised by this second coming and shall be punished while the man of sin is to be destroyed (2 Peter 3:3, 4; Matthew 24:48; Matthew 24:37-39; 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9)."

There are to be had, with a little effort, such books as "Jesus Is Coming" by W. E. Blackstone. Years ago Moody Press distributed it. I suppose some one like "Blessing," Grand Rapids, Michigan, would be more likely to have it since they have handled some used books through the years. H. A. Ironside and Clarence Larkins both have books on Daniel and on Revelation. I think these to be among the best on the second coming of Christ and the related events.

Let us all remember that so far as we the born-again believers, members of the true church, are concerned that since Jesus has not come to the air and changed and caught up those of us that are here, raised the dead saints and raptured them with us as of now, He has posted us as His witnesses to live in expectancy, looking for the blessed event to come at any split second of time. He himself said and meant it: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:27, 44). Compare with some

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STORIES

for our youth

A GOOD CITIZEN

Florence Ekstrand

"MOTHER," wailed Jill, scrambling up from her closet floor, "you didn't clean my white shoes! I can't wear them like this!"

"Why don't you clean your own shoes?" asked five-year-old Susan, who was struggling to put a dress on a doll.

"Nobody asked you," snapped Jill. "And why don't you stop dressing that silly doll and get dressed yourself? We'll be late for the parade. I just know we will."

Jill picked up her shoes and marched to the kitchen. She shivered a little, thinking how perfectly awful it would be if she of all people were late for the parade.

And nobody in this family would care one bit, she stormed to herself. Nobody seemed to care that she had been picked, of all the young people in the children's choir, to present the Bible to the new library. Nobody seemed to remember that she was going to have to make a speech in front of all those people.

"Nobody ever polishes my shoes," she grumbled, scowling at four-year-old Robbie who was eating cornflakes at the kitchen table.

Mother was shaping biscuits and lining them up in pans. "You know where we keep the polish," she said cheerfully. "Your dress is all ironed and hanging in your closet. Make Robbie a piece of toast, will you please?"

"How come he gets breakfast before all the rest of us?"

"Because he was here on time. With all the relatives coming for a picnic dinner after the parade and dedication, I'm trying to get several things out of the way, and breakfast is one of them."

Jill polished her white shoes in silence. The polish dripped on the floor, and she gave it a swish making a white smudge.

Dad came in through the front door. "Just take a look at the flag I just hung. Doesn't it look great blowing in the breeze?"

"It's so pretty," echoed Susan, who had finally dressed her doll but was still in pajamas herself.

"Jill, find a cereal bowl for Susan, will you?" asked Mother.

"She knows where they are." Jill picked up her shoes and started to her room.

"Know what the flag made me think of just now?" asked Dad. "I thought of KP duty in the army. I used to peel potatoes and think how much I hated it, and then I'd look up and see that flag flying in the breeze. It's still a good reminder that things have to be done, disagreeable or not, Jill."

Once in her room, Jill stood staring out at the flag Dad had set in its standard.

Oh, I hate being cross with everyone like this! she thought. I don't mean to be, and I know God doesn't like me to be, but I just feel as if nobody cares.

Today's parade was going to end at the shining new library, and the library would be dedicated. When the children's choir from Jill's church was picked to sing at the dedication, Jill had almost burst with pride. Then the choir decided to give a Bible to the library, and they had voted and picked Jill to give a little speech presenting it. In front of the whole town!

Somehow the whole family was ready on time. Susan managed to get dressed. Mother gave a last peek at the big ham in the oven. Only Robbie was grumb He wanted to stay in the wading po the back yard.

"He's not very patriotic," lau Mother.

"What's pa-trotic?" Robbie wante know.

"Ask Jill," said Dad. "She's speechmaker today."

"Patriotic," Jill said to Robbie, is—uh—"

How did you explain a word like to a four-year-old?

It's putting up a flag? No, that w it. It's marching in a parade? No at all. It's loving your country? but what did that mean, really?

"It's being a better citizen," she at last.

"What's a cit-zun?"

"Well, being a better person. L Like—" Jill groped for words. Her grew red. For she was thinking.

It's like polishing your own shoe stead of expecting other people t things for you. It's making toast your little brother and taking dov cereal bowl for your sister and c things because they have to be done not because you like doing them.

And being cheerful about it.

She looked at her parents, but were busy getting everyone in the No one was saying a word, just sm a little. Jill smiled, too. It was g to have parents who could forgive too.

They were—she felt the pride swe inside her—good citizens.—My Plea

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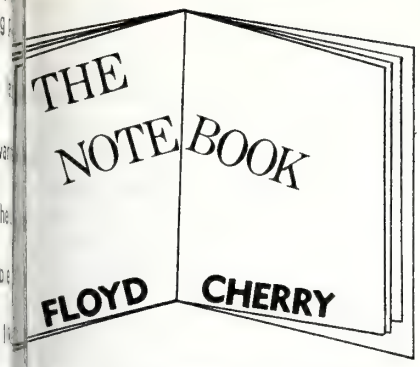
SIMPLICITY

There is beauty in simplicity—a si a single wild flower, a bluebird. B anything simple? At a distance a si flower looks like simplicity personi But at a closer look you find the cor cated chemical process by which the is derived, planted, and developed a plant by the rain, the sunshine, other elements necessary for the fl to be born.

God, in his infinite wisdom, thr the processes of nature, takes care of complicated details, leaving us as hu beings free to enjoy the beautiful result. Instead of worrying about complicated details of our everyday li if we'd turn them over to Jesus, not would we be free to enjoy the simpli of a sunshiny day, a sudden sho health; but the details would run n smoothly, too.—Nancy Matthews.



k Mabley suggested in "How the l States Appears in a One-World" that if, by some magic, we could ate the world's population of three into one community of 1,000 peo- ere would be only 60 Americans; her 940 people would be non- cans. That group of 60 Americans receive half of the income of the town, with the other 940 citizens g up the other half. About 330 be Christians, fewer than 100 be Protestants, and some 230 be Roman Catholics. At least 80 be practicing Communists, and thers would be under Communist ation. White people would total 03.

whole idea of Mr. Mabley's article mpress us with our responsibility ericans. To show how God has d us in an unusual way, he gives more startling information about ne-World Town." The 60 Ameri- vould have 15 times more posses- han all others in the community; e Americans would produce only cent of the total food supply and percent above the maximum food ments. The Americans would en- disproportionate share of elec- coal, fuel, and steel. The lowest group among the 60 Americans be much better off than the aver- come group for all of the other ople.

of the most startling facts reveal- Mabley's article is this: Half of the would have never heard of Jesus -what He taught, who He was, e did. On the other hand, more alf would be hearing today about Lenin, and Stalin.

the facts revealed in this article some sober thinking with them. ill cause you to be more grateful ake you to realize your responsi- s Americans, and even more as n Americans.

OBITUARY

Bland Noble, age 55, of the Cabin community near Beulaville, North Carolina, son of Hugh Noble and the late Lola Whaley Noble, died April 2, 1973, after several months of declining health. Others who survived besides his father include his wife, Eunice Mae Thomas Noble; one son, Timothy, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Travis Williams; and one grandson of the home community; two sisters, Mrs. Iris Smith of Deep Run and Mrs. Agnes Smith of Comfort; three brothers, Leslie and Ernest L. Noble of Deep Run and Loyd Noble of Pink Hill.

His funeral was conducted at Community Funeral Home in Beulaville by the Rev. Luther Swinson, a former pastor of the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Jimmy Webster. Burial was in the J. B. Thomas Cemetery near the home.

Bland had his first serious illness about two years ago and was confined to the hospital for some time. During this time he made his decision for Christ. After recovering sufficiently to return home, Mr. Swinson, who had visited him so faithfully and witnessed to him, had the privilege of receiving him into the membership of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church and baptizing him.

He never fully recovered from his first illness, but was able to be in worship services and to visit friends occasionally.

The change in his life after conversion bears witness as to what God can do for a person who commits his life to Him.

We can rejoice with the family in the hope they have of meeting their loved one again where there will be no more parting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora M. Miller

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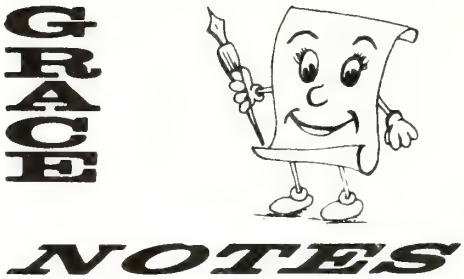

By Nina Grace Register

As the tourist bus was passing through a glade of beautiful eucalyptus trees in Hawaii, the driver asked his passengers to sing "America the Beautiful."

"Never have I been so thrilled," one of them later told a friend. "Never have I realized so much how God has blessed our nation as when we raised our voices to praise Him in that beautiful place."

Most of us relate readily to Katherine Lee Bates' inspirational poem, written in 1893, after a day at Pike's Peak. It was long regarded favorably as first choice for our national anthem because of its dignity, its artistic perfection, and its spirit of intense patriotism.

If we've never seen "purple mountain majesties," we have seen "amber waves of grain." We can visualize stern, impassioned pilgrims whose feet made a thoroughfare in the wilderness for religious freedom. She has captured the heroes' dream of America as they wanted it to be and gave their lives hoping it would become. And as we sing it we also pray that God will shed His grace on America, mend her flaws, and make her one great brotherhood from coast to coast.

Sometimes we forget our heritage—we forget that we're a nation "under God." Perhaps we need to find a lovely place of our own—a grove of pine trees, a hillside, or a flower garden—and sing "America the Beautiful." While we're singing, we can look beyond the creation to the Creator. As we thrill to God's presence and beauty, we must thank Him for our inheritance, our freedom, and our land of opportunity.

It seems that God has transferred His promise from the Israelites to us: "You belong exclusively to the Lord your God, and he has chosen you to be his own possession, more so than any other nation on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 14:2, The Living Bible).

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When was the last time you complimented your wife—and she truly knew that you meant it?

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 15

A Christian View of Sex

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5: 27, 28; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

I. INTRODUCTION

A lesson on this subject could not have been written twenty-five years ago with the frankness and forthrightness the writer intends to use. If any should object to the use of the subject of sex in a Sunday school lesson, he should be reminded that we still have about one out of every three marriages in America ending in the divorce courts.

Of course every divorce is not granted because of the ignorance of sex, but reliable statistics from court files bear out the fact that sexual ignorance is one of the major causes of divorces. Too many young people are brought up with the taboos of sex education, both in the home and the school. Sex education can and should be taught with the proper discretion and under the proper circumstances and environment.

This lesson is not intended to be a course in sex education, but rather a look at what the Bible has to say about it. The Bible teaches much more about the sexual relationship than most of us realize. If we follow its teachings, we will learn the difference between love and lust, and sex and lust. Parents who know what the Bible teaches can and should give those instructions to their children before they learn something else in an alley or a college bull session.

It is only fitting that such a lesson begin where the Bible begins on the subject: the seventh commandment. This is the first statement of the Lord, in these words, in the Bible on the matter of sex. If God had not intended for us to study it, He surely would never have made it a part of the Ten Commandments.—**The Bible Student (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We know that God forgives immorality, but have you ever known a minister to yield to the flesh and become guilty of immorality who amounted to anything after that?

B. It seems that every one of the Ten Commandments are important for some particular reason. This one is important because it puts a fence around the home, and the home is the oldest and most important of our institutions.

C. Jesus did not destroy this seventh commandment, but added to it the concept of impure thoughts and motives. What a challenge this is to each one of us. We daily need God's help in a society such as ours to stay pure in thought and deed.

D. We cannot keep others from trying to seduce us, nor can we always keep some evil thoughts from coming into our minds, but we can dismiss them immediately and seek the strength of God.

E. If I did not want to be pure for my sake, nor God's sake, I would still pray that I might be kept pure for the sake of those who trust me. How about you? —**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The seventh Commandment is unequivocal: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Like the other laws of God given to Israel, this was not an arbitrary prohibition aimed at denying freedom and pleasure to individuals. Rather it was given by a God of love who desires the best for His children. The person who lives within this Commandment finds a freedom otherwise impossible, that of coming to experience a loving and lasting relationship, beautiful and pure, with a partner for life.

The relationship between man and woman is not simply biological. If it is so regarded, it leaves very much to be desired. It is also a relationship of the heart, the will, the spirit—such a relationship that cannot be shared with many partners, but must find its fulfillment in the one alone.

If the intimate relationship of husband to wife promises such bliss and enduring reward, why is the temptation to adultery in many cases so strong? The psychological factors, obviously, bu only we will mention: "Stolen wate sweet" (Proverbs 9:17). It would to be just as obvious that in many riages the desired potential for n fulfillment is not realized. Some seling in such cases may be advi Often what is particularly needed realize that the bonds of matrimon not in the realm of sex alone. Wh mutual love and respect? What o der concern in little things? Wh those spiritual bonds that are forg a common love of Christ and by p together? All of these are of grea nificance. Nevertheless, the sexu pect of marriage must not be negl lest the temptation to adultery bec constant burden.—**Standard Lesson mentary.**

B. The questions have been asked, we living in a society that con chastity an old-fashioned virtue? about the divorce rates, many m pictures, immorality in colleges and society,' the growing number of out of wedlock, and the indecent ture at the newsstands?" How you answer these questions?—**Th vanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

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ue to grow in Switzerland because, id, "The people are honest, and s important."

t have these remarkable people as a nation? Here too we may biblical injunctions being put to al application. Switzerland itself ofited immensely by peaceful liv- th its neighbors. But this law of cted out by the Swiss people, has to benefit very much the world as le. Surprising to me was the fact he pharmaceutical industry, with ay of new medicines invented and ted by scientists, is more impor- the economy than is the better- watch industry. I was told that the best invention of the Swiss, , is not an "invention" in the con- al sort at all, but a service—the tional Red Cross. Certainly the s of this organization are helping into practice the dictates of Jesus, instructed His disciples to follow ample by helping one another. The invention" was singled out to ; it was, however, originally in- for use only by doctors.

standard of living is among the of the world. There is no unem- nt problem; in recent years the class has steadily moved into the class, the middle class to the up- uvenile delinquency as such is un- of in the country. One interesting at perhaps contributes to this ituation is that young people un- are not allowed to attend **any** —with or without their parents. would be the Swiss response to ther confusing system of "grad- ovies!

Swiss are understandably proud r country; they are a contented willing and desiring to share with isitors the best that they them- enjoy. But hospitality and a high d of living are not primarily by the rest of the world as Swit- 's finest attributes. The finest ght to be the countryside itself, I not leave you in your armchair ithout a word picture. Riding n a motorcoach from Montreaux, Interlaken and Lucerne to Zu- saw nature at her best. The fields ently bathed in green hue, rang- m light to dark and accented in ith touches of brown. Beautiful blue lakes mirrored the surrounding mountains. The chalets (houses) were built on the mountainsides and down in the valleys all along the way. From a distance, windowboxes, lit up in bright color by flowers in season, could be seen from nearly every home. The green trees afar off looked especially dark; they dotted the landscape like spurs on a cactus. As the eye moved farther off into the horizon, the greens of nature merged into aqua, the aqua into turquoise, and finally a varying harmony of blues arrested my attention. Up past the vegetation line the ruggedness of the mountains stood in majestic outline against a painted sky—painted like the mountains in the distance, a gentle royal blue. Icecaps of purest hue completed the picture of a scene planned for harmony by an unseen Creator. Picture the loveliness in your mind. Could one ask for better evidence of a hand, infinitely greater than our own, that surely moves over earth and creates a magnificent, natural order?

With the poet Robert Browning's character in "Pippa Passes," I too, after a wonderful visit to a lovely land, could feel moved to proclaim,

God's in His heaven;
All's right with the world.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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SATURDAY, JULY 14

Scripture Reading—John 14:13, 14

GOD DOESN'T LIVE AT OUR HOUSE

Five-year-old Margaret and her brother were frequent visitors in the home of a neighbor. One of the never-ending wonders which little Margaret pondered as she visited in Hortense's home was the prayer time. Hortense's daddy read out of the big black Book and afterward talked to God as if He were near and dear to them all. Sometimes the family would join in singing a song of praise. One morning when Margaret had been present at the prayer time, Hortense's mother suggested, "Margaret, don't you pray at your house?" Margaret shook her head sadly and said, "No, you see, God doesn't live at our home like He does at yours." Margaret's home was by no means a so-called American home. But if the little girl wanted to meet God, the heavenly Father, she had to go next door. He just wasn't included in her family circle.—*Sunday School Digest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does God live in your house? But better still, Does he live in your body? Let's begin today to make God a member of our family. No home is complete without Him.

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Questions & Answers

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of Paul's writing, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52); "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

We should never forget this admonition the Holy Spirit gives us through the penmanship of Paul, viz., "comfort one another with these words." What a glorious consolation that while we work against the odds here, we have such to encourage us. Paul, having such glory in mind that awaits the diligent Christian, said of himself, "I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling"; and we say, "May all of us so do as we proceed through this vale of tears."

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NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

by Harold Jones

Progress as of May 27, 1973

Progress as of June 4, 1973

Our church building here in the Philippines is drawing near completion. The pictures with this article show the progress made in only one week. There was quite a bit of delay when we first began this project, but now things are moving at a rapid pace. The building should be completed by June 9; however, we do not plan to begin using the building for services before July 1. On that date we plan to have an opening service with a picnic lunch served following the service. We request your prayers for the service and for the use of the building. We pray that it will enhance our program here in Puerto Princesa, Palawan (Island), Philippines, and bring glory to God.

The Sexton's Dream

by John W. Beaman

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; . . ." (Matthew 25:15).

The sexton was old, his head was white,
He was hard of hearing and dim of sight.
There were many days when his step was slow,
But he never was called that he did not go.
In summer or winter, foul weather or fair,
If duty called, the sexton was there.

The pews were polished, the aisles were clean,
No dust on altar or railing was seen,
The fires were lighted; the church was warm
In bitter weather; no winter storm
Could daunt the sexton; no summer sun,
Could stop the old man till his work was done.

But he held one sorrow within his heart:
He would say to himself that the humble part,
He did for his Master could never prove,
The strength and the depth of his utter love,
For the one who died on Calvary,
To bring salvation to such as he.

If he could preach with the strength and power
That the parson did—O the happy hour,
Or if he might join with the Sunday choir,
As they sang the songs that set hearts on fire,
Or play the organ with wondrous skill,
He would serve the Master with might and will.

It happened one day when his work was done
And he rested awhile in the morning sun,
That he fell asleep and began to d
The sun never shone with a br
gleam;
The birds never sang with a g
sound;
Or the flowers bloomed more s
round.

Some children entered the chancel
And with silent footsteps tiptoed
They said, "We'll thank the sexton
Who tends our fire when the da
cold,
Who toils and labors with loving c
To keep our church house so pl
here.

"He is such a kind and friendly m
We'll show him we love him the be
can."
Then many others came passing th
The men and women and childr
knew,
To speak their thanks, and voice
cheer,
For the work he had done ther
many a year.

The preacher came with a friendly
To shake his hand and chat awhile
He said, "I minister to the soul,
You labor to keep the body whole
But your work and my work go ha
hand,
And he who knows all will unders

Then a voice came soft as a whis
breeze,
"In as much as you did it to o
these—
To the least of these—ye did it to
So the work ye do is not little ye
He who has one talent and serv
with such,
Serves even as he does who serv
with much."

The sexton awoke and his eyes br
The sexton arose and his step was
His wrinkled face wore a happy
And his heart kept singing and sh
the while.
And he went his way with the joy
To whom the Master had said,
done."

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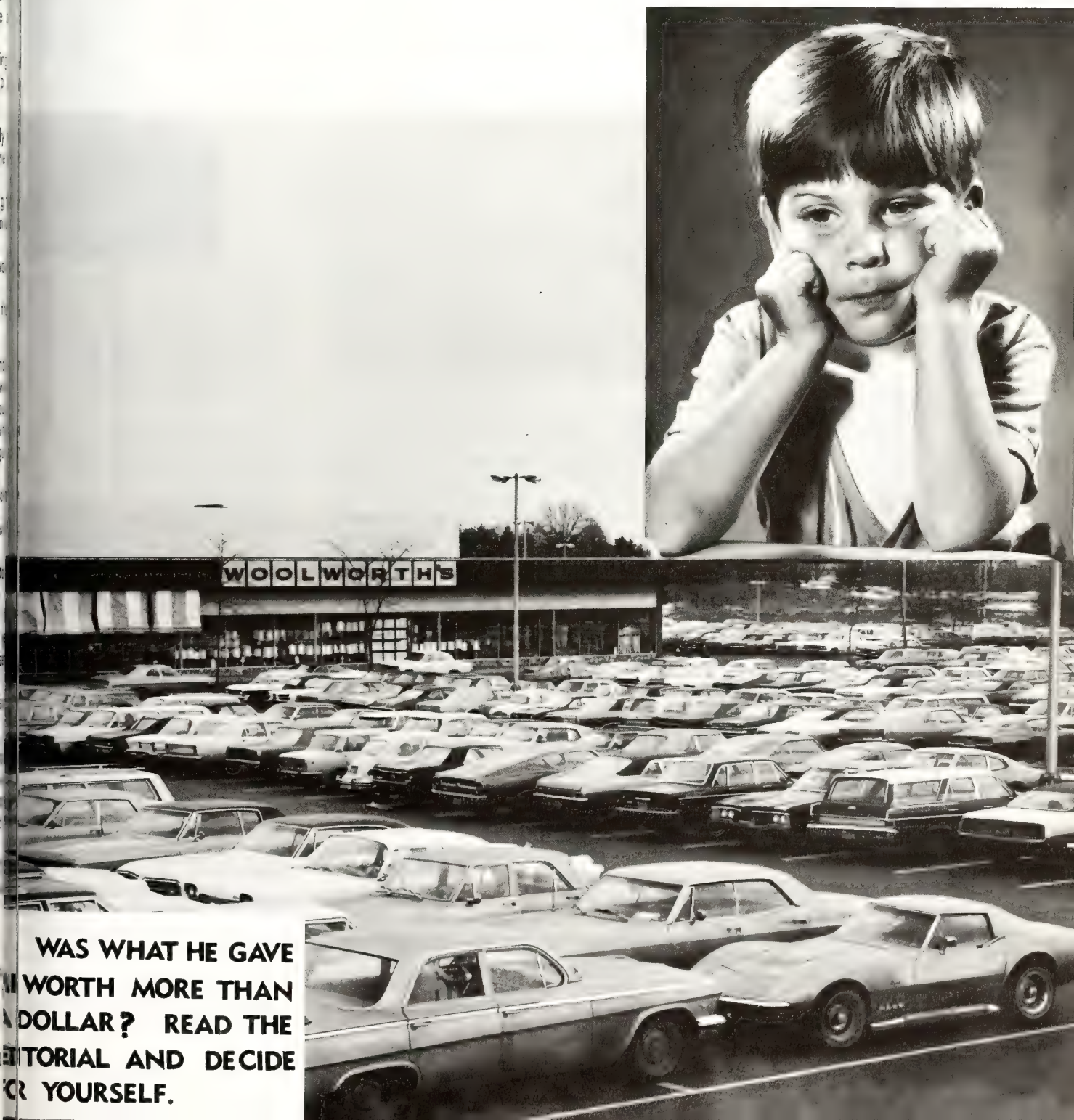
AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1973



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EDITORIAL...

Cover Photos by Harold M. L

I GAVE HIM A DOLLAR, BUT HE GAVE ME. . .

Very bravely, but respectfully, and in the typical shy manner of little boys when they approach "big" men whom they don't know, the little red-haired fellow walked up to me and spoke politely. I was leaving the store of a large shopping complex and was making my way to my car, carrying in my hand a bag containing some insignificant purchase.

The little boy couldn't have been over six or seven years of age, but he projected himself in a mature manner, one bespeaking his proper rearing, as he called me "Sir" and prefaced his salutation with "Excuse me." I stopped at his greeting and smiled, and he smiled back, looking at my face intently, focusing his attention upon my eyes as if trying to discern just what my reaction would be at what he was about to "propose."

His eyes became serious—I remember that they were dark brown (the kind that can almost read your innermost thoughts)—and he shifted his gaze from my eyes to something he was holding in his hand. I waited, not knowing what he had in his hand, but nevertheless interested, and making sure that he **knew** that I was interested. I know how important it is **not** to ignore children and discount what to them are important things; and, I have learned never to avoid a child's question, gesture, greeting, or offer of help.

I wasn't sure what his intention was; but when he stopped me with his polite greeting, I was certain that, at least to his way of thinking, he had something important on his mind—something he wished to share with me. "Sir," he said, as he looked into my face with utmost sincerity, "would you like one of these?" He held up for me to see a pamphlet and extended it toward me, feeling perhaps more confident now as I smiled my approval.

"Why, yes, son, I would," I replied, taking it from him. "Thank you very much." He thanked me too, and as he turned to walk away, I looked at what he had given me. It was a gospel tract, and I must admit that my eyes misted up at the thought that this little boy was rendering a service to mankind that many of us "big Christians" neglect to do. Somehow it is beneath our "dignity," or perhaps we are just Christian "cowards." Whatever the reason, we must confess that this vital ministry is one that we who love our Lord often ignore and think not so important as it once was. . . .

The little fellow, upon leaving my presence, approached some other people in the parking lot in the same cordial, polite manner. Before he got too far away, and after I had composed my thoughts a little, I reached into my wallet and removed from it a dollar bill. I called to him, "Son, wait a minute. I have something for **you.**" He looked in my direction and walked toward me as I walked toward him. I extended the dollar bill to him insisting, at his hesitance, that he take it. He looked a little puzzled, not knowing quite what to do—not knowing whether it would offend me if he refused to take my small gift, nor sure either if it were proper to take it. And, before I could convince him to take it from me, a lady (whom I took to be his mother) approached us and spoke to me in a beautiful voice, "Sir, we don't accept money for gospel tracts."

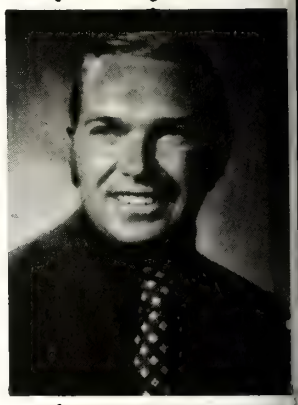
I replied to her, "I'm not paying for it. I just want the little boy to have the dollar. I think it's a wonderful service he is rendering." So after a little persuasion on my part, the little fellow was allowed to have the money, thanking me with the same sincerity he had projected earlier.

Speaking to me, his mother asked, "Sir, are you a Christian?" I nodded my affirmation, stating my name and where I worked, at which she uttered a soft, but firm, "Praise the Lord!" Good-byes were said, and she and the little boy resumed their "work," leaving me to gaze in wonderment and feeling somewhat ashamed that I was not doing what they were doing.

As they made their way across the parking lot, the little red-haired boy looked back at me, smiled, and waved. I looked at him for a long while, picturing in my mind my own little son and wondering if his father (I) were such a good example as I would want to be—or needed to be. After all, I wasn't carrying any gospel tracts with me, and I am in religious work. . . .

I'm glad that I happened to be in that shopping center that Saturday two weeks ago. Glad too am I that a red-haired, brown-eyed little boy was brave enough to come up to me—a stranger—and present by the written word some information about the Saviour.

I gave him a dollar for his deed, but oh how much more **he** gave me!



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NG these days as I travel among iginal Free Will Baptists, as I talk inisters and lay people, I hear nd again the need for new life our people and churches. I hear rs talk of the powerlessness of ng and how the church seems to d.

y is this?" I ask. Many answers en, the most popular one being, eople don't seem to care"; or as may say, "There is a lack of life churches." Of course there are ther reasons given for the present conditions among many of our

d myself wondering what this I can analyze our situation and p with some answers; but yet, not enough. I want to take this nity to share a burden upon my burden of prayer for our people omination.

read the New Testament, especial- ook of Acts, I find a people who uite alive, who were joyful, and ives radiated a quality of life that ntagious. Even in the face of ction, imprisonment, and death, joy and love characterized them. were these people and what had d to them? They were "Chris- who had been with Jesus. They ersonal experience with Him that lionized their lives from one end other! They had been with Jesus Christ! To them He was "Lord," in whom and by whom creation itself came into being. His life was a life of holy righteousness and love that could only proceed from God. His death and resurrection was confirmation that He was the Son of God. Their experience and relationship with Him was the most important thing in their lives, and that salvation came only by faith in Him as one received Him and entered into a personal relationship with Him.

How was this accomplished? This was accomplished by the work of the Holy Spirit, who was promised by Jesus to be the gift of the Father. John 14: 16, 17 states: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The Holy Spirit is God present; He is Christ present with us. He is the gift of God to His church. By His presence and power the church is the church of Jesus Christ and can accomplish her mission. But alas, where is the power of the Holy Spirit? We do not have His power because we do not have Him in His glorious fullness in our hearts and lives! All the techniques and methodologies of man cannot accomplish His work or substitute for His presence. All the sermons we ministers can preach will be as "sounding brass" without Him to anoint us and accomplish His work in us.

How often do I hear, "We need a revival," and plans are laid, a speaker comes to the community, services are held for a few days, and like the morning dew, all is soon evaporated! Why? What happens? Oh, if our people would earnestly seek God, repent of sin, seek divine renewal by His Spirit, then I believe we would see God in action among us.

He cannot renew us, or do His work in us and through us when we do not care—when we do not hunger and thirst for His righteousness. We are powerless in the church, in preaching, in prayer, and in witness because we do not abide in Him by His Holy Spirit. How fruitless and lifeless we are when we seek to serve Him and live in our own strength and power! Yet Jesus warns us about this in John 15:1-18. Verse 5 states: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

My dear friend, if we, as Original Free Will Baptists, could really receive and know this truth—that there is no life, no power, no Spirit, and no fire apart from Jesus Christ! But how hard do we often try to find substitutes! Doctrined proclamations do not bring the fire and power of the Holy Spirit! Screaming and pounding the pulpit does not bring the fire and power of the Holy Spirit! These are like having a house filled with lights, but no power to make them burn; or a human body in perfect health but no life!

What then is the path to renewal? How do we change our situation? **We cannot!** We can change our attitudes and God, by His Spirit, will **change** our lives! God has given us His word in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Then again in Jeremiah 29:12-14: "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: . . ."

I believe what God has promised in His word, and that He will do it if we meet His conditions. He will not give His Spirit to a people whose hearts are not clean, and who do not hunger for the living God.

The burden of prayer I feel for our people is a burden that is relieved only when I take these concerns to Him in prayer. I believe God wants to renew us and bring us into a deeper relationship with Him that we may fulfill His purposes, but He cannot do this until we as a people are willing to meet His conditions; and until we do, Ezekiel has described us well when he saw the valley of bones and dead bodies: ". . . but there was no breath in them" (37:8). We shall live only by His Spirit. "And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, . . ." (Ezekiel 37:13, 14).

O God, bring forth the fruits of repentance in us that we may confess our sins and seek your face with our whole heart. Withdraw not your Holy Spirit from us, but cleanse us and deliver us from ourselves that we may be your children through the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 17:9

WORRY, A SIN AGAINST GOD AND OURSELVES

Worry is not only a sin against God, it is a sin against ourselves. Thousands have shortened their lives by it, and millions have made their lives bitter by dropping this gall into their souls everyday. Honest work very seldom hurts us; it is the worry that kills. I have a perfect right to ask God for strength equal to the day, but I have no right to ask Him for one extra ounce of strength for tomorrow's burden. When tomorrow comes grace will come with it, and sufficient for the tasks, the trials, or the troubles. God never has built a Christian strong enough to stand the strain of present duties and all the tons of tomorrow's duties and sufferings piled upon the top of them.—*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Did you ever think of worrying as being sinful? God's Word tells us to take our burdens to the Lord. Surely He is able to stand the strain of all our worrying.

MONDAY, JULY 16

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:19

"ONLY ONE BOY"

One of our missionaries to China tells of a boy who "prepared the way" for Jesus in a certain village. The missionary had never visited this village before. "Are there any Christians in your village?" he asked a man. "Only one boy," was the answer. The missionary walked on, and stopping at a house asked for some water. "Have you ever heard of Jesus Christ?" he asked as he took the water. "Oh, yes," was the answer, "there's a boy here who is always talking about Him. He wants me to give up idols, but I dare not do that. But I sometimes think he is right. He is so changed. He used to be selfish and bad-tempered. Now he is unselfish and good-natured, and it is Christ who has made the change." This woman and many others afterward became Christians because of the boy. Like John, he turned many to the Lord God.—*Earnest Worker.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We in America surely have the way of salvation prepared for us. It is our missionary duty to help prepare the way for those who have never heard.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Scripture Reading—Acts 5:31

UNREALIZED GLORY

A story is told of the little daughter of an artist who lost her eyesight in her babyhood. For years she was thought to be incurable. Then a successful operation gave her back her sight. The mother of the child had died some years before, and ever since, her father had been her constant companion and dearest friend. While she lay in a darkened room with bandaged eyes the one thought went her way, "Soon I'll see my dear father." When the days of waiting had passed, and the bandages were removed, at last she looked into the noble, joyfilled face she had so longed to see. She trembled for joy, closed her eyes and opened them to convince herself she was not dreaming. Then, as her father took her into his arms, she exclaimed: "And I had so beautiful a father all these years and did not know it!" Oh, that the bandages might be removed from our eyes, that we might recognize our Saviour in all the beauty of His love!—*Westminister Teacher.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We may be physically blind but not spiritually blind. It is far better to be able to see our heavenly Father than our earthly father.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:14

WIN YOUR FRIEND

Frances Ridley Havergal once told of an experience she had: "During a summer visit just after I had left school, a class of girls about my own age came to me a few times for an hour's singing. Sometimes I accompanied them afterward down the avenue; and whenever I met any of them, I had smiles and plenty of kindly words for each. A few years afterward, I sat at the bedside of one of these girls. She told me how she used to linger in the avenue on those summer evenings, longing that I would speak to her about the Saviour. But I never did. And she went on without the light and gladness which it might have been my privilege to bring to her life. God chose other means. But she said—and the words often ring in my ears when I am tempted to let an opportunity slip: 'Ah, Miss Frances, I ought to have been yours!' " —Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How often we miss the opportunity to speak to someone about the Saviour! Some poor soul may be eternally lost because of our neglect.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:5

ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION

In a home for deaf mutes, a distinguished visitor was watching a class, when he suddenly requested that he might be permitted to ask a question and have t dren answer it on the blackboard. he had the question translated in sign language: "Could any of you tell why it is that God has permit to be so strangely and sadly affli the loss of your natural organs of and hearing?"

There was a great silence. The was much embarrassed. The teache ing that it was a strange and perh proper question to ask, hung thei

But one little lad raised his ha stepping to the blackboard, wrote: so, Father; for so it seemed good sight."

Tears fell from the eyes of the and the lesson was never forgotte is the foundation of all character morals: absolute submission of the man to the will of our Father in h A. B. Simpson, in *Alliance Weekly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to be able to our afflictions as being the will May we ever be submissive to God

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:2

SAID DR. WILL MAYO:

"I have seen patients that were all standards. We knew they co live. But I have seen a minister the bedside and do something for h I could not do, although I hav everything in my professional powe something touched some immortal s him and in defiance of medical kn and materialistic common sense, t tient LIVED!"

The Mayo Brothers, Doctors W Charles, were founders of the worl Mayo Clinics. "We're making money than two people have a ri said Dr. Charles to his brother. Th began to disperse, with a generou much of their earnings in cooperati the great Physician, Jesus, in wipin tears of sorrow and suffering fro dimmed eyes!

PRAYER THOUGHT

How wonderful to realize the p God above all professional powers! God for our Christian doctors the over.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 22:4

THROUGH ONE MOTHER'S PRAY

An old woman with a halo of hair—the hot tears flowing down rowed cheeks—her worn hands busy washboard in a room of poverty—p for her son—John—John who ran aw home in his teens to become a sail of whom was now reported that he come a very wicked man—praying, always, that her son might be of se God. The mother believed in two

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e Charismatic Movement and hy We Do Not Believe In It

in attendance at the annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont Assembly, including ministers and their wives.

by Charles Crisp

h following message (in three parts) elivered by the Rev. Charles Crisp, of the First Free Will Baptist Church, ville, North Carolina, at the North a Ministers' Conference held at nt Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, Carolina, June 18-22, 1973.

ING the past few years there has een a new force in Christian cir- That force has been called "The matic Movement." This move- has taken different forms. It has e following among the so-called People," the "house church" ent, and the neo-pentecostals. To- will be dealing with the two areas e beginning to touch close to Free aptists: neo-pentecostalism and the church."

-PENTECOSTALISM

of the strangest phenomenons of odern church is the outbreak of s in established churches. Speak- tongues is no longer relegated to odd sect across the tracks. It is in dst and is being practiced by some church members and ministers. es have been published on the sub- the last decade. Stories of people ng in ecstatic languages, people speaking in Russian, Polish, etc. without prior knowledge of the language—If these stories be true, it is no less than amazing! But is it of God? If so, it must be biblical. 1 John 4:1 says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they, are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I know they are sincere, but is this enough? We need to ask some questions concerning the charismatics:

A. What Do We Mean by Charisma?

Charisma is the Greek word translated gift throughout 1 Corinthians 12, except for Verse 1, where it does not appear in the original. The Bible never once uses the term "gift of tongues," but the context of 1 Corinthians 12:10 indicates that "kinds of tongues" (another tongue of a different sort) are to be regarded as a gift.

1. What are the different charismatic gifts of the Bible? The basic idea is of a gift of grace, one which is given freely in kindness and received without merit. The list of such gifts is very interesting: Romans 5:15, 16—salvation; Romans 6:23—eternal life; Romans 11:29—the blessings of the Jewish people listed beginning with Romans 9:5 and including the adoption, shekinah glory, the covenants, giving of the law, true worship, the patriarchs, and Christ himself; Romans 12:6—preaching, ministry, teaching, giving, ruling, and showing mercy; 1 Corinthians 7:7—continence; 1 Corinthians 12:8—speaking with wisdom, speaking with knowledge, faith, healing, working miracles, preaching, discerning spirits, and kinds of tongues (heteros-glossos, a tongue of a different sort); 1 Corinthians 12:29, 30—apostleship and helps; 2 Corinthians 1:11—the Corinthians' intercession for Paul.

2. This list makes it clear that charisma in the New Testament is not to be looked upon as being extraordinary or supernatural. A charismatic gift in the New Testament is a talent given by God for any kind of service in His church.

3. It is interesting to note that there is no reference to charisma in the Book of Acts. Yet most of the charismatics of today try to identify with this book. During the period of Acts, amazing things happened. God poured out His Spirit in such a way that the language barrier was broken down. But the fact remains that Acts does not use the word charisma in speaking of that event; however, the epistles use it repeatedly to cover all kinds of blessings.

There is no reference to charisma in the Gospels, though Christ does speak of talents. But the Sunday school teacher's ability to teach has more right to be labeled a charismatic gift than "tongues."

B. IS MODERN CHARISMATIC, "TONGUE SPEAKING," A PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE?

In modern tongue speaking the speaker usually utters words which belong to no language known to his audience, hence a language barrier is erected. Modern tongue speaking is essentially speaking in sounds which are unintelligible to the speaker as well as to those who are listening.

(Read Acts, Chapter 2.) In the Acts, Chapter 2, the narrative is quite clear that the languages were used to convey doctrine, knowledge, and exhortation to people who spoke a different language than the speaker. What these tongues were on this occasion we are explicitly informed in Verses 6, 8, and 11. They were the tongues (or languages) of the various nationalities present at the feast of Pentecost. This is so clearly and distinctly stated that it is astonishing that anyone could compare it with the unintelligible gibberish of modern tongues. Note the difference: In Acts 2 the lan-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Successful Bible School At Friendship Church

Bible school students holding certificates just presented.

Jodie Strickland with Martha Chandler after he had presented her with a gift.

The week of June 11-15, thirty-one students and teachers enjoyed vacation Bible school at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina. Jodie Strickland served as director of the school. At the close of the school Martha Chandler, the visiting director of music, was remembered with a gift: "A Treasury of Devotion," an omnibus edition of "God Calling" and "God at Eventide," by A. J. Russell.

On Friday, when the picture was taken at the end of the week's activities, about five students had left for music and other things. The theme of the school was "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

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Friendship Church Observed Youth Sunday, June 10

Sunday, June 10, Youth Sunday was observed at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, with all the youth actively and very enthusiastically taking part in all the activities of the day.

The day's service began with Sunday school. Joel Creech served as Sunday school superintendent and Greg Wright as secretary. You would have never known it was their first time serving in these positions by their confidence and fine performance. Youth teachers for the Sunday school were Cathy Edwards, beginners; Barbara Capps, primary; Bonnie Kay Wilder, juniors; John Capps, intermediates, and Mrs. Sue Wilder, adults. Serving as chairman for Youth Sunday was Mrs. Penina Edwards with Jodie Strickland as director of music. Following the classes, the youth choir sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon."

Bill Allen, Youth Minister

Bill Allen served as youth minister and was commended by all for the good deliverance of a fine sermon. Bill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen, is a June graduate of Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, and has won many honors. Among these was the ROTC Unit's First Cadet of the Month award, along with a $25 savings bond from Chief Petty Officer Walter Turner. Bill's quiet, kind, dependable nature, along with his tall handsome physique in his uniform earned him this honor. He also won first place in the FFA Land Judging contest in Johnston County and went on as a contestant in the top associations of the state. Bill was a school bus driver and a very good student in all his studies. Friendship church is justly proud of him who has dedicated his life to Christian s and plans to enter Mount Olive C this fall. Whenever someone is in of someone to fill a task, whether or small, Bill is one of the first to teer. This trait, along with his valuable attributes, will carry hi into a Christian life filled with lov devotion. Often he is asked to the pastor, the Rev. Terry Woodard the Sunday worship services. His p placed flowers in the church Su June 24, in honor of his eighteenth day.

During the morning worship the sang a special entitled "O What a derful Day!" For the invitation they sang "Joy to the World." Mrs Woodard served as pianist.

Flowers for the occasion were p in the church by the youth grou honor of the graduates of the cl They were: Miss Sandra Finch, Sou Nash High School; Bill Allen, Smith Selma Senior High School; the Rev. Woodard, Atlantic Christian College Mrs. Geneva Wilder for having chosen Teacher of the Year at Co Holders School.

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Memorial Gifts to t Home

Listed below are memorial gift ceived by the Children's Home fo month of May, 1973:

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Raymond H. Weaver by Miss Eula E. win.

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When a blow strikes you, clasp a tighter the hand of Him who pron His help in every situation.

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Christian Philosophy of Education

by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Th.D.
President, Grace College, Linona Lake, Indiana

he is a growing emphasis upon ca on in our society, and it has be- ne pparent that in public education pl are determined not to be inform- of things on the level of the divine. re re, the emphasis is being placed th human level to the exclusion of d ine. Thus, education is being re- ve from the realm of absolutes, and tu is producing a system of rela- ty that is being applied to every- ng

n eas where the Word of God was a egarded as absolute and infallible, re s now a rethinking of the whole tr e of the Scriptures which is cal- ate to reduce their value and end in ou ly human selectivity for human ve ence. This pinpoints a growing d or emphasis upon a sound philo- hy in Christian education. To that I esire to call to your attention the ost Paul's exhortation: "Study to w hyself approved unto God, a work- n hat needeth not to be ashamed, nti dividing the word of truth" (2 ho y 2:15). Three important words th text—**God, workman,** and **truth—** en placed in their proper relation to a other result in a Christian philoso- d education.

undation for Christian Education Is the God of Truth

he person to whom ultimate appeal na e is God. The Christian student is ec to present himself approved unto . The material with which the de works is the "word of truth." uth is the Word of God. In search- r something to give encourage- nt o the people of Israel for the fu- e, saiah turns their attention to the d truth, saying, "He who blesseth nse in the earth, shall bless himself the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth, shall swear by the God of truth" (see Isaiah 65:15).

The Hebrew underlying the English text indicates that the phrase "God of truth" is in reality the "God of the Amen." The derived meaning is that of something established, built up, sure, positive. The word therefore expresses the fact of absolute stability, correctness, and unchangeableness. Truth is thus essentially to be identified with the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who addressed the church in Laodicea and said, "Thus saith the Amen" (see Revelation 3:14), meaning, "I am the truth." Truth is essentially resident in the person of God. The extent of this person determines the extent of truth. In speaking of the mystery of Christ, that is, the secret of His person, Paul said, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Christ is the alpha and the omega. All truth has its beginning and ending in Him. It is His person that gives value and permanence to all truth. It is clearly evident, therefore, that the only real foundation for Christian education is the God of truth. And that God is revealed in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Framework for Christian Education Is the Word of Truth

In order to know Him who is absolute truth, men are dependent upon that objective standard of truth He has given of Himself. Apart from this absolute standard of truth, there is no connection with Him who is the Amen. Any deviation from the word of truth is a step into the darkness, into the realm of the relative and the uncertain. What Christ is in Himself He imparts to His Word. It becomes then the word of the Amen. It has all the finality, perfectness, certainty, and absolute authority as the person from whom it came. What He says will be exactly true, because He is in Himself absolute truth, and there is nothing beyond Him in the realm of truth.

The containment within the word of truth is therefore an inescapable necessity. There is no other framework for Christian education. Within this framework the superstructure of human knowledge can rise. When human discoveries fit into this pattern, they may be received as genuine and reliable. When human discoveries do not fit into this framework, they should be viewed with suspicion, held in abeyance until there is further light, or discarded as in some sense falling short of that which is absolute truth.

The Functioning of Christian Education Centers in the Workman with Truth

Actually the greater part of our text concerns itself with the workman: the man himself, the motive impelling him, and the method he employs. The man himself is of course the matter of first concern. He is exhorted "to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman." Although this was addressed to Timothy first, it was also addressed to the church. In this respect it comes to all those within the church who in any way are responsible for the education of the church. The enterprise of fitting education to the framework of the Word of God is of the highest order. The process through which one must pass will result in approval.

The motive impelling the workman is twofold. On the one hand, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" is one whose motive looks toward God. This workman desires the highest approval of His master. Unless the workman, the educator, seeks the highest approval of God, he will never succeed in the all-important task of Christian education. This clause is actually the translation of one Greek word. It is a rare formation, found only here in the New Testament. In its simpler form it denotes one who is shameless. Pleasing God expresses itself by a shamelessness toward the attitude of the world.

Men who have sought to serve in the capacity of Christian educators have felt the sting of the world's sarcasm. It is necessary for the true workman to develop a "rhinocerous" hide toward the contempt of the world, a shamelessness that keeps him ever steadfast in the faith, an insensitiveness to the scorn of the world.

The method of the workman is ex-

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Studies Feasibility Of Becoming Four-Year College

by Dr. Jamil Shami

On January 25, 1973, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, through authorization of the Board of Trustees, organized a committee "to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of Mount Olive becoming a senior college qualified to offer the baccalaureate degree." The committee is representative of the students, faculty, trustees, alumni, and community.

In his letter of authorization, President Raper told the committee members that the study represents one of the most important decisions ever to come before the College. He pointed out some of the factors to be considered, such as the mission of the College to the Free Will Baptist Church, enrollment, accreditation, facilities, library, and operating budget.

The committee went to work immediately motivated by a sense of deep responsibility and committed to the objectivity of research in its methodology. The goal can only be achieved through gathering all the related facts and anlyzing them through considerations rooted in the welfare of the College and its purpose and character.

The very first consideration was given to the Free Will Baptist Church as the sponsoring agency of the College. It is our belief that the two are linked in a cause and effect relationship. It is a mutual reinforcing strength that marks the association of the two to the degree that they respond to each other's needs. The committee is seeking to find out whether the church needs a senior college. Contacts have been made and questionnaires have been sent to the executive committee of the State Convention, the ministers, lay leaders, and alumni.

Considerable attention is given to student enrollment in terms of prospects and need for sound fiscal operation. The committee chose a sample of more than 5,000 students in Wayne, Lenoir, Sampson, Johnston, and Duplin counties. These counties were chosen for their geographic relatedness to the College. The sample included students in high schools, technical institutions, and community colleges. The students were asked whether they were considering coming to Mount Olive College, and if not, whether their decision will be affected if the College went to four-year status. Furthermore, they were asked to indicate their future career choice.

A visit was made to the office of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Atlanta, Georgia, to determine the accrediting requirements for a senior college. The committee is identifying the needed standards as well as the steps for attaining them.

Other aspects of the study include the library, facilities, and operating budget that are necessary for a senior college.

The plans call for visits to selected private colleges which have recently gone from junior to senior college status. It is hoped that experience will be of benefit for our consideration.

The committee is fortunate to have the assistance of two competent consultants. They are Dr. James W. Batten of East Carclina University and Dr. Raymond C. Gibson of Indiana University.

This article attempts to report on the scope and progress of Mount Olive College's four-year feasibility study. The main consideration of the committee is to conduct a thorough study. Our College deserves the best from all of us. (In addition to being dean of students, Dr. Shami is chairman of Feasibility Study Relative to Senior College Status.)

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Psychologists tell us that we slowly but surely become like that which we hold to be our ideal. Have you looked high enough for yours?

Special Day Planned for Prospective Studen

On Saturday, July 21, the Colleg welcome high school graduates wh not yet made plans to attend coll the fall. These prospective studer the 1973-74 school year will be gi opportunity through a variety of ties to familiarize themselves wi programs of the College. Hosts f day will be Miss Celia Hales, direc admissions, and Roy Parker, admi counselor.

The particular advantages of th lege to the student will be str These include individualized progra instruction wherein the student at his own rate, a non-failing g system, a student-faculty ratio of 1, and a warm rapport between f and students that is mutually e aged.

The schedule of activities is a lows:

10:00-10:30—Registration and Lig freshments

10:30-11:30—Orientation to Campu Slide Presentation

11:30-12:15—Tour of Campus: rooms, Library, and D

12:30- 2:00—Picnic and Informal versation at Eagles Conference Center

The site for the picnic, Eagles N a lovely campsite recently acquir Mount Olive College. It features and newly renovated facilities.

This day is set aside for those viduals who have not yet made a tion to the College. They are invi bring their parents, a guest, or any ber of other prospective students them. During the picnic there w ample opportunity to talk with faculty and students now enrolled. Miss Hales and Mr. Parker will hand throughout the day to answer tions.

Any prospective student who to attend is asked to fill out anc the form given elsewhere in **The Will Baptist** in order that prepar can be made for the picnic.

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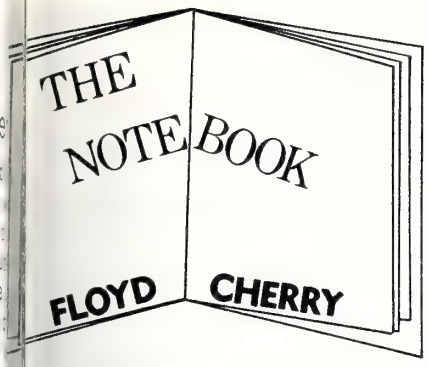
A suggestion for a rainy day: keeping a scrapbook of special th you run across in your reading. W treasure to pass on to your childre day!



t's look at the statistics—the statis- of the North Carolina State Conven- of Free Will Baptists. According to new minutes of the Convention 2), there were 191 churches report- Of course, there are, possibly, 50 hore churches belonging to the Con- ion who did not report. Every church ld report to the convention so that statistics will be listed along with others. We hope that you will not send a report to the secretary, but you will also send representatives he Convention in Tarboro this Sep- er.

f the 191 churches listed in the ites, 46 have 100 or less members; ave between 100 and 200 members; ave between 200 and 300; 14 have een 300 and 400; only one church a membership of between 400 and one has between 500 and 600, and church has over 700. These num- do not add up to 191 because sev- of the churches listed did not give number of members. The total mem- hip given is 31,543. This is an aver- for the churches reporting of 165.

here is good reason to believe that have between 35,000 and 40,000 bers in the churches who belong to Convention. Many churches did not rt to the Convention and are not list- and several listed did not show the ber of members. So we feel reason- sure that if we had all the statis- they would show that we have be- n 35 and 40 thousand members.

e reporting churches, according to minutes, had a total of 1,877 new bers during the last reporting year 1-72); but, at the same time, there a loss in members of 875. This es an increase in membership of 2.

f the 191 churches reporting, a total 8 churches either had a loss in mem- hip or at least no gain for the year. he other hand, 25 churches showed or more additions in membership. means that 13 percent of the church- es had approximately 50 percent of the additions.

A Christian Philosophy of Education

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pressed in the word "study" and in the clause "rightly dividing the word of truth." The first has to do with application to the task, while the second has to do with the occupation with the task. The application is expressed by the verb "study" or as the American Standard Version reads, "give diligence." This refers to a ceaseless, serious zeal. There is something of hastening in it, for time is at a premium; there is something of endeavor in it, for the value of the task requires it; there is something of faithfulness in it, for the person one serves is worthy. Brilliance, eloquence, logic are commendable qualities, but they must all be made subservient to faithfulness in the task of conserving and preserving the essential truth of the Word of God.

The occupation in which he is engaged is "rightly dividing the word of truth." Literally the word means "cutting straight." The figure has been variously derived: from a priest dividing the animal victim for the altar; from the steward distributing the stores among the needy; from the ploughman running the furrow across the field; from the road builder pushing a new road through the countryside; from a stone mason chiseling a stone for its place in the building; from the carpenter sawing the board to fit the structure; even the work of the surgeon as he operates upon the human body has been suggested. In any event, the meaning seems to be clear in this text. It has to do with a consistent interpretation and application of the Word of God. If one steps off the narrow path of truth ever so little, and this is projected to its fulness, it will produce confusion of thought and difficulty of life. The educator is therefore more than ever responsible to prosecute his task with extreme precision.

Is it a thankless task? It seems so sometimes, if one looks at things from the near view. But it must always be remembered that the near view is based on the erroneous assumption that the present is the sum total of reality. But there is also a far view, the experience of which may be nearer at hand than we dream.

There is a judgment seat of Christ. At that place the tried and tested will be approved. That is at the end of the way when the period of testing is over. Until then any final pronouncement on value apart from the Word of God is premature, for the test is not yet finished. It therefore behooves the Christian educator to keep his eye upon the goal, seeking the approval of the Master, ever cutting a straight course through the Word of God, with utter defiance for the contempt of the world.—Christian Victory.

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Do you find the green-eyed monster, envy, creeping into your relationships with those with whom you have the most contact? Careful now—this monster disguises himself so that he is often hard to detect. If there is someone whom you don't particularly like—but for no apparent reason—ask yourself if perhaps you are, secretly, a little desirous of being in his shoes.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Question: Does the word "perish" in the Bible mean extinction of being or annihilation in passages like John 3:16?

Answer: Not only would the correct answer to your question regarding "perish" as found in any passages be "no," it is also true that in no passage of the Bible will anyone find taught the extinction of being of the unbelievers. In being it is true of those just as it of believers that they possess a never-dying soul. Man, according to the Bible, a triune being; that is, he is made in the image and in the likeness of God. God consists in the persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Man consists in body, soul, and spirit. When a man passes through the experience of what we call death at the end of his natural life in the case of the saved—he goes into the presence of Christ who is now at the right hand of God the Father as our great High Priest. His body returns to dust from whence it was taken by God. In the case of the sinner, like the rich man of Luke 16:19-31, he goes at once to Hades where he is tormented until the second resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20. Then he is resurrected and judged according to the books. If his name is not found in the Book of Life, he is cast in the lake of fire where he spends eternity apart from God and all that is good and pleasant.

The righteous go where Lazarus went, to paradise. There is a difference, however. The righteous in Lazarus' day went to Abraham's bosom, now they go to the presence of Christ. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. . . . Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: . . . We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5: 6-8).

The Greek word from which "perish" in the above Scripture is translated is **apollumi.** It means loss of well-being and not loss of existence or cessation of existence. The rich man of the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31), was very much alive and evidently uncomfortable: "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:22-24). Another example of the biblical use of the word above translated "perish" is found in Matthew 9:17, "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." Here our Lord uses it to describe the wine spilled by defected wine skins or wine containers that are no longer able to contain the juice placed in them. The inadequate condition of the wine containers causes the wine to spill and not to be usable. It perishes in that when it is so spilled it fails to serve its intended purpose.

God created man that he should love, serve, and glorify Him forever. Man who persists in disobedience and refuses to serve, glorify, love, and obey God all his days on earth becomes unuseful to the purpose for which God made him through all eternity. Hence he perishes or is never again put in a usable condition, but remains in outer darkness. Jesus had another way of describing the plight of those who perish: "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:12); "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:47, 48).

The Apostle John wrote saying how we should regard false religious teachers that diminish the teachings of the Scriptures. This, of course, applies equally to such false teachers whether they misrepresent the Bible's teaching concerning the bliss of the righteous, or the ill and deplorable condition of the unsaved that shall spend eternity apart from God and all that's pleasant and good. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3); "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. . . . For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:14, 15, 18, 19); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8); "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. . . . Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 7, 9-11); "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (1 John 1:6); "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6).

STORIES

for our youth

THE ANTS TOLD

by Vera Hutchcroft

UGH—bread crusts! How Petie disliked them! And he'd get nothing else to eat for lunch until they were gone.

He knew his mother had meant it when she had said, "Now, listen, Petie, you know you have to eat them. It isn't right to waste food. Many boys and girls would give anything to have just those crusts. So finish them and then you can have the rest of your lunch."

So Petie slowly picked up the crusts from the table where he had thrown them and shuffled out the door, nibbling as he went.

Ugh! Not even any strawberry jam on them! he muttered to himself. That wasn't his mother's fault, though; he just had licked all the jam off the crusts.

Then suddenly an idea came to Petie. If he had stopped to think, he would have known who gave him the idea, and perhaps he would have got rid of it. But right now he was thinking only of those crusts of bread.

If I just throw them away, Mother will never know the difference, he thought. But where? Not on the lawn or Mother will see them. Let's see.

Petie slowly walked toward the corner of the house and around to the brick patio. Maybe behind those bushes, he thought, looking all around to make sure no one was watching.

As Petie walked toward the bushes, he stepped on a brick of the patio, and it moved. He stopped. Putting his foot squarely on the brick, he pushed one end down and then the other. Each time he pushed, the brick wobbled up and down.

This is better yet, Petie thought.

He took another quick look around. Then he stooped down and pried up the brick. Just dirt was underneath, so he got a stick and began to dig. It wasn't long before he was able to remove enough dirt to make a hole big enough to hold the crusts of bread. After carefully replacing the brick, Petie ran in the house.

"The crusts are all gone, Mom," he called.

"Fine, Petie. You can have your cookies and banana now."

Petie felt rather odd inside, but he didn't want to think about that.

He hid his crusts under the brick the next day and the next and so on throughout the week. His conscience still bothered him, but he tried to still it by thinking about how nice it was that he didn't have to eat the crusts.

Saturday finally arrived. It was Petie's favorite day because Daddy was off work and quite often played ball with him.

And, sure enough, one of the first things Daddy said was "How about a game of ball today after I help Mother with a few things?"

"Good!" Petie said.

"I wish you'd do something today about the ants that seem to be gathering close to the house lately," Mother said to Daddy. "They seem to be quite thick on the patio, and some are even coming into the house. I don't know whether they are making their home out there or what, but I wish you would see. I have some spray for them if they are."

"All right," Daddy said. "I'll check that right after we have family devotions. Do you want to help me on the patio, Petie?"

"I sure do, Daddy."

Later Petie and his father watched the ants very closely. "Let me see," said Daddy. "They seem to be thick in the corner, and I believe they're thickest around this brick."

Petie took one look at the brick, a scared look came over his face. Qui while Daddy wasn't looking, he sne around the corner of the house.

"I guess we'd better pull up this brick," Daddy said. "Well, I dec Crusts of bread! Do you know anyt about these, Petie?"

But when Daddy looked around, P wasn't there.

Daddy went to the kitchen door. called for Mother to come out and too. Then both Daddy and Mother ca for Petie.

Petie heard them. He knew tha didn't dare pretend not to hear w Daddy called. Very slowly he went b to the patio.

"Petie," his mother said, "you h been disobeying me and then lying al it!"

"I didn't say I had eaten the cru Mother," Petie insisted.

"Maybe not but you made me th that you had, and that is acting a which is just as bad."

"Petie, I'm ashamed of you," Daddy, and Petie hung his head. "W ing, disobeying, lying, and sneaking think you forgot that even if Mo didn't know what you were doing, knew. And I'm sure it was becaus His love that He had the ants show what you did, too. He didn't want to continue doing wrong."

"I'm sorry, Daddy. I'll never d again," Petie said softly.

"That's fine, and I hope you'll God you are sorry, too. But to help remember, I'm going to have to pu you. For one week you may not h desserts—no cake, cookies, candy, pudding, or ice cream."

"But, Daddy," Petie wailed, "Mo is baking a big chocolate cake."

"I'm sorry, son, but you must taught a lesson."

"All right, Daddy," Petie murmur

Petie learned his lesson. And wh ever he saw a little ant, he was rem ed that he couldn't hide his wron **Gospel Herald.**

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The Ears of God

The ears of God hear each bit of la ter, each sob, each cry of joy, each he beat. They not only hear each spo word but each secret thought. Yet, only prayer He hears from the sinne the prayer of repentance.—Nancy thews.

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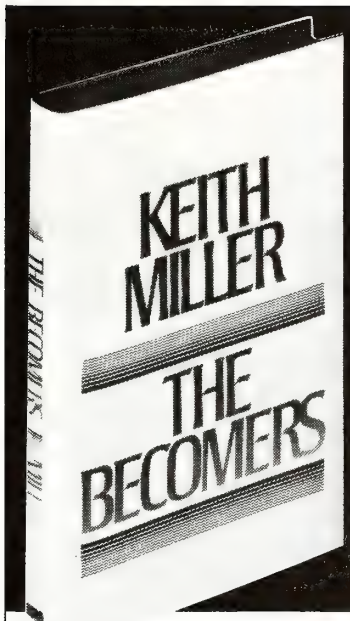
he Touch of Jesus' Hands

e touch of Jesus' hands, when an- overthrew the tables of the money- gers in the temple and cast out those were buying and selling; yet they e so gentle as to bless little chil- or wipe away a tear, or heal a d, or make a tree. Though all the r of the universe is centered in His s, He did not lift a finger to stop pikes from tearing through his flesh lvary. So He will not lift a finger en a door where He is not wanted. —Nancy Matthews.



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An Owner's Rights and Responsibilities

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:15; Amos 8:4-6; Luke 19:1-10

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:28

I. INTRODUCTION

The system of government under which we live gives to every man the right to own and operate his own business. The only requirements made of him are that it be operated legally and according to the laws of the community in which his business is located, and that it does not infringe upon the rights of others to do the same.

The same laws that provide this right also provide protection to the businessman. Should someone encroach upon his rights to the extent that his business is impaired in some manner, he has recourse to the courts in which justice can be found.

While all this is assured the businessman, he must recognize at the same time that he must make responsible use of his business and property so that the rights of those who work for him and those who are associated with him through purchasing and selling are protected also. No businessman has the right to cheat or "short-change" customers. He has no right to use illegal means to stifle wholesome competition. The landlord must provide commodities worthy of the rent he receives. The renter must pay the required rates established or consented to by law.

Christians should be the first persons to recognize all these things and act according to the law of Christ: to do unto others as you would have others do unto you.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. One can steal without taking away someone's physical property. For example, how about stealing time?

B. Exploitation of the poor is an especially odious form of stealing.

C. One form of theft is taking advantage of a difficult situation in which someone else finds himself.

D. In pre-Communist China landlords left only the empty rice husks to their tenants for food. Their evil came back to rest on their own heads.

E. Publicans in Jesus' day profited by overcharging on taxes they collected. What a clean-up job Zacchaeus underwent after meeting Jesus!

F. Jesus went to a home where He was needed most, but it cost Zacchaeus a fortune to entertain Jesus. Only then did salvation truly come to his home.—**Bible Expositor and Illuminator.**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. God created the earth, then gave man control over that part of His creation. A significant part of human history is the story of how man has used this privileged position for the acquisition of possessions.

Wealth is acquired in various forms: houses, lands, livestock, material, cash, stocks, bonds, and businesses. A more specific list would be too long, but these items represent the general categories of all that man claims to own.

We say "claims" to own because none of us owns even a fraction of what we consider "possessions." Psalm 24:1 teaches us, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; . . ." Our planet and all of the universe in which it orbits belong to God. We are caretakers and stewards, but we absolutely own nothing. God has entrusted to our care whatever part of His creation we "possess."

God might have commanded, "Thou shalt not waste, but preserve the beauty and productiveness of my natural resources; thou shalt not abuse, but redeem my time at your disposal; thou shalt not neglect, but develop my gifts of talent and ability; thou shalt not hoard, but share my spiritual and material holdings in your life."

Hear the question of God's prophet: "Will a man rob God?" The selfish use of what God has entrusted in our hands amounts to just that.—**Standard Les Commentary.**

B. A man once visited Robert Hal make exception to some statement wl the preacher had made in his sermor was evident that the man was in the and bondage of the love of money. W Hall had gauged the man's character took a half-sovereign out of his poc and, opening his Bible, pointed to word God. "Can you see that?" Robert Hall. "Certainly," replied man. Then the preacher took the h sovereign and placed it over the wc "Can you see it now?" he asked. man immediately understood the syml and through it was led into the lic Gold hid God. Money blocked the visi The love of money had shut out the f of the Father.—**The Sunday Circle.**

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Peacock Christians

If a variety of birds were placed i pen, the peacock would most likely lost in the crowd. It is only when struts his handsome plumage with mu color iridescent spots that he becon regal and set apart above the others. our lives, only when we show our Ch tian colors can we become set ap above the world. Do you strut y plumage for Christ constantly, or, like peacock, only on occasion?—Nancy M thews.

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THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT AND WHY WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN IT

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guage barrier is broken through. In modern tongues a language barrier is erected. In fact, the Acts 2 experience was the exact opposite of modern tongues. This was Xenolalia (Greek), not glossolalia.

, according to the modern charismatic, speaking in tongues and interpretation them are gifts only to those who have been "baptized" with the Holy Ghost, how can they explain the fact that those who understand these tongues had not even repented or received the gift of the Holy Ghost? (See Acts 2:38.)

the Pentecostal experience of the Bible is opposite to modern tongues, then modern charismatic is making a false claim of being Pentecostal.

Modern charismatics do make this claim: Marcus Bach in his book, **Spiritual Breakthroughs for Our Time,** states on Page 44, "This much my audience and I were agreed upon: Christianity had a basis for tongue speaking in the authoritative record of Acts 2:2-4. There in bold, cold type the story stands." But then he wrecks his whole argument himself as he says on Page 45, "God gave the disciples the gift of **known** languages because it was needful for the occasion just as he now gives us the gift of **unknown** tongues because it is needful for our time. It is as simple as that." But it's not as simple as that. One of the best known modern charismatics, Oral Roberts, says, "The doctrine that the initial evidence of the baptism of the Spirit is speaking in tongues, is based on the accumulated evidence of the recorded cases in the Book of Acts."

Calvary, the resurrection, and Pentecost must not be separated. This is the salvation event. We must not separate Pentecost as a later event. Jesus, over and over again in John 14—16, emphasized that He was not only to die and to rise again, but the salvation event would be completed by His sending the Holy Spirit. Pentecost completes Calvary and the empty tomb as far as the church is concerned.

The first mention of tongues after Pentecost is found in Acts 10:46, ". . . they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. . . ." Acts 11:15-17 connect this experience with Acts 2 and the intelligible speech on the Day of Pentecost. Note the words: ". . . as on us at the beginning . . . . God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, . . ." (Acts 11:15, 17); and it looks as though there had been no repetition of the experience since Pentecost or Peter would have said, "As He does on those who receive the Holy Spirit." By the way, the Greek word for gift in Verse 17 is not charisma.

Acts 19:6, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." The link with prophesied is very interesting. This is what happened on the Day of Pentecost: a proclamation of the Word to the people and a gift of being able to communicate the message in the language of the people—a breaking through of the language barrier. The Greek word for tongue here is "glossa" which means, the tongue as an organ of speech. Pray tell me with what would they speak? Since modern charismatics base their claims on Acts, we find that they are not Pentecostal, not charismatic, and as far as Acts are concerned, are not even mentioned.

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When hurt by the unkind remark of an acquaintance, think first of **his** need. Does he not have one greater perhaps than yours? Animosity is not borne of a heart filled with the love of God.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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the power of prayer and the reformation of her son. John Newton, the drunken sailor became John Newton, the sailor-preacher. Among the thousands of men and women he brought to Christ was Thomas Scott, cultured, selfish, and self-satisfied. Because of the washtub prayers another miracle was worked, and Thomas Scott used both his pen and voice to lead thousands of unbelieving hearts to Christ, among them a dyspeptic, melancholic young man, William Cowper by name. He, too, was washed in the cleansing blood and in a moment of inspiration wrote "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." And this song has brought countless thousands to the Man who died on Calvary. All this resulted because a mother took God at His Word and prayed that her son's heart might become as white as the soapsuds in the washtub.—From *Springs in the Valley,* by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman.

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Behind every great man is a woman (mother)" is certainly a true proverb. A mother's prayer has caused many hearts to be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

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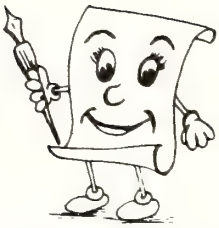

By Nina Grace Register

How many times have we been teased about our "messy" purses! And how many times has it been true!

Everything in mine is useful, though. I've written "I came and you weren't home" notes on the back of used grocery lists (hoping they read that before the "2 lb. pot., 1 c. tom., k. cups" etc. side). I've used the paper clips, thumb tacks, chalk, and pencils at church and at school. And those old rusty scissors have cut yards and yards of paper!

At a meeting of a group of women, it was a game for each woman to turn her purse upside down and pay a penny for every item she was carrying. One woman had to pay eighty-five cents! Try that at your next circle meeting. It's a good way to get an offering for some neglected phase of our work like Superannuation or the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. Many women are astonished at the number of things they carry around.

After you've counted the money, let each woman name a blessing for every item in her purse. That's when it will get to be funny. We always look for big things when we count our blessings, and most of us stop after family, home, and health. Most people could count their troubles quicker than their blessings.

But little things make us happy, too. Can't we count the red bird that flashed by the window while we were washing dishes? The interesting shape of that funny tree? The pet who is so glad we're back, even though we were gone only thirty minutes? The smell of clean laundry? The friend who waved and smiled when we passed?

When you turn your spiritual purse upside down, be sure to count all your blessings, both the big ones and the tiny ones. You'll be surprised! There is no limit to the blessings God can send you!

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HOW DO YOU USE YOUR TIME—AND HOW FAST DOES IT "FLY"?

EDITORIAL...

TIME – IT FLIES!

(This week's guest editorial is written by Margo Mangum, editorial assistant at the Press.)

Time is one thing all of us have, have had, and will have some more of if we are fortunate (or not so fortunate), as the case may be. What we will do with it is another story.

As I read my hometown weekly newspaper, THE WAKE WEEKLY, the other evening (I read every word in it), turning page after page, I, as always, finished by reading "Roving Around." This is written by the busy editor, Bob Allen; and I gather from this reading that he is still getting around, seeing things, and telling us about them. I travel right along with him as he "roves around" the longtime familiar stomping grounds. He goes to different places for different reasons.

With his ever-ready camera, he will get a picture of a man holding a big fish that was caught in a private pond. He will share with you on the front page of his newspaper a beautiful patch of wild flowers which he happened upon and whose beauty he was able to capture with his skillful photography. Always a man on the go and never having quite enough time to get there!

I am reminded of such a time a few years ago when I had the privilege of working with this young man. Something happened one day that we tend to think of now and smile—not so at that particular time, however. It was on an unusually busy Thursday in the office. The paper was to go out the next day. His wife looked across her desk at me, smiled, and asked, "Do you know that I have my **last** doctor's appointment today?" They were expecting their third child. We were anxiously waiting to see if it would be another boy. They had two already. I drove her over to the gynecologist only to be told to take her to the hospital. I did, and then I drove back the twenty or so miles as quickly as possible.

Upon entering the office, the amiable editor met me with a "Hey, what did you do with Peg?" I told him as calmly as I could what was going on and that her doctor had said that it would be a few hours yet—that he would call in plenty of time. The editor stood there, feet apart, and looked at me. Minutes later he said, "This can't happen now. We **have** to get the paper out by midnight. **We have to!"** He stood there as if weighing the next step. . . . The paper went out on time, and I, in **his** stead, stood at the window and saw his third son as the nurse proudly displayed him. It is reasonable to think that perhaps some onlookers wondered just what my interest here was. . . . My interest was this: I was a friend.

In reading the column, "Roving Around," I gather that this busy editor is still spending a good deal of his time going about his work with the same fervor; but, it seems as though he is channeling it differently. He is the first one to admit wholeheartedly that God has been good to him, and I feel that this man, though busy with many and sundry activities, finds time to thank Him. Do you?

It takes time to "catch" that particular picture he wants to share with us. It takes time to watch a son at a ball game, waiting for his turn to hit the ball or strike out as the case may be. It takes time to wait for the various people to get to the scene of the accident—the patrolman, rescue workers, the doctor, the coroner, or whoever. It takes time to get the members of the families, the ushers, the bridesmaids—the entire wedding party— together for the much-cherished pictures. It takes time to wait at the other end of a cane pole for the cork to bobble and help two small brown hands pull up a minnow. It takes time to stand by and wait for your own newborn to make his entrance into this beautiful world of ours. Time, time, time. . . .

Ask my friend about it. He'll be the first to say that he has the time for all of these things. He's so glad that he is using some of his time in this way. He's glad it isn't too late. Wonder if there isn't a lesson here for all of us?

God gives us time. Are we using our time as He would have us to use it? As we have said before, "Tempus fugit," or as you might say: "Time flies!" Don't let it get away from you before you do something with it. You'll never regret it. . . .

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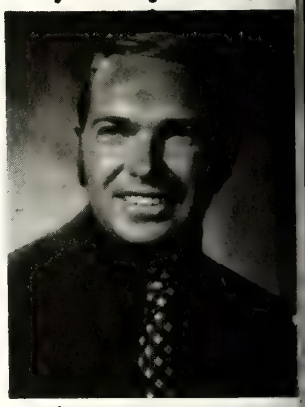

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WONDERFUL!

INSPIRING!

SE are just a few of the many avorable comments that were made pressing the feelings of those who ded the General Conference Youth ention at Holly Springs Free Will st Church, Newport, North Carolina, lay night, June 25. There were 206 g people who registered for the con- on and many others attended but l to register.

Musicians

th Marla Ard of Christian Chapel ch, Pink Hill, North Carolina, at the , and Curtis Brock of the First ch, Kinston, North Carolina, at the n, the convention got off to a good with an hour and a half of singing testimonies from youth groups, h choirs, quartets, and trios. Miss is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. nan Ard, and Mr. Brock is the son e Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Brock.

llowing this session of singing and mony, the host church served a deli- s supper of hamburgers and hot with all the trimmings.

e big event of the evening was the Bible Bowl Quiz with the winning n being from the host church. The contestants on the Holly Springs team were Jerry Starnes, Norma Gurganus,

Bible Bowl Contest Winners

and Steve Starnes. Mrs. Jack Everett, youth chairman, is shown presenting to the winning team a trophy and a $75 bond.

An AFC team from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, served as a demonstration team for the forthcoming AFC contest which will have its beginning at the next year's convention. This team also received a trophy in recognition of their hard work. The contestants were Lou Griffin, Paula Byrd, and Helen Griffin. Each contestant on both teams also received a gold cross pin to wear in remembrance of the Luke Bible Bowl Quiz.

Youth Evangelist

The convention came to a close with seventeen year old Jocky Millwood Jr., Spartanburg, South Carolina, delivering a most inspiring and soul-searching sermon. His sermon was well received and there were many rededications during the altar call.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the convention was Donald Fader, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fader of Kinston. Jimmy Register, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Register Jr. of Kinston, served as quiz-master judge for the Bible Bowl Quiz.

At next year's Youth Convention there will be two Bible Bowl Quizzes taken from the Book of Acts. There will be a contest for ages nine through twelve, with fifteen toss-up questions asked, and a contest for ages thirteen through eighteen, with twenty-five toss-up questions asked. Mrs. Jack Everett, youth chairman, urges all youth sponsors to please purchase some Bible Bowl Quiz books from either of the Free Will Baptist Bookstores and start working **now** with the young people of your church for next year's contest.

In next year's contest the first and second place teams will be awarded trophies, and all the other teams participating in the General Conference run-off will receive a small trophy in recognition of their participation. In addition to the trophy, the winning team in the YFA contest will again receive a $75 bond.

For other information in regards to the Bible Bowl Quiz, please contact your district, conference, or state youth chairman, or contact Mrs. Jack Everett, 2813 Murray Hill Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501 (telephone 523-6208).

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:9

THINK THIS OVER

A little girl, with shining eyes and little face aglow, "Daddy, it is almost time for Sunday school. Let's go! They teach us there of Jesus' love, and how He died that we might all have everlasting life by trusting in Him!" "Oh, no," said Daddy, "not today. I have worked so hard all the week. I am going to go into the woods, and to the creek. There I can relax and rest. I must have one day of rest, and fishing is fine, they say. So run along. Don't bother me. We'll go to church some other day!" Months and years have passed, but Daddy hears that plea no more: "Let's go to Sunday school!" These childish years are over and now that Daddy is growing old, when life is almost through, he finds time to go to church. But what does daughter do? She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today. I stayed up almost all last night, and I've got to get some sleep!"—*The Bible Friend.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Parent, are you guilty as this daddy was? Do you set the right example for your child? God forbid that we neglect the youth of our home and country.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Scripture Reading—John 1:4

THAT SINGLE THREAD

J. Stuart Holden was being shown through a large factory where hundreds of looms were spinning very fine linen thread.

The manager of the mill said to Mr. Holden, "So delicate is this machinery that if a single thread of the entire 30,000, which at this moment are being woven, should break, all of these looms would instantly stop."

He stepped to one of the machines and broke a single thread. Suddenly every loom was still and remained so until the thread was rejoined, whereupon the machinery was again in motion.

The mechanical wonder exhibited in the factory that day clearly illustrates that which is spiritual. It is through one act of disobedience, one departure from the will and fear of God, that the blessings of our fellowship with Him are stopped. Not until that thread is rejoined will the joy of the Lord flow again in our hearts.—*Good News Broadcaster.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To experience the full joy of salvation we must not sever a single thread between us and Christ. Complete joy is only through complete surrender.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:2

CHURCHES DOESN'T DIE DAT WAY

A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offering would be taken for missions, and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well-to-do man in the congregation said to him before the service: "Yer gwine to kill this church if yer goes on sayin' 'give!' No church can stan' it. Yer gwine ter kill it."

After the sermon the colored minister said to the people: "Brother Jones told me I was gwine to kill this church if I kep' a askin' yer to give; but, my brethren, churches doesn't die that way. If anybody knows of a church that died because it's been giving too much to the Lord, I'll be very much obliged if my brother will tell me what that church is for I'se gwine to visit it, and I'll climb on the walls of dat church, under de light of de moon and cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.' "—*Florida Baptist Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is your church dead? Did it die from giving? I'm afraid not. Remember you are not giving until you give above the tenth. The tenth belongs to God.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:22

WILD SHEEP!

I was a guest at a big sheep ranch. The rancher and I were riding along a ridge, flanking a deep canyon, when three sheep appeared from among the boulders. They stood for a moment with heads up, eyes frightened, one front foot up, poised to run, then crashed through the canyon and were gone.

I voiced my surprise that wild sheep were still to be found on this ranch.

"Not so," replied the rancher, "those are the sheep that my herder failed to count in three evenings ago." Three thousand gentle sheep grazed in the valley below us. Three nights without a shepherd had made this difference!

In Jesus' parable, it is suggested that the shepherd felt deeply the loss of his sheep or feared what the wolves might do to it. But his distress was also caused by fear of what would happen within the sheep itself.—*United Evangelical.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a change was made in these sheep in just three days! This may be true also with man. Three days without the good Shepherd can mean lost forever.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 29:2

A JEW'S CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIA

"I love your English Sunday, your C tian Sabbath, and should be very sor see it pass away. If a Jew may be doned for making this suggestion to C tians, let me say this: If you sacrific Sunday that you have been brought u respect, you will lose something you be sorry for the whole of your lives." was the comment made in the Co Chamber at Middlesborough by Jules bens, a local member, who is a cinema prietor. Mr. Reubens was speaking a a resolution for Sunday opening of pi houses.—*Christian Herald.* (London)

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Remember the Sabbath Day, to ke holy" is probably the one command most often broken. Are you guilty of

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:4

TOO BUSY TO LOVE

A father and his young daughter great friends and much in each o company. Then the father noted a ch in his daughter. If he went for a she excused herself from going. He g ed about it, but could not unders When his birthday came, she presented with a pair of exquisitely wooded slip saying, "I have made them for you." he understood what had been the m for the past three months, and he said, darling, I like these slippers very n but next time buy the slippers and le have you all the days. I would rather my child than anything you can mak me."

Some of us are so busy for the Lord He cannot get much of us. To u would say, "I know your works, your l your patience, but I miss the first lo G. Campbell Morgan.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Like many in the Bible, her first love Jesus. Are we more concerned with works and labor for the Lord than g to Him a heart full of love?

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:16

A MOTHER'S LIGHT

A very beautiful story is related boat out at sea carrying in it a father his little daughter. As they were ste for the shore they were overtaken violent storm which threatened to de them. The coast was dangerous. mother lighted a lamp and started u stairway to the attic window.

"It won't do any good, Mother," th called after her.

But the mother went up, put the in the window, knelt beside it and pr Out in the storm the daughter saw a mer of gold on the water's edge.

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The Charismatic Movement and Why We Do Not Believe In It

by Charles Crisp

(Continued from Last Issue)

A. Charismatics Tongue Speakers More Spiritual Than Other Christians?

When asked the question, What do tongues do for you? they answer, "Assures us that we have been baptized with the Holy Ghost." John L. Sherrill in his book **They Speak With Other Tongues,** says on Page 86: "Together with the dominion gift of interpretation, tongues provide a means for God to communicate directly with a group of Christians in worship." (Compare this with Hebrews 1:1.

The greatest example of tongue speaking in the New Testament and perhaps most comparable with modern charismatics was in the church at Corinth. Listen to what Paul has to say to these tongue speakers. Remember this was the only tongue speaking congregation we have record of. Paul had a big problem with this church. He told them bluntly that they were not spiritual but carnal. There was gross sexual licentiousness in this church. In this letter he deals with many problems: rivalries and power factions, adultery and prostitution, materialism, divided opinions about eating food offered to idols, drunkenness at communion, and tongues.

Sherrill says, "Tongues make people fight." Bach says, "Pentecostals challenge traditional churches. They are disquieting." Is this a sign of spirituality?

B. Tongue Speaking Essentially Christian?

Animistic groups of Africa, China, and India are known to have practiced it for centuries before Christ.

Voodoo witch doctors of the West Indies feature the unknown tongues in their rituals. During high emotional involvement with the "loa" (departed spirits) the overpowered voodoo devotees chant in an unknown tongue that only the witch doctor or priest can interpret. Hindus, Moslems, Mormons, spiritual mediums, and Satan worshipers practice it. It has been known to occur when a person was high on L.S.D. and during affliction of schizophrenics.

3. It was well known in many areas of the Mediterranean Sea for centuries before Christianity. Pythagoros, the Greek philosopher, spoke to the followers of Aphordite in Corinth in the sixth century B.C. concerning glossolalia, "Words instead of representing a man, might misrepresent him; therefore, if a person does not know what he is saying, he had better keep silent." Glossolalia was a way of life in the worship of these people of Corinth and was a part of their old pagan life. In the light of the background we find Paul writing to this church, is it any wonder he said, "Let a woman keep silent as far as tongues are concerned"? Was it because of the 1,000 prostitutes in the temple of Aphrodite who spoke in glossolalia? Have you ever noticed how many women are leaders in the "tongue" movement?

E. Do Tongues Have a Place In Christianity for Today?

First Corinthians 14 leaves some doubt that they had a place even then. In Verse 4 we are told that the use of them is selfishly motivated. Verse 12 tells us that the edifying of the church is an important thing. Verse 22 tells us that their use is for a sign to unbelievers and not for believers. It directly denies the charismatic doctrine that tongues are a sign to the believer that he is baptized with the Spirit. What does Paul say in Verses 22, 23? Paul's conclusion is so obvious and so devastating that he does not set it out in actual words. But note how it sinks in. First, he says, tongues are meant as a sign to unbelievers; second, tongues do not have this effect, rather they cause the unbeliever to think you are mad; conclusion, tongues should not be used. They are not a sign to believers; they do not help unbelievers but serve to confuse them. They have no useful function in the church; therefore, do not use them.

John Sherrill says, "Tongues make people fight." But Paul says in Verse 33, ". . . God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."

There is no biblical evidence of the practice of tongues after the apostolic days, nor in the latter times of the apostles. This provides confirmation of the fulfillment of 1 Corinthians 13:8, that this gift would cease in the churches, just as would prophecies (foretelling the future) and knowledge in the sense of knowledge received by supernatural power. The completion of Holy Scripture has provided the church with all that is necessary for individual and collective guidance, instruction, and edification.

It must be remembered that the apostolic fathers wrote on every major New Testament subject, and in all their writings they tried to show that the Christian had extraordinary gifts, yet they do not mention tongues as one of the gifts. It is very evident that by the fourth century tongues were completely unknown. Chrysostom said, as he commented on 1 Corinthians 12:1, 2, "They used to occur but no longer take place." Augustine says, "It was done as a betokening to show that the gospel of God was to run through all tongues over the whole earth, that that thing was done for a betokening and then passed away."

In conclusion I would note: Modern tongue speaking fits into the pattern of the Mediterranean pagan worship of Paul's day, but not into the life of Christ who received the Holy Spirit without measure and who spoke words of life. There is no record of Jesus speaking in tongues, and it is surely out of keeping with the whole revelation of Him in the Bible to imagine Him doing so. We may well ask ourselves, "Are we His disciples or disciples of the Corinthian church members?" and this may be the most important question of all in determining our attitude toward tongues.

II. THE HOUSE-CHURCH MOVEMENT

A few months ago, while visiting in the home of a young couple who had become inactive in church, the husband said to me, "We no longer see the need of the institutional church." Upon further inquiry, I learned they had been attending a weekly meeting in the neighborhood called "the house-church."

I investigated this movement and learned there were at least fourteen of these groups in the city of Greenville. Almost every church in the city have been affected by them. This movement is prominent in many areas of the United States. They range in programs from a loose knit Bible study group to the very highly organized program of "The Way

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Albemarle Union, League, and Sunday School Convention

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will convene with Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina, Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29. The programs are as follows:

Union Meeting, July 28
Morning Session

10:00—Devotions, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Robert May
—Response, the Rev. John Owens
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
11:05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, via Literature
Report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., via Literature
11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
11:30—Minutes Read and Approved
11:35—Morning Worship:
Hymn, No. 361
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Charlie Overton
Benediction
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

League Convention, July 28
Evening Session

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Ray Collier
—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn, No. 222
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

Sunday School Convention, July 29
Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Milton Herrin
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Billie W. Dilday, Host Sunday School Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Isaac Foulough
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvin Foreman
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Miss Sarah Willoughby
—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
Treasurer's Report
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
11:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Robert May
Benediction
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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Western District Youth Fellowship, July 28

The District Youth Fellowship of the Western Conference will meet at the Children's Home, Middlesex, North lina, Saturday, July 28. The fell will begin at 4 p.m. with a per recreation, followed with supper picnic style at 5:30. All churches district are asked to bring a picni per and tea. Plates, cups, etc. v provided. During the evening ses program will be presented at 7:3 turing a singing group. All the yo the district along with visitors ar dially invited to attend.

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report For June, 1973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasur Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black tain, North Carolina, reports as f for the month of June, 1973:

Balance June 1, 1973		$15,
Receipts		
Churches	$ 2,889.63	
Sunday Schools	160.74	
Auxiliary	6.00	
Unions	25.00	
Leagues	38.40	
Gifts	45.00	
Total Receipts		3,
Total to Account For		18,
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 321.72	
C. Cliff Meyer (Contractor)	10,000.00	
Burress Insurance Agency	330.00	
Asheville Showcase and Fixture Company	203.63	
Total Disbursements		10,
Balance July 1, 1973		$ 8,
Savings (Earmarked Funds)		2,
Grand Total		$10,

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Progress Being Made at Otter's Creek Church

Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Cl Macclesfield, North Carolina, ha nounced recently the completion new central heating and air-conditi system in the church. This syster greatly added to the comfort of eve and is being enjoyed by all of its bers and visitors.

The 1973 project for the YFA an Scouts is a joint project. During the these two groups plan to cover a table tops in the fellowship hall Formica. This is really a worthy p and one greatly appreciated by church.

The YFA of the church visite Medic-Home Health Center in W North Carolina, Sunday, July 8, and along refreshments for all the pa of the home. As they passed th

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

les Nest to eFeatured on mington Television

CT-TV in Wilmington, North Caro- Channel 6) will feature Eagles Nest Jim Burns show on Thursday, July tween 12:40 and 1:30 p.m. Eagles s a fifty-acre campsite recently do- to Mount Olive College by the Foundation of Goldsboro. It is developed to serve the students aculty of the College and to also de a retreat site for church groups, n, ministers, and family use.

is intended that Eagles Nest will ope developed as a convention site usiness and industry.

sident Raper will be the guest of urns on his TV show and will nar- color slides of Eagles Nest.

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Mount Olive Day

ck Jack Free Will Baptist Church Greenville, North Carolina, will ob- Sunday, July 22, as Mount Olive ge Day. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, dent of the College, will preach at norning worship service.

e Rev. Bobby Bazen is pastor of the h.

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OYE LIBRARY GIFTS

fts to the Moye Library during the h of June totaled $307.70, and were llows:

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rs. Thelma M. Basnight by Mr. and J. T. Liberman, Columbia, North lina.

r. Milford Beasley by Pamela Wood, nt Olive, North Carolina.

rs. Mary S. Boyd by Ladies Bible , First Free Will Baptist Church, nville, North Carolina.

r. Arthur Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Ken- K. Davis, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Mrs. Ida Eatmon by Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Mr. W. O. Fields Sr. by Mrs. Hardy Talton, Mrs. Mary E. Westermark, Miss Louise Edgerton, and Mrs. Pattie Thompson, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Verda Sanders Gilbert by Vina Wilson Circle, LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, North Carolina; The J. Harold Herring Family, LaGrange, North Carolina.

Mr. Zeb Harrison by The Library Staff, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. A. C. Hatch by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. James R. King by Mrs. Lora King, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Florence Baker Morris by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Ernest H. Norris by Couples' Class, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lucy Penuel by Pink Hill Home Demonstration Club, Pink Hill, North Carolina; Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Rev. James W. Pittman by Indian Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Dudley, North Carolina.

Mr. Jasper V. Radford by Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Martin, Michael, and Timmy, Raleigh, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Y. Wilkinson, Kenly, North Carolina; Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mozingo, Pine Level, North Carolina.

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PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College, left, is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Presenting the plaque is the Rev. David C. Hansley of Goldsboro, North Carolina, president of the association; and his father, the Rev. D. W. Hansley of LaGrange, North Carolina, first chairman of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

The plaque was presented at the annual June meeting of the Ministerial Association held at Black Mountain, North Carolina, and commended President Raper for "outstanding achievements in Christian education."

Dr. Raper has been president of Mount Olive College since it opened in Mount Olive in 1954.

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If you would like to join in and help the Home in this manner, you may write to the superintendent for memorial envelopes or you may cut out the blank printed below for future use.

In addition to memorial giving, one can also support the Children's Home by naming it as a beneficiary in your Last Will and Testament or as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy. These are excellent opportunities for us to decide just who will spend our worldly possessions and how they will be spent. If you are interested in obtaining more information about wills and bequests, please write a letter today to the superintendent. Upon request we will be happy to furnish you with detailed information.

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Electric Fans Needed

Want to contribute an electric floor fan to the Children's Home right away? If you will do so, then you will be helping a child sleep through these hot nights more comfortably.

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Food Contributed

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wade of Grifton, North Carolina, telephoned to say that they had some canned and frozen foods to contribute. A vehicle was sent out to transport the goods and it turned out to be a whole truck load consisting of several hundred jars and a freezer full of corn. We are very grateful to these fine folks for helping i this manner.

If you have a surplus of fresh or ned farm produce or fruits and w like to share them with us, please or call us today.

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Community C. B. Club Send Five Children to Camp

The Community C. B. Club, Wil Skipper, president, contributed $20 the Free Will Baptist Children's Hom June of this year. This group wo diligently together to give five n children an opportunity to go to sum camp. In the picture above, Mrs. D Skipper presents the $203 check to J. Stewart Humphrey, director of can life at the Home. Others in the pic are: Mr. Charles Manning, chair Mrs. Janice Manning, Mr. O. W. Co Mrs. O. J. Connie, Mrs. Faye Whitley, Sam Whitley, Mr. Wayne Owens, Mr. Adam C. Curtess.

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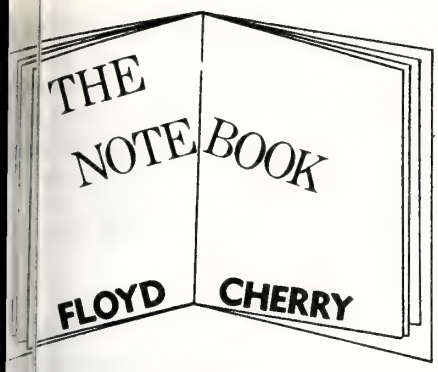

Last week in this column we took a look at some of the statistics of the churches in the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches. This week we want to raise one question: What possible justification could a church have for going a whole year without any additions?

Some will say that they are located in a small community and there are just no unchurched people in their area. Others will say that they do not have a resident pastor. And still others will say that they are not interested in numbers, they are interested in quality. Other excuses may be offered, but we believe that these are three main ones.

If your church is located in such a small area that there are no sinners to be reached, it is doubtful that there is any justification for the church to continue. Why would God want a church located where it could not do the main job that He left for the church to do—reach lost sinners?

In looking over the minutes for last year we discovered that one of the churches that had a large increase had gone most of the year without a pastor. We believe that every church needs a pastor, but they are not essential to a church. There are only two essentials to having a church—people who have been saved and the presence of the Holy Spirit. If your church doesn't have a resident pastor, doesn't it have some Sunday school teachers? How about deacons? And you are there, aren't you?

About this matter of quality, it is a provable fact that the churches that have additions have a more spiritual membership than those who do not have additions. If you do not believe in numbers, look in the Book of Acts. The disciples were numbered; before Pentecost there were 120. The additions were numbered—on the Day of Pentecost 3000 were saved and added to the church.

Why don't churches win souls? You will have to find another excuse, the one you are giving doesn't hold water. God will not accept it.

PLEASE NOTICE

The Young People's Bible Conference which is scheduled for August 6-11 at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, is filled. No more applicants can be accepted.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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"Steer for that," the father said.

Slowly but steadily they came toward the light, and at last were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage.

"Thank God," cried the mother, as she heard their glad voices and came down the stairway, with a lamp in her hand. "How did you get here?" she asked.

"We steered by Mother's light," answered the daughter, "although we did not know what it was out there."

"Ah!" thought the wayward boy, "it is time I was steering by Mother's light."

And then surrendered himself to God and asked Him to guide him over life's rough sea. Months went by, and disease smote him.

"He can't live long," was the verdict of the doctor, and one stormy night he lay dying.

"Do not be afraid for me," he said, as they wept; "I shall make the harbor, for I am steering by Mother's light."—*Florida Baptist Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many mothers are offering light to steer their children along life's journey. Also God is offering His light to all to steer them into heaven.

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NEWS NOTES

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freshments around they sang several hymns and choruses for the patients. The group was received with open hearts and were urged by everyone to come back as soon as possible. The YFA thinks this is a worthy project and urges other YFA groups to visit a rest home in their area as soon and as often as possible.

Other activities of Otter's Creek church, such as homecoming and revival, will be announced in later issues of "The Free Will Baptist."

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Edgewood Church to Host Fourth Union Meeting

The Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, will be host to the Fourth Union of the Central Conference on Sunday, July 29. The Union theme will be "A Wise Man," with Scripture taken from Proverbs 11:30. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
—Devotions, Mrs. Edward Walston
—Welcome, Mrs. Julius Wooten Jr.
—Response, Mr. Larry Letchworth
11:15—President's Remarks, Mr. Fred Pittman
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Missions Report
—Hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
11:30—Special Music, Aspen Grove Young People
—Sermon, the Rev. Swade Benson
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mr. Dow Ellis
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Singing Groups from Each Church
2:15—Adjournment

Mr. Fred Pittman, president of the Fourth Union District, wishes to remind each church of the district that it is responsible for sending a singing group for the afternoon program. He states: "If our afternoon singspiration is to be successful, it will take the cooperation of all the churches of the district. Send a choir, quartet, trio, soloist, duet, or any type of singing group you may have."

Wilson Church Announces Family of the Year

During the weeks of June 10 and 17 the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, sponsored an election for the 1973 Family of the Year. On Sunday morning, June 24, Sunday school superintendent, Howard Whitley, announced the winner which was the J. D. Skinner family. The family was presented a beautiful family Bible by the Sunday school. Superintendent Whitley read the following tribute before presenting the Bible.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen presenting Bible to J. D. Skinner family.

"In time past, we have honored the 'Mother of the Year' and the 'Father of the Year.' The time has come to look to the **family** who has contributed the most to the Sunday school.

"But to say they are the 'Family of the Year' in our Sunday school would be selling them short. Their service branches out into all phases of our church.

"The family chosen is one who thinks a sacrifice is an opportunity. You can count on members of this family to volunteer when a need arises. When it comes to helping others, the word 'no' is not in their vocabulary.

"Whether it is being assistant departmental superintendent of the Sunday school, president of a class, a deacon, coordinator of scouts, offering a prayer in a meeting, setting up tables in the fellowship hall, or just being present, they are sincere in their work for the Lord.

"Their concern and love for young people reach through the Sunday school, the church, and related organizations. Their dedication takes them to council meetings, class meetings, youth fellowships, state youth conventions, music festivals, and scout functions.

"No family is more faithful, more loyal, more active, or more devoted as they contribute themselves to the betterment of our church and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"They are our friends and fellow workers. They are a total family working for Christ. They are extraordinary. They are our 1973 'Family of the Year.' "

J. D. Skinner is employed by the of Wilson and Florence Skinner wor the radiology department at Wilsor morial Hospital. They have two Eddie, age 13, a student at Coon J High School in Wilson and Doug, w an ordained Free Will Baptist mi and a senior at Oakland City Colle Oakland City, Indiana.

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Second Union of Western Conferen At Stony Hill Church

The Second Union Meeting of Western Conference will meet wit Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, dlesex, North Carolina, Saturday ing, July 28. The moderator, the Terry R. Woodard, will preside ove session which will begin at 6 p.m. program is as follows:

6:00—Hymn
—Welcome, Host Church
—Response, Rosebud Church
—Devotions, Host Church
—Moderator's Remarks
—Appointment of Committees, erator
—Reading of Minutes, Clerk
—Treasurer's Report
—Roll Call of Churches and isters
—Denominational Reports
—Offering for Children's Hom
—Hymn
—Business Session
—Election of New Officers
—Special Music, Host Church
—Message
—Hymn
—Benediction
7:30—Adjournment

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Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship

The Ministers' Fellowship of the ern Conference will have its next ing at the Barbecue Barn, Wilson, Carolina, on Tuesday, July 25, begi at 7 p.m. This will be the annual ing for the ministers and their Dinner will be served family styl will be dutch. Following the dinner will be entertainment as well as f ship. All ministers of the confe and their wives are encouraged tend.

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Mount Zion Church Calls New Pastor

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist C Route 2, Nashville, North Carolina recently called as its new pastor th Roy Clifton. Mr. Clifton, along wi

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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estion: A pastor I heard said that d not believe in the verbal inspira- of all the Bible. He particularly oned Satan's words in such a pas- as: "And the serpent said unto the an, Ye shall not surely die: For God know that in the day ye eat there- en your eyes shall be opened, and all be as gods, knowing good and (Genesis 3:4, 5). How do you ex- such passages?

swer: Inspiration has to do with the ing and not the truthfulness or ity of a statement or expression d in the Bible in its original form. truth here is the fact that the old nt, who is also called the devil, said is recorded here as being his word. Revelation 12:3, 4, 7-9.)

l. William Evans in his book, "The t Doctrines of the Bible," says on s 196, 197:

low, Revelation is that act of God by h He directly communicates truth known before to the human mind. lation discovers new truth, while ration superintends the communi- g of that truth.

ll that is in the Bible has not been ctly revealed' to man. It contains ry, and the language of men, even icked men. But there is absolutely art of the Bible record that is not red. The history recorded in the is true. The sacred writers were irected and influenced by the Spirit they were preserved, in writing, every error of fact and doctrine. history remains history. Things not tioned by God, recorded in the Bi- are to be shunned (see 2 Timothy). Nevertheless, all these things e written under the guidance of the Spirit. This is Inspiration.

his distinction should be definitely clearly understood, for many of the plausible arguments against the inspiration of the Scriptures have n from the fact that this has been r unrecognized or ignored.

"Though all Scripture is inspired, it does not stamp with divine authority every sentiment which it reports as uttered by the men of whom it speaks, nor does it mark with divine approval every action which it relates as performed by those with whose biographies it deals. In the Book of Job, for example, Inspiration gives with equal accuracy the language of Jehovah, the words of Satan, and the speeches of Job and his three friends; but it does not therefore place them all on the same level of authority. Each speaker is responsible for his own utterances. Neither Satan, Job, nor his three friends spoke by inspiration of God. They gave utterances to their own opinions; and all that Inspiration vouches for is that no one of them is misrepresented, but that each one spoke the sentiments that are attributed to him in Scripture. So, again, the fact that David's cruelty to the Ammonites is recorded in the Book of Kings does not imply that God approved it any more than He approved the king's double crime of murder and adultery, which 'displeased Him.' The inspiration of the Book vouches only for the accuracy of the record."

On Page 210 of the same book is the following:

"We may therefore safely say that in a very real sense the words as well as the thoughts have been given, whether mediately or immediately, under the influence of the divine Spirit. We claim that the Bible is in deed and in truth the very Word of God; that it is the Word of God in the language of men; truly divine, and at the same time truly human; that it is the revelation of God to His creatures; that infallible guidance was given to those who wrote it, so as to preserve them from error in the statement of facts; that what the writers of the Scriptures say or write under this guidance is as truly said and written by God as if their instrumentality were not used at all; that the ideas expressed therein are the very ideas the Holy Ghost intended to convey; that God is in the fullest sense responsible for every word. This is what the Bible claims for itself."

Louis T. Talbot's book, "Bible Questions Explained," Pages 9, 10 have the following:

"These remarkable verses, 2 Peter 1: 20, 21 and 2 Timothy 3:16, tell us that the Word of God was written by 'holy men of God' as they were 'moved by the Holy Ghost.' They tell us that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God.' Of course, there is more in these verses; but this is the fundamental fact; and the practical teaching is very evident.

"But what is meant by 'inspiration of God'? That is doubtless the question that is in your mind. The answer is that every human author of the books of the Bible was but the instrument through whom the Holy Spirit wrote; even to the very words used. He guided the pen of these writers; so that we have the veritable Word of God. I believe in the verbal inspiration of the whole Bible!

"To be sure God uses the characteristic style of the men inspired, which fact accounts for the differences in the style of writing. For instance, some epistles are distinctly Pauline; others are not. But this does not change the fact that all the human authors were so fully controlled by the Holy Spirit of God that they were guarded from error concerning what they wrote.

"Not only did the Holy Spirit write the Bible, but He is our only teacher of this marvelous Book. The Lord Jesus said so repeatedly in John 14—16, His last message to His disciples. The prophet had said so, long before that: '. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts' (Zechariah 4: 6). The whole Word of God teaches it. And how glad we are that 'the law of the Lord is perfect, making wise the simple,' so that even the little child can understand its message."

Revelation then is the act of God by which He conveyed to man the Bible truths causing him to know new truths and also, which among the facts he already knew, to write down. Inspiration is that act of God by which He came upon the writers of the Old Testament and New Testament causing them to write these truths free from any kind of error. Hence the Bible in its original form which consisted of several manuscripts was given to man in that form, free from human error. For instance,

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STORIES

for our youth

NIGHT OF THE STORM

by CLARE MISELES

GREG had never admitted it to anyone (he didn't even want to admit it to himself), but he was terribly afraid of thunderstorms. When thunder clapped, he tried with all his might to be brave and to pretend that the storm didn't bother him one bit. But now it wasn't easy. Thunder rumbled, and lightning bolts flashed and cracked and seemed to almost touch the roof of the house. To make matters worse, the wind, rough and touch and howling, blew down a telephone pole which brought down a string of wires.

"On, the lights!" cried Greg's mother. "I can't see a thing!"

"Where are the candles?" Greg's father shouted, groping through the pitch-black room. "The electric power is out down the whole street!"

Up to then, Greg had been trembling. Now he shook! He didn't like candles, either. There was something about the way they cast strange, eerie shadows on the walls that gave him the creeps.

Tim, Greg's younger brother, thought differently. "This is fun!" he cried, hopping around in the dark.

"Come here!" Greg shouted, reaching out to grab Tim. Deep down he knew that he wasn't afraid for Tim but that he was glad to have someone close, even a little brother!

"That's right, Greg," his mother said. "Keep Tim with you. Stay together!"

However, Tim didn't want to stay by Greg. He was as slippery as an eel and slid out of Greg's grasp, but Greg managed to catch him again. "What do you think you are?" he scolded gently. "Only cats can see in the dark—"

"And I'm a bat!" Tim giggled as he flapped his arms. Greg had just told him that bats have built-in radar and can detect things from a distance. "I can detect things, too," Tim said. He proved it by taking Greg and himself right to their bedroom.

The bedroom was dark, too; but Greg felt more comfortable there, and holding on to Tim helped, too. But Tim got away and began to rummage through his toy chest.

"What are you doing? Come here and stay put!" Greg ordered quietly.

Tim didn't answer. In fact, there wasn't even the sound of rummaging, and Greg's heart zoomed up to his throat. What if Tim had slipped out of the room? "Tim?" The word came out in a strange, hoarse whisper. The only answer Greg received was a circle of light that suddenly appeared on the wall, followed by an eerie sound.

Greg didn't even have time to gasp. Suddenly the light was splashed in his face.

"It's—it's a ghost!" Tim was there again, and he was laughing.

"A **flashlight!**" Greg cried, so glad to see the light that he even forgot to tell Tim that it was a dumb trick to pull.

"Gh-ghosts," Tim stuttered in between giggles.

"There are no ghosts!" Greg answered, trying hard to make his voice sharp and sure. "And stop talking that way!" He pulled Tim close, wishing that the thunder and lightning would stop.

"There **are** ghosts!" Tim insisted.

"I said to stop talking that way!" Greg jerked Tim's hand. "There are no such things as ghosts, and there are no haunted houses, either!"

"Oh, yes there are!" Tim cried. "Keith's big brother says there are all kinds of scary things."

"And—and your big brother says there aren't!" Greg wanted to be angry and forceful, but the night table nea bed suddenly made a loud, cr sound.

"See, **ghosts!**" Tim whispered g

Greg didn't say a word; he co His mouth had suddenly become a as an old hickory nut, and his legs to buckle. His fingers dug into small arm.

"Ow!" Tim cried softly. But Greg didn't answer and Tim hear strange chatter of teeth, he moved to his brother and whispered, "Ar you afraid, Greg?"

His brother's shaking hand tol the truth. "You don't have t afraid," the younger boy said g sounding like an older, protective er. "Mom always says that we sho be afraid because God is always us." Tim's high-pitched voice wa of trust and faith.

"I—I know," Greg said softly, a ed and suddenly feeling a burst o for his younger brother.

"Nothing can hurt us," Tim kep ing.

"I—I know," Greg murmured, re bering that his mother usually "'. . . A child is known by his d . . .'" (Proverbs 20:11). He neve been entirely sure of what that n but now he knew. It made him into the solid darkness unafraid. squeezed Tim's hand. It was go have a little brother who knew so —a little brother who helped him and love God.—"The Sunday School and Gospel Herald."

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THE MINISTER'S PRAYER

eshould all strive to apply this ment to our lives as we go out r to win the lost to our loving : "Lord, we give up our own pur- nd all our plans, all our own de- hopes, and ambitions, whether e fleshly or of the spirit. We now thy will for our lives. We give es, our lives, our all utterly to be orever. We give over to thy keep- our friendships and all the peo- om we love and hold dear to our These are now to take second n our lives. Lord, we ask of thee us and seal us with the Holy and, above all else, to work out whole will in our lives at any cost. is we pray. Now and forever- may we live in Christ. Amen."

n sharing this prayer with all peo- ho are Christians, especially to ers and their families. We are sometimes to forget just what our ce for the work of our Lord is, ally when there are so many peo- no need our witness to help them to know our Lord as the precious r that we know Him to be. Never here been such a famine in our for the **true** Word of God. The ures are being tampered with and ed by men who have forgotten the real meaning of their calling ongregations fill the pews of our nes, hungering and thirsting for ue Word of God, but in many of hurches, the Word is not being hed to please God.

Amos 8:11, 12, we find this Scrip- "Behold, the days come, saith the GOD, that I will send a famine in and, not a famine of bread, nor a for water, but of hearing the s of the LORD: And they shall wan- rom sea to sea, and from the north to the east, they shall run to and o seek the word of the LORD, and not find it."

ver has there been a time when so people go to church, but there is k of people walking the aisles for ord. On the other side of the pic- never have we faced as much un- and crime as we are facing now in land. We need to ask ourselves as tians and ministers of God, "What rong?" Why is there so much un- and crime? Why is there no action e pews? Is it because we as God's people are failing God? Let us as Christians apply the prayer given above to our lives. May we also apply to our lives the following Scripture: "That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do" (Jeremiah 42:3).

—Mrs. Edgar Benton
Fremont, North Carolina

Norwood Lanier

On Sunday, May 20, at the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, Norwood Lanier, who was in service at the church that day, was stricken with an illness which claimed his life a short time later. He was 50 years old and the son of the late Alton and Kate Susan Lanier.

His funeral was held at Community Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Jimmy Webster and burial was in East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mannah K. Lanier; three sons, Ellis, Johnny, and Billy Ray Lanier of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Kopanski of Fayetteville and Mrs. Virginia Grady of Kenansville; three brothers, Wilton of Alexandria, Virginia; Glenn and Bruce Lanier of Beulaville; his stepmother, Mrs. Annie Rae Lanier of Beulaville.

Norwood had been in failing health for several years. He seemed to bear his afflictions with patience and was spoken of as a good husband, father, and neighbor. He was a reserved and quiet natured person. He accepted Christ some years ago and united with Cabin church and remained faithful until his death.

He is missed by all who knew him but most of all by those who were closest to him and loved him so dearly. We wish to express our sympathy to them.

Respectfully submitted,
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 29

LIVE THE TRUTH

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:16; Acts 5:1-11; Ephesians 4:25

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:16

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is built around the general theme of truth and truthfulness, of their importance in our relationship to ourselves, to our neighbors, and to our God.

The Lord Jesus stressed the importance of truth by making it an emblem of Himself, and He frequently made use of the word "true" as an adjective describing such words as **Light, Vine, Shepherd,** etc., when using them in reference to Himself and His ministry.

We cannot overestimate the role which truthfulness plays in our dealings with others; for unless they are able to have confidence in what we have to say and have trust in our personal integrity, all of our dealings with them will be as though we were dealing with strangers. It is also important that we be true to ourselves; for when we attempt to deceive ourselves, we are but weaving webs which will ultimately entangle and destroy us. Most important of all we must be true to God and truthful in all our dealings with, and relationship to Him; for He, who termed Himself the "Truth," will not tolerate falsehood and deceit in those who profess to be His followers.

Our lesson text for today is composed of Exodus 20:16, which forbids the giving of false witness; of Acts 5:1-11, which stresses the importance of being truthful to God; and of Ephesians 4:25, which constitutes an exhortation to put away all manner of falsehood, and embrace and make full use of truth in all of our conversation.

The purpose of today's study is to help us realize the importance of truthfulness and personal integrity to our lives and Christian ministry.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. One of the bad things about telling lies is that the liar gets to the place where he cannot believe what anyone else tells him. You see, we have a tendency to judge others by ourselves.

B. Can one ever tell a lie by being silent? Some might say "no," but we believe that this is possible when your silence allows the person to go on believing what is untrue, and you know that this is the case. This, we believe, is lying by silence.

C. If you steal someone's money, he can replace it, and often the loss of what has been stolen does not really hurt. But if we steal one's reputation with lies and slander, this cannot be replaced. This hurts more than the loss of money.

D. Are churches ever guilty of lying when they make representations about speakers and services that are misleading?—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We are constantly building relationships in life. Earliest associations are formed in the home. One of the first principles we learn in the home is that we must tell the truth. Lying to parents or brothers and sisters is a major offense in most homes, for compatability depends largely upon honesty. If we would have happy and harmonious homes, each member must be honest with every other member.

In the work-a-day world, each individual builds some kind of relationship with his co-workers and with his employer or employee. If these associations are to be pleasant and profitable ones, truth is basic. Exaggerating grievances, falsifying a fellow-worker's ability for the sake of personal advancement, and the like destroy confidence and productive working conditions.

A third important area where integrity is a vital necessity is in the church. The enriching fellowship of believers depends heavily upon the honesty and sincerity of each member. Slander is never more heinous a sin than when committed by a church member. Falsehood is never more destructive than wh comes from a professing Christian pocrisy is never more repulsive when observed within the ranks church. Genuine faith and hones are essential to true discipleship.

Thus, in **all** human relationships must be the foundation.—Standar son Commentary.

B. A fine Christian man of son was brought into court to testify judge, who knew him well, said th man need not swear to tell the "Your word is sufficient for my the judge said to him. What a sp thing to have said of any mar vanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Often the fellow who hits th right on the head is driving it wrong direction.

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Charismatic ement and Why Do Not Believe in It

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e with facilities in nearly every in the world. Almost, without on, they present four basic con- hich seem to me are designed to ine the work of the institutional They are:

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the Early Church Meet in Homes ithout Benefit of Regular Meeting aces?

e-church people make much of :46: "And they, continuing daily ne accord in the temple, and g bread from house to house, did eir meat with gladness and single- f heart." This has something to out the temple and eating together, does not teach or hint the house- concept. These people had fel- p in the homes. To say the church s and apostolic times did not have times and places to worship is g the plain evidence of Scripture. the apostolic church did not have zation is to reveal a very foolish nlearned mind.

k at the word "church." It comes from the Greek word "curiake," ng, "that which pertains to the or "the house of the Lord." It translated by the term "ecclesia," two Greek words meaning "to call Its Hebrew equivalent is found imes in the Old Testament and was to designate a congregation, as- y, multitude, or company of any The term "church" occurs 111 in the King James New Testament. ghout the Greek world, down to olic times "ecclesia" was the regu- escription for an assembly of peo- ho met at stated intervals and was stood to represent the entire group hich the meeting was called. Cer- , Jesus must have understood the ing of the term when He was the first to use it in connection with His followers in Matthew 16:18. He reveals the fact that He thought of the church as an institution, possessing powers of self-government, in which questions of discipline were to be decided by the collective judgment of the members. Matthew 18:17 states, "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen. . . ."

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NEWS NOTES

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wife, Peggy, and their two sons, Jeffery and Gene, moved into the church parsonage the last week of June. The Cliftons came to Mount Zion from the West Clinton church in Clinton, North Carolina.

Mr. Clifton is 32 years old and a young man in the ministry. The church believes him to be a man of God and the right pastor for the church at this time. They desire the prayers of all Christians that the church might progress and many souls be won to Christ.

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Calvary Church Host to 1st Union, Western Conference

The following is the program of the First Union Meeting of the Western Conference, convening with Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, July 28, 1973.

Morning Session

10:00—Morning Devotional, Buddy Sasser
10:15—Welcome, Dewey Boling, Host Pastor
—Response, Ray Wells
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Report of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Offering for the Children's Home
Special Music, Host Church
Sermon, Bobby Futrell
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

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Questions & Answers

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God caused Moses to write the words of Satan, the serpent, exactly as they were spoken as occurs in the third chapter of Genesis, and also those spoken by him in the first and second chapters of Job, as they were spoken by him on those occasions.

Since the word inspiration means "God breathed," we may say here without reasonable contradiction that God controlled each human writer, causing him to record each thought and word as God intended. However, in most cases the words recorded were words from the writer's own personal vocabulary and the exact words God wanted used to express exactly, not only the thought content, but that thought in the very same and exact words of God's own choice. To claim any less for the Bible would be falling short of what the Bible teaches and what the nature and attributes of God demand.

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Mr. Clyde Sasser by Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Radford, Allen, and Kay, Kenly, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mae J. Sasser by Mrs. Hardy Talton and U. J. Roberts, Pikeville, North Carolina.

Rev. W. W. Silverthorne by Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference, New Bern, North Carolina.

Mrs. Betsy D. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Norris, Pink Hill, North Carolina.

Mrs. Viola Smith by Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

Mr. Ither M. Stevens by Couples' Class, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Malcolm J. Thornton by Board of Directors, Southern National Corporation, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Board of Directors, Fayetteville Branch of Southern National Bank, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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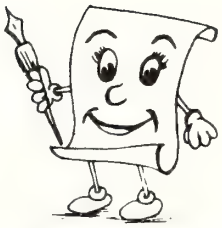

By Nina Grace Register

I want to share with you a testimony given at the recent General Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The speaker quoted no Scripture, but I think what she said sounds like Romans 8:28.

Before my report I'd like to say a few words about the help I've had the past two weeks.

"My husband grew up on a farm. Well, you can move him to the city but you can't get the farmer out of him. So, no matter where we live, he has to have his garden. Even if it meets the back steps, he raises his vegetables. And I admit I enjoy the products of his labor, myself.

"At our home now we have a big yard, so he has a large garden. Well, I had a lot to do for this convention, and I was hoping the garden would wait until afterwards. But everything has come off early, and I just had to put it in the freezer. Even our corn has matured earlier than usual.

"You know, I was really worried. I didn't see how in the world I could get it all done in time. Oh, yes, I forgot to mention the fruit trees—we have two. So besides freezing vegetables, I've made jelly for the first time in my life. And to my surprise, it's been successful.

"In addition, people really have been nice about helping me with my part of the convention program. Only one or two whom I've asked have had to refuse. And that makes me feel so good!

"All the time I was worrying about how to get everything done, the Lord was helping me do it. The two weeks since school has been out have been one of the happiest, most productive periods of my life. Now it's all done, so when we go home I can put my mind and energy on something else.

"I think that just proves if we depend on God, everything will work out all right!"

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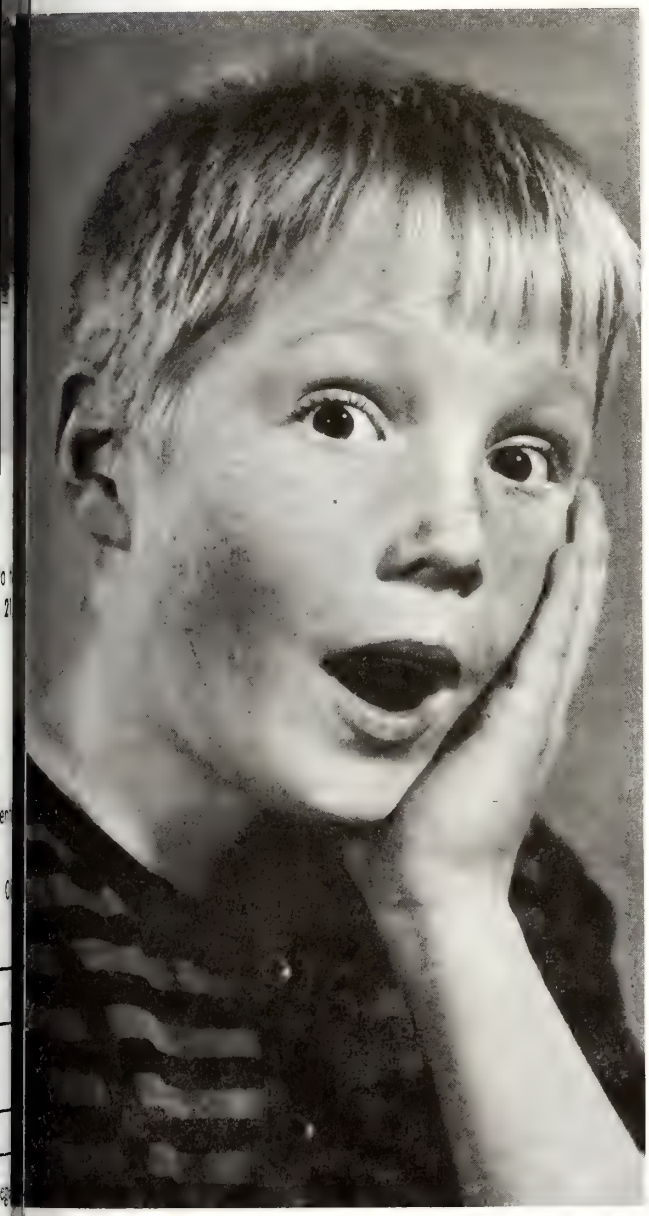

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HAVE YOU BEEN SORRY ABOUT ANYTHING LATELY? DID YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE? DID YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

EDITORIAL...

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AND I'M SORRY . . .

To be sorry: to feel sorrow, regret, penitence, or pity. How easy it is for *some people* to say "I'm sorry," but how hard it is to prove it by their deeds—especially if they are under close observation. Sincerity is a factor. Easier said than done; easier thought than spoken; easier felt than projected—*many times*—for man's nature is such that to humble himself is thought to be degrading! This is regretful, but nonetheless a fact unless one has an especially close relationship to his Lord.

All of us do things that demand our uttering the words "I'm sorry," but often pride will prevent our voicing these words. The fact is that we hate to admit that we are wrong or at fault; and though our *conscience* may dictate an apology at some wrong deed, we frequently squash the urge to burst forth with a sincere, penitential plea for forgiveness. This happens in daily life: work, play, even worship. When it happens in worship situations, it is dangerous indeed!

Many of us are plagued, as it were, by ambivalence; that is, we have a simultaneous attraction toward and repulsion from an object, person, action, or situation. Because of this aspect, we find ourselves in predicaments that require our admitting that we have erred—perhaps not intentionally—but nevertheless to the degree that some corrective action on our part is required. A sad factor is that all too often we aren't willing to exercise this corrective action.

Psychologists often project the idea that some individuals have such a strong love for someone that their fear of losing that someone will compel them to make certain statements or gestures which indicate quite the opposite of love for that person. Again, this is relative to ambivalence: attraction *toward* and repulsion *from* at the same time. Regrets are felt but often unexpressed. An "I'm sorry" could alter many undesirable situations, but without the spoken words; well, there's little need to say more here. . . .

It has been proven that we often hurt the people we love most. It has also been proven that it is more difficult to say that we are sorry to the ones we love so well. They're supposed to know that we're sorry, to our way of thinking. They're supposed to know that we love them without our telling them, and, certainly, it is better to "show" love than to "tell" it; but, telling it *is* important. Society has impressed upon us the idea that it is a sign of weakness for one to apologize, that one should not have to submit to such embarrassment. One oddity—and it is an oddity when one intelligently considers the matter—is that it is easier to say "I'm sorry" to a stranger into which you accidentally bumped than it is to say "I'm sorry" when you have hurt a loved one's feelings. Certainly, some of our close-knit families will take issue with this concept; nevertheless, if we are honest and apply this concept to the next situation to which this might apply, more than likely we will see the truth of it. To reiterate a thought, they (the members of our families) are supposed to know that we are sorry without being told; yet, again, "telling" is really important.

Question: When was the last time you said a genuine "I'm sorry" to your child, your husband, or your wife? Think! Has there been a situation lately which required an apology which you let "slide" by? Did you suffer perhaps and feel a little defeated inwardly that you were not strong enough to say the words—or did you just not care?

As this writer has always contended: It takes a big man to admit that he's wrong. How many of us *are* big men? How many of us readily admit our shortcomings? Do we think that we're more than human? Do we think that we have a premium on knowledge, that our wisdom is the greatest, that our words are the most profound? If so, we have erred indeed—by even entertaining such thoughts.

"I'm sorry that I missed that appointment with you. I'm sorry that I failed to do that job you asked me to do. I'm sorry that I scraped your bumper. I'm sorry that I broke your vase. I'm sorry; I'm sorry; I'm sorry"—we could go on and on. Being sorry is good, but not enough. One should do something to make up for the mistake or whatever makes necessary his saying "I'm sorry." This is not always required, but it is the ethical thing to do—to make amends.

When one comes to Christ, he says to Him: "Lord, I'm sorry for the sins I've committed. Please forgive me for these." If the plea is sincere, it is heard and the person is forgiven. Each of us has the power to change our destiny. How sad is the fact that some people don't seem to want to do anything about this, or when they do decide that they want to do something about it, it is too late; for, He tells us that His Spirit will not always strive with us—despite how sorry we are. Sometimes when a person "comes to himself" as did the prodigal son, the Father is not there to welcome him with open arms. . . . Mind you, it's not the Father's fault; it's the "son's."

All of us fall short—this editor does daily in so many ways. He is thankful that when he does the chastisement of the Lord is upon him, for then he knows that the Lord is still with him. . . .

Truly, sometimes I (your editor) am not quite the man I ought to be—and I'm sorry. . . . How about you? Be honest now.

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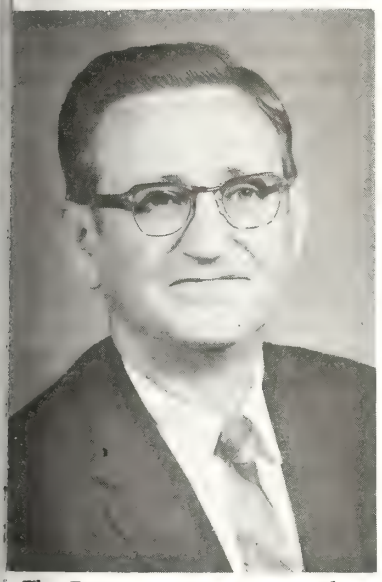
Report of General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

by the Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary

he General Conference of Original Will Baptists met in its annual ses- June 26 and 27, 1973, at the Holly ngs Free Will Baptist Church near wport, North Carolina, and a new slate fficers was elected.



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Other members of the general board ected were: the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce ., the Rev. Fred Bates, the Rev. Johnnie ullman, O. B. Jones, the Rev. Ralph ghtsey, and the Rev. Burrell Barnette.

Let's get acquainted with the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists by reviewing its purpose and some brief historical facts.

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to unite Original Free Will Baptists in a Christian fellowship for the advancement of the kingdom of God through worship, missions and evangelism, education, literature, benevolences, and other means as may be mutually agreed upon. This fellowship recognizes the individual freedom and mutual dependence of all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Brief Historical Facts

No record has been found which would lead one to believe that the Freewill or Free Baptist of the North and the Original Free Will Baptists have the same origin. The Freewill Baptists had their origin in New Hampshire with Benjamin Randall as the founder, while the Original Free Will Baptists had their origin in North Carolina with Paul Palmer as the founder. After the two groups became acquainted, a strong bond of fellowship was established, and it is thought by many that they might have merged if it had not been for the political factions which resulted in the Civil War.

After the Civil War, the Randall group outgrew the Palmer group and spread into the midwest. Missionaries were sent out, colleges were started, and the General Conference was organized. As they grew, pride asserted itself and they became more and more liberal. As a result, agitation arose for their merger with a larger group. Finally, in 1911, the General Conference of Freewill Baptists merged with the Northern Baptist Convention of Missionary Baptists. However, there were many churches who did not go along with the merger, but they were scattered and had no central government or organization.

In 1916 an effort was made to organize "All Freewill Baptists" into one group. The resulting organization was the "Co-Operative General Association of Freewill Baptists." Like the old General Conference after which it was patterned, this association met triennially. Delegates from both North Carolina and Tennessee were present at this organizational meeting.

At the second meeting of the Co-Operative General Association a controversy arose over the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. This controversy showed that the Randall group and the Palmer group were doctrinally incompatible and the delegates from North Carolina and Tennessee withdrew.

On May 26, 1921, a group met at the Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tennessee, to organize Original Free Will Baptists. In this meeting delegates were present from North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. Although the number was small, the delegates were optimistic and the "General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States" was born. This body continued to grow and hold annual meetings for 16 years.

In 1935 representatives from both the Co-Operative General Association and the General Conference met at the Cofer's Chapel Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and organized the National Association. In the beginning the National Association was to meet every three years and the Co-Operative General Association and the General Conference were to continue to meet annually. This lasted until the second session of the National body. The last session of the General Conference, in name, was at Black Jack Church, Greenville, North Carolina, in 1935; however, in compliance with a ruling of the National body, the name was changed to "Eastern Association" and continued to hold sessions annually until the second session of the National Association when there was a constitutional amendment providing for annual sessions. With this arrangement, the Eastern and Western Associations discontinued their function. Whether this was done officially or by common consent we do not know, as no record available at this time furnishes this information. The last session of the Eastern Association (formerly General Conference) evidently was held with

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SUNDAY, JULY 29

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:6

ANSWER DELAYED—BUT GRANTED

In the city of Washington, many years ago, a teacher had in his class a mischievous boy who not only wouldn't listen, or behave well, but who interfered with the other scholars' giving their attention. The teacher became discouraged regarding that boy. Later on the boy left Washington for the West, and there wasted his life in reckless dissipation. Years afterward he came to Baltimore and spent the night in debauchery; and next morning, while under the weakening spell of his dissipation, he started walking along the streets in one of the city's cemeteries and suddenly noticed on a tombstone the name of his old Sunday school teacher. A flood of memories rushed upon him. Things that the teacher said came back to him. His heart melted, he pulled himself over the little railing, went to the grave, and there he gave his life to Christ as he knelt down and kissed the very dirt on the grave of his faithful old teacher. He entered the ministry and became the pastor of one of the most prominent churches in Virginia, and one of the most greatly beloved of all the Virginia pastors. And yet his old teacher had gone to his grave years before, feeling that his work was a failure as far as that boy was concerned.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even though this young man had waited too long for his teacher to help him rejoice of his repentance, God was still present. How about you? It's not too late!

MONDAY, JULY 30

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:15

AN UNUSUAL HOME

More than two generations back there lived in London a Wesleyan minister, Rev. George B. Macdonald, and his wife. Not being modern, they welcomed to this world six children. Four of the five daughters lived in such a way as to leave well-remembered names.

Alice Macdonald stood one evening beside Rudyard Lake and there pledged her love and life to Lockwood Kipling, a youth headed for India. When a son was born, the parents thought back to the night and scene of their engagement, and they named him, Rudyard Kipling.

Georgianna Macdonald married an artist who later won fame for his skill, Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Agnes Macdonald likewise married a youthful painter. His name was Edward Poynter, in due time president of the Royal Academy.

Louisa Macdonald turned from the circle of artists and writers around her to marry a quiet Christian engineer. His name was Baldwin, who has not only been premier of Great Britain, but has for many years been a lay preacher of the Methodist church.

Thank God for the abiding influences of a really Christian home!—*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are you a part of a fine Christian home? This is a true blessing within itself for each one in a home to be witnesses for Christ.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:6

THE PARENTAL FROWN

Chief Justice William H. Waste, of the California Supreme Court, does not hesitate to say that there is a rising tide of lawlessness among the youth of today and that the criminal indifference of parents is largely responsible.

He agrees with President Coolidge that "what the youth of the country needs is not more public control through governmental action, but more home control through parental action."

"Through indifference or because of a generous but ill-considered belief in the dangerous doctrine of 'the new freedom,' parents have given over the reins of authority," says the Judge, "and now they watch with consternation and resulting runaway.

"You cannot give youth the reins and say 'Drive!' without inviting a smash. Youth —I am speaking now of immaturity—lacks judgment. It is dominated to a large extent by the physical urge. Without a guiding hand it will run amuck and smash itself. True religion and good citizenship are inseparable. Supplementing school and the church must often do, unaided, what the home should cooperate in doing."—*The Wesleyan Methodist.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Parents, do you run the home, or do the youth? The Scriptures tell us to train up a child in the way he should go. Without proper home training, you may expect anything from the youth of our country.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:1

HIS LAST WORD

A young man working on the Limehouse Docks once heard a clergyman named Henderson preach from the text: "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Being impressed, he had a conversation afterward in the vestry. Next day he sailed on the steamship *London,* which became a wreck. Months passed, and a sailor to the clergyman and said, "Are you Henderson?" "Yes, I am." "Then, replied, "I come to see you with a me from the dead. I talked and prayed a young man on board the *London* wh heard you preach from the text, 'Bein tified by faith, we have peace with through our Lord Jesus Christ.' He w earnest, but he did not seem to get the light until a few minutes befor wreck. He and I were told to launc of the boats and to help man her. doing so, he said to me, 'Mate, if yo to shore, be sure to tell Mr. Henderso it's all right; being justified by faith; I peace with God.' By some accide failed to reach the boat when the r had to pull for their lives from the se ship. The last thing I saw of that l was up in the rigging, waving his hat shouting across the waters, 'Being jus by faith, we have peace with God th our Lord Jesus Christ.'" Friend, you be nearer your wreck than you kn *The Dawn.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have you made your justificatio faith with Christ? We have no prom tomorrow, so do not delay. Your may be nearer than you think.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Scripture Reading—1 Kings 21:2

WORTHLESS MONEY

Tightly clasping a penny in her hand, a little girl entered a candy stor laying her penny on the counter, she li ed over the different kinds of s temptingly displayed, and finally ma choice. Pointing one chubby finger said to the clerk, "I'll take that one." afraid that one is two cents," said the consolingly. Again the child inspecte different candies, and again indicate selection. "That one is two cents the clerk was forced to repeat. Ru she turned away and started to leave. " little girl," called the clerk, "you've f ten your penny." "I don't want it," her reply; "it won't buy anything." story reminded us of that prophecy o day when our gold shall be removed us, and men will "cast their silver i streets" (see Ezekiel 7:17-19). Men become so exasperated over the useles of their money that they will cast it i streets!—*Prophecy Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

This prophecy has almost been fulf Today the buying power of our mon almost useless. Truly the day of the L return is near at hand.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Scripture Reading—Exodus 5:16

THE SCOLDING HABIT

Scolding is mostly a habit. It is the result of nervousness and an irri

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he Charismatic Movement and hy We Do Not Believe In It

by Charles Crisp

(Continued from Last Issue)

e Early Church did have regular ting places. Acts 1:13-15, admitted- his was a house, but not like any e I know of in my community. There e more people in an upstairs room his house than some of us had in day school last week. But the point hey were all there, not scattered in- different homes all over town.

hat the Early Church came together vorship in one stated place is evident n the first Corinthian letter, Chapter Verse 23, "If therefore the whole rch be come together into one place, ."; also Verse 26, "How is it then, thren? when ye come together, . . ." same thought can be found in 1 Co- hians 11:18, "For first of all, when come together in the church, . . ."; n Verse 20, "When ye come together refore into one place, . . ."

he "house-church" crowd would have believe that the Early Church was not organized body but just a motely eting of small groups coming together en and where they saw fit. But such not the case according to Scriptures. l addressed most of his letters to rches in particular locations. The ter to Corinthians (e.g., 1 Corinthians –14) show that the churches had al- dy recognized certain forms of wor- p; letters to Timothy and Titus reveal egular organized body. The existence church officers proves the existence organization: bishops and deacons ilippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 2; Titus 1); ers (Acts 20:17); a presbytery (1 Timo- y 4:14). Church letters were granted members (Acts 18:27). To accept the ouse-church" concept, one must ignore e teaching of Scripture. Are we will- g to do that? I, for one, cannot!

The house-church gang would have us nore almost two thousand years of urch history. It is very plain from urch history that the organized, insti- tional concept has been the concept llowed from the very beginning. For is message, I think two examples will e enough. One is by a Christian who ved and wrote within 70 years of Paul's death. The other is by a pagan who wrote in the same period.

Justin Martyr, A.D. 133: "On the day called Sunday all who live in the city or in the country gather together to one meeting place and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then when the reader has ceased, the minister verbally instructs and exhorts to the imitation of these things. Then we all rise and pray together. . . ."

Pliny, the governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor, in A.D. 112, wrote a letter to the Emperor Trajan in which he says, after a careful examination of Christians in regard to their worship: "On the day called Sunday, they are wont to meet together before it is light at a stated place and sing among themselves a hymn to Christ as God. . . ."

In less than one year, this man sent his troops to this meeting place where the people gathered, they nailed the doors and windows shut, and burned the building down around those people.

Yes, these people thought of worship as public expression. They could have set aside times for meditation and thanksgiving, for reading and prayer, for discussion in their own homes, and thus avoided the dangers they were subject to. But they accepted the risks, even of death, and gathered together in public worship and won an empire to Christ. I, for one, am not willing to discard such bravery as foolish!

The Free Will Baptist Statement of Faith and Discipline presents our concept on Page 33: "A Christian church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship." Now, it is evident from such terms as: "organized body," "statedly assemble," "obtaining consent of the body," etc. that the Free Will Baptist concept of the church is that of an organized, institutional church.

B. Is It Too Expensive to Build and Maintain Churches?

The "house-church" crowd would have us to believe that church buildings are used only once or twice a week. This is simply not true! If a church is active, its facilities are used regularly. This is really an excuse to avoid responsibility.

One of the noticeable features of those early Christians is that the majority of them were poor people, slaves in fact, in many cases; yet, what giving characterized their lives! and how Paul could take the gospel to others through their sacrificial giving! Some say, "But some people are just too poor to build." It is a recognized fact that any group of people can erect a place of worship equal to the average dwelling of that group. As I listen to such arguments, I am reminded of the Jews when Haggai, the prophet, said, ". . . This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built" (1:2). But the house-church advocates need to read the rest of that chapter. These people were poor too, but God said, "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; . . ." (1:8).

Some of the house-church people then say, "But the mission field is different." I say to them, "The whole world is a mission field!" In preparing this message, I had before me one of the leading textbooks on missions. On Page 301 of **Missionary Principles and Practices** by Harold Lindsell, we read, "The problem of a church building should be the problem of the local church. . . . The architectural forms, size, and the raising of the money are their problem. If they have no money, let them build the place of worship with their own hands and materials, but they must build."

C. Admittedly, Our Main Purpose Is to Lead Men to Christ, but It Is Not Our Only Purpose

There is a great danger of losing sight of the church in the endeavor to emphasize the kingdom and Christendom. But brethren, it is no small thing to talk of the church, though the kingdom and Christendom seem so large in comparison. We cannot distinguish and contrast the church and Christianity to the disparagement of the church. It is well to note that Jesus Christ identifies Himself with the church and not Christendom (see Acts 9). He gave His life that He might found a church not Christendom

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Piney Grove Church Calls Rodney Wilson as Pastor

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Albertson, North Carolina, called as their new pastor, Mr. Rodney Wilson. He began his new duties May 1, 1973. Mr. Wilson, and wife Linda, have two children, Kim and Elton. The church is expecting great things for the Lord under the pastorate of Mr. Wilson.

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Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention At White Hill Church

The Fifth Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference will convene with White Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Aurora, North Carolina, Sunday, July 29. The president, Mr. Charles Mason, will preside over the convention which has for its theme, "Live the Truth." The program that follows will begin at 10 a.m.

10:00—Opening, the President
—Prayer, the Rev. Owen Arthur
—Hymn, "I Would Be True"
—Welcome, Mr. William E. Holliday, Host Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Norwood Kennedy, Pilgrim's Home Church

10:15—Recognition Time (Pastors, Officers, and Delegates)

10:30—Offering

10:25—Program, White Hill Sunday School

10:40—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Johnny Boyd, Adult Teacher, Host School

11:05—Business Session:
Minutes, Miss Velma Morris
Treasurer's Report, Mr. Vaughn Hill
Reports of Denominational Enterprises
Presentation of Awards

11:25—Hymn

11:35—Program, Missionary Skit, Trent Sunday School

12:00—Adjournment

Fifth Eastern Union White Hill Church

The Fifth Union Meeting of the ern Conference will convene with White Hill Free Will Baptist Ch Aurora, North Carolina, Saturday, 28. The scheduled program is as lows:

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn
—Devotions, Jack Phillips
—Welcome, the Rev. Owen Art
—Response

10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Mini

10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for the Children's Ho

10:50—Report of Denominational E prises, the Rev. E. E. Edward

11:15—Business Session
—Appointment of Nominating mittee

11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements

11:40—Special Music, Host Church

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Baptismal at Rouse's Pond, Duplin County

Fourteen persons were baptized (four rebaptized) by the Rev. Bobby Harrell, pastor of Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, North Carolina, assisted by Rodney Wilson, licensed minister of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Albertson, North Carolina, Sunday, July 8, at six in the afternoon, at Rouse's Pond near Albertson.

An interesting feature about the baptism is that no revival had been he The Spirit's leading caused this eve and the Lord's blessings were poured in a wondrous way to lead these peo to conversion and consecration.

In the group baptized there were first-time decisions, one rededicati and three felt the need of rebaptism. these became members of the Piney Gr church.

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

few weeks back I shared with you ugh this column by permission of the dir some letters which he had received in response to his work. You may recall that in a previous issue he wrote an article, "Physician, Where Art Thou? I Need Thee!" in support of the proposed four-year medical school at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, applying a spiritual aspect. This article received favorable discussion on "Carolina Today," the early morning panel show aired on Television Station WNCT, Greenville, and received also appreciative response from officials of the University.

The editor has allowed me again to share with you some letters, specifically in regard to the article mentioned earlier. These below were received from Chancellor Leo W. Jenkins, Dean Wallace R. Wooles of the School of Medicine, and Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs Edwin W. Monroe at the University. Preissue copies of the article were directed to the University, hence the future tense of the letters noted below.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 14, 1973

Mr. Tommy Manning
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
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Dear Tommy:

Many, many thanks for the feature article that will appear in the May 16 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST! It is a very readable and interesting article and will be most helpful, I am sure, toward attracting your readers to such a worthy cause. It is good of you to take your time and energy to help us get the wide coverage that I'm sure your publication enjoys.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Leo W. Jenkins
Chancellor

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May 14, 1973

Mr. Tommy Manning
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Dear Tommy:

Your article, "Physician, Where Art Thou? I Need Thee" is an interesting and well-written one. It should gain the attention of all of your readers, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for this contribution to our efforts to expand our medical school so that the citizens of North Carolina will have a better chance to have the health care they should have.

With best wishes and appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Edwin W. Monroe, M.D.
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14 May 1973

Mr. Tommy Manning
Free Will Baptist Press
Ayden, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you for sending me the feature article which will be carried in the May 16th issue of the Free Will Baptist.

I greatly appreciate your concern and interest in this matter. It is comforting for those of us trying to develop and expand our medical school to know that there are people in the community who feel as strongly as we do about this great need of North Carolina.

Our progress so far has been slow but really it has been sure. I am convinced that because it is such a great need that the people will perceive it as such and we'll do all we can to insure that we get necessary physicians to care to our physical ailment.

On behalf of the University, please accept my wholehearted thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace R. Wooles
Dean

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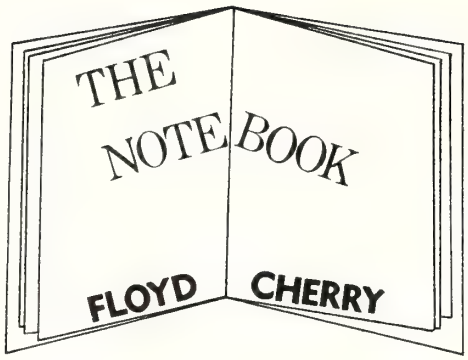


Let's stop it—belittling Free Will Baptist—that is!

It is not uncommon to hear someone talk about how stingy Free Will Baptists are. Based on the record of their giving, this is not true. The per capita giving of North Carolina Free Will Baptists will rank along with that of any major denomination in the country. Our people give, and give generously when a cause is properly presented to them. They ought not to be maligned untruthfully.

Another very common statement among us preachers is that churches of other denominations pay their pastors more. The records will not bear out this statement. Go to any denomination you wish and then take Free Will Baptist churches of comparable size, and you will find that our churches measure up. Of course, there are some exceptions in our group as there are in any group. But the truth is that church by church, member by member, Free Will Baptists give as much as the other churches located in our area.

There is an apocryphal story about Zacchaeus, after he met Jesus. His friends noticed a strange pattern of behavior. He was often seen early in the morning carrying water to a sycamore tree, pruning its branches, cultivating its roots. Someone asked Mrs. Zacchaeus, "Why does he give so much attention and affection to a common old sycamore tree?"

Mrs. Zacchaeus explained, "He loves that tree. He was sitting in its branches when he first saw Jesus. That place is the place where he found the Lord and his life was changed!"

The Free Will Baptist Church is my sycamore tree; through it I came to know the Lord and my life was changed! She has provided me a place of service where I could serve my Lord for more than 40 years now. I hope you will pardon me if I love her and do not like to hear her unjustly belittled.

Opening Service at Puerto Princesa Chapel

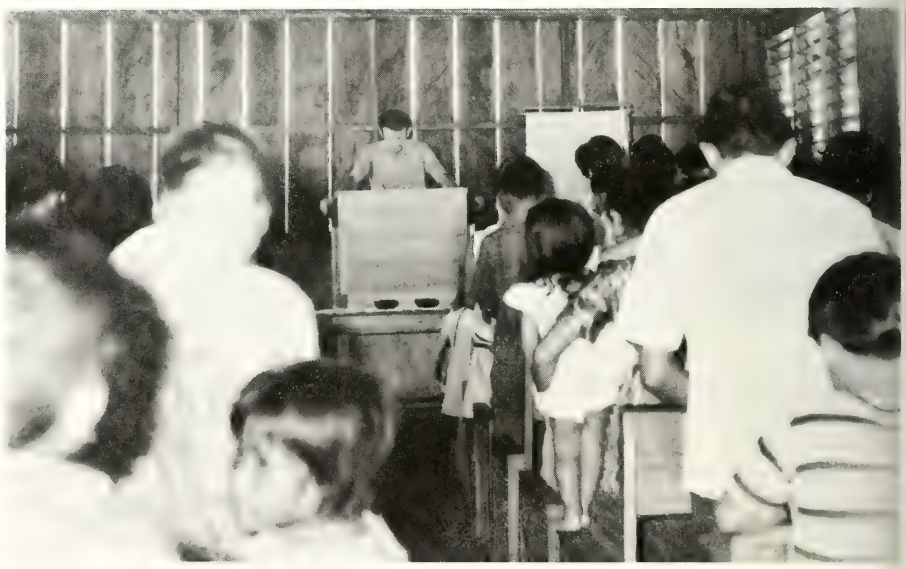
by Harold Jones

Sunday, July 1, was a very beautiful day here at Puerto Princesa City, Philippines. There was excitement in the air, because this was the day for our first service in the new chapel. This was a very significant service because it marked the end of one phase of our work and points us to many phases ahead.

The people began to arrive early for the service and we finally got underway about 9 a.m. We had songs of prais brief history of Free Will Baptist in Philippines, a dedication of the bu ing, greetings from the director, board, and the people at home. Brot Perocillo brought the morning mess to a house full of people. After the s vice lunch was served.

When the Lord is at work the de rages. I have mentioned before some

Puerto Princesa Chapel



The Opening Service

t opposition we have met in our work. W met some in the opening of the clpel. The day before the opening serve, Brother Perocillo sent some invitatins to some of the barrio officials to aend. But instead of them attending, tly tried to sabotage our service. They cled a "barangay meeting" for the next d at the same time of our service and st messages to all our members that if they did not attend the meeting they vuld be fined. So many of our members attended the "barangay meeting," t left as soon as they could to attend e service and festivities of the church. first our spirits were a little dampen- by this development, but as we began examine the situation we could see e Lord was working this to His own glory. Our food would have run short had all the extra in the community come and the "barangay meeting" kept the drunks away.

All of our members arrived and enjoyed the occasion and the Lord was truly glorified. The devil may try to stop the Lord, but we must always remember that the devil is a defeated foe. I was also reminded anew on this occasion of Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

We thank you back home for making the construction of this chapel possible. It will long stand as a monument that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has been preached in this community.

Opening Congregation

he Charismatic Movement and Why Ve Do Not Believe in It

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ee Ephesians 5:25). Paul sacrificed mself to build up the church not hrisendom. He considered his greatest n as consisting in persecuting the hurch.

Harold Lindsell says on Page 300, "In s beginning, missionary work has for s object the conversion of men's souls." ut he continues, "And when men have een converted a church should be eated." He says, "From the begining of his labors the missionary must ssume that his labors are temporary. is greatest work is to make himself exendable and to create a functioning hurch which no longer requires his presence." He says, "Indeed, every missionary is a church builder, and if he thinks of the salvation for the individual in a dimension which relegates the establishment of a church to the periphery, he is not worthy of the name missionary."

D. Do People Worship in a More Meaningful Way in the House-Church Setting?

The scope of worship ranges from the most deeply intimate private devotions and attitude, carried out and formulated in the quiet places of the human soul, through the communal worship of small groups, such as the family, to the largest congregation of people gathered together for corporate worship. In another real sense, it is linked up with worship that is offered in such ordinary places as on the job, out on the water, in school, etc. Does this mean that we can choose the form of worship that is most meaningful to us? Of course not! Brethren, I must not, I cannot, accept this sort of mess. If I did, I must tell my church they are wasting time and money in building the new church in Greenville. The institutional church has its problems, but I am not ready to junk it for the house-church. It is still the Bible way, God's way, and the Free Will Baptist way of reaching men for Christ and training them for service. Amen and amen!

III. CONCLUSION

In the light of what we have seen, let us recognize this movement for what it is: unbiblical and divisive. Let us learn a lesson from past experience with this movement. Let us take our stand against it, but let us provide an emotional outlet for souls of men to rejoice in the Lord. Let's get out of sterile, cold, formal, mechanical worship and give people a warm, personal, thrilling worship experience. Let's come alive and there will be no fertile ground for such a movement to grow.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor for half-time services. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mrs. Marie Wallace, clerk, by calling collect, 728-3081, or writing her at Route 1, Box 807, Beaufort, North Carolina 27516.

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The Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, is looking for a pastor as of October, 1973. All inquiries are welcome. If interested please contact Mr. R. A. Hamilton, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina 27829.

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Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Macclesfield, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor for services on each second and fourth Sunday of the month. Interested ministers should contact Mrs. Archie Horton, Box 151, Macclesfield, North Carolina 27852.

NEWS NOTES

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11:50—Message, the Rev. Joe Moore
—Adjournment
12:30—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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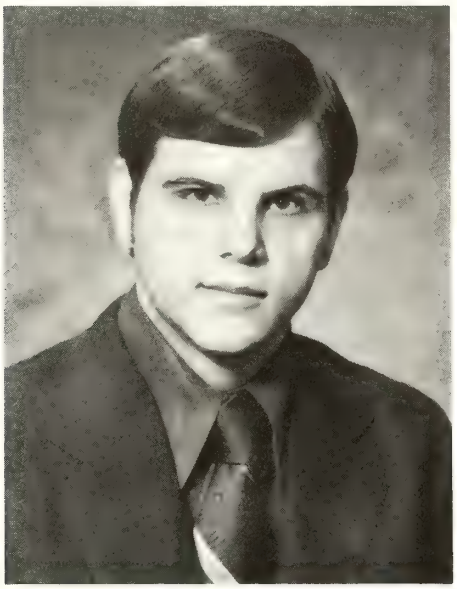
Two Ordained at First Church, Wilson, N. C.

Two young men, members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, were ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, July 8. They are John Melancon and Dwight Hawley.



John Melancon

Mr. Melancon is a student at Atlantic Christian College, and upon graduation next year will enter Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, for training in missions. When he has finished there he will be assigned by the state mission board to work in one of the mission fields. Presently he is pastor of Union Grove church near Fremont, and Dawson's Grove church near Enfield.

Dwight Hawley

Mr. Hawley is a student at Mount Olive College and will graduate there next year. His further educational plans are unannounced at this time. He is doing pastoral assistance work in several churches.

Members of the Ordaining Council of the Western Conference officiated at the service. The Rev. W. R. Martin presented the Bibles, gifts from the local church, and led the ordination prayer. The Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the First church, presented the charge and the certificates of ordination.

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Stony Hill Host to Second Western Sunday School Convention

The Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Middlesex, North Carolina, will be host to the Second Western District Sunday School Convention, Saturday evening, July 28, beginning at eight o'clock. The convention theme will be "Christian Living," with Scripture taken from Ephesians 4:25-27. The program is as follows:

Song Service, Stony Hill Church
Offering for Superannuation
Devotions, the Rev. Raymond Sasser
Welcome, Local Sunday School
Response, the Rev. Lester Duncan
Special Music, Stony Hill Youth Choir
Report of Committees
Awarding of Banner and Trophy
Adjournment

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Steven's Chapel to Host Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fe Conference will convene on Saturd morning, July 28, with Steven's Chap Free Will Baptist Church near Benso North Carolina. The moderator, the Re C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The loc church pianist and organist will play f this service. The program is as follow

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. John Dav Hill
—Welcome, the Rev. John Dav Hill
—Response, the Rev. O. Kenne Peedin
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Mi isters
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches

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Successful Bible School at Stoney Creek Churc

The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina, experienced a successful vacation Bible school with Mrs. Johnny Futrell as director, the week of June 11-15. The average attendance for the week was 137, which exceeded Bible school attendance for the past six years. Along with the director, others who helped make the school such a success were twenty-three teachers, two craft leader three music teachers, the secretary, ar the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbar The offering for the school was designa ed to go to the church library.

During the Sunday evening servic June 17, the students of the school ga a very inspiring program on what th had learned during Bible school to t large congregation of eager listeners.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: When and where will the udgment take place?

Answer: I. The judgment at the Cross as already taken place. At it Satan was udged and his power broken. At the ame time the sins of believers were udged and put away. "Verily, verily, I ay unto you, He that heareth my word, nd believeth on him that sent me, hath verlasting life, and shall not come into ondemnation; but is passed from death nto life" (John 5:24); "Now is the judgnent of this world: now shall the prince f this world be cast out. And I, if I be fted up from the earth, will draw all nen unto me" (John 12:31, 32); "For he ath made him to be sin for us, who new no sin; that we might be made the ighteousness of God in him" (2 Corinhians 5:21); "Christ hath redeemed us rom the curse of the law, being made a urse for us: for it is written, Cursed is very one that hangeth on a tree" (Galaians 3:13); "For even hereunto were ye alled: because Christ also suffered for s, leaving us an example, that ye should ollow his steps: Who did no sin, neither vas guile found in his mouth: Who, vhen he was reviled, reviled not again; vhen he suffered, he threatened not; ut committed himself to him that udgeth righteously: Who his own self are our sins in his own body on the ree, that we, being dead to sins, should ive unto righteousness: by whose stripes e were healed" (1 Peter 2:21-24).

When Christ was crucified, He was aking our place and the wrath of God evealed from heaven against all ungodness due to be executed against me nd all sinners, fell upon Him instead of ne and all else who had sinned. Now hat this was done, we have this wonerful possibility: "He that believeth on he Son hath everlasting life: and he hat believeth not the Son shall not see ife; but the wrath of God abideth on im" (John 3:36). Also we are told, Therefore doth my Father love me, beause I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10: 17, 18); "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). John 5:24 (quoted above) was made possible only because Christ willingly went to the Cross. So now, by believing in the sense as we are told in Romans 10:9-11, we appropriate for ourselves the pardon Christ purchased when He gave His life a ransom for our lost, hell-bound souls. Now we who believe or walk by faith are free from the judgment resting upon the whole world of men, women, and children since Adam and Eve transgressed and ate the forbidden fruit. Being of their fallen nature, we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God—the glory in which we, as a race, were created in Adam. Are you not glad indeed that Christ died for us and was brought into judgment so that by His stripes we are healed? I am because there was no hope for me apart from Him. Now we believers ". . . in him we live, and move, and have our being; . . ." (Acts 17:28).

II. Then there is a judgment now taking place continually, day in and day out, each second of each day, in the life of each and every believer. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (1 Corinthians 11:31, 32); "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:4, 5); "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme" (1 Timothy 1:19, 20). Here in this last passage we note the judgment of God being exercised toward those who have failed to judge themselves correctly in the violation of God's law. Also we note His admonition that each Christian believer judge himself by God's standard as set forth in the Bible and that is Christ. I need not, I must not, judge myself according to my personal standard, but according to Christ as my standard.

Dr. William Evans reminds us in his book, "Great Doctrines of the Bible," Page 254: "This continual judgment must be going on in the life of the believer or there will be judgment from God because of the consequent failure to grow in grace. There must be constant and continual judging of sin as it comes up in the believer's life." "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:5-7).

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Dr. Raper to Speak at Little Creek Church

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will be the guest minister at Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, on Christian Education Sunday, August 5.

During the service, early historical records of the Little Creek church, dating from 1903 to 1945, will be donated to Mount Olive College for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. This collection is housed in the Moye Library at the College

The members of Little Creek extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to join them for this special occasion. The Rev. David Charles Hansley is pastor.

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Does your next-door neighbor know that you are a Christian? And not just in name only?

STORIES

for our youth

GET THE RIGHT PICTURE

DAN HARMAN

CONTESTS excited Andy more than anything else in Sunday school, especially painting and drawing contests. He remembered the posters and the signs that he had made for Miss Potter last year. Now Mrs. Dennis had challenged the class.

"Boys and girls, I want to see who can draw the most appealing picture of springtime. Let God's handiwork show through as you draw, and let people see how God dresses up His world each spring."

Andy went home with his mind full of ideas. He made several sketches, picked the ones he liked, and then sat back to think. What I need is something special, he said to himself, trying very much to think and act like a professional artist.

Then he saw it right across the room, in that magazine his mother had been reading. It was a church magazine, and Andy spotted the beautiful valley in full color from across the room. He walked over and picked up the magazine. This was it. This was the picture that he would draw. But should he? Would it be fair to copy the picture? Andy thought for a long time, and then the beauty of the scene overcame him.

Neatly cutting close to the fold, Andy took the page out of the magazine. He placed a thin sheet of paper over it and carefully traced the shapes of the hills, the clouds, and the trees. Soon a lovely landscape took form. Then Andy filled in the colors with light strokes of his crayons. The final picture seemed almost as lovely as the original. Andy was proud.

The next Sunday morning Mrs. Dennis asked, "How are you doing with your pictures?" Several children mentioned having a hard time trying to draw a picture of springtime.

"Well," she continued, "I have a surprise for you. Next Sunday we will choose our best and second-best pictures and mount them in this space on the wall. Also, as an extra feature for the week after next, I've invited our pastor to visit our class and see what God's springtime means to us."

Andy didn't mention that he was all finished, but the next Sunday he came early with his picture. Mrs. Dennis was very impressed. "You did this, Andy?" she asked. "My, how lovely. It's almost like a professional painter's work. It's lovely."

Even when all the other pictures were in, Andy's stood out as the best. Everyone knew it, even Patty Duncan. They chose, and all agreed that Andy's would have the center place on the wall and that Patty's would be below. The other pictures were grouped around so that the pastor could see them all.

"Our pastor will be so happy with our expressions of what spring means to us. Each picture shows real appreciation of God's goodness, and we know how happy the pastor will be with Andy's efforts." She turned to Andy. "This is truly a work of art, Andy."

Andy smiled, but then he began feeling bad. He could tell from the rest of the paintings and drawings that the others had done their own work. His was copied, and he knew it. No one had said anything, but it was clear that he had cheated. Suddenly Andy began wondering what his father would say if he knew what he'd done. Andy loved his father, and he wouldn't do anything th would hurt him.

"Andy, we want you to be at the do next Sunday to watch for our past Let us know when he's coming so th we can greet him together." Mrs. De nis was so happy about Andy's drawi that he hated to say anything about being copied, so Andy kept quiet.

The next Saturday night Andy didn sleep very well. His conscience bothe ed him, but he was determined to through with it. His **was** the best p ture, even if it was copied.

"Andy, I'm glad you came a fe minutes early," Mrs. Dennis said as s saw him coming into the classroo Andy glanced at his picture on the ce ter of the wall, and his heart ached.

"Look at this," Mrs. Dennis said. S opened a magazine, and Andy's hea ached more. It was the magazine had used, and she had it open to the p ture he had copied.

"Well?"

Andy dropped his head.

"Andy, you must make your own d cision. I will not tell the class."

After the others had arrived, class b gan. Andy watched for the pastor a then called, "Here he comes."

Soon the children grouped around the pastor. "We are happy about sprin time, Pastor. The boys and girls ha expressed in pictures their thankfulne to God for spring."

Then, in the middle of her talk, Mr Dennis was interrupted by Andy. "Pa don me, I have a change to make." walked to the wall, took his pictu down, and placed Patty's in the cente "That's better," he **said.**

Knowing what he meant, Mrs. Denn said nothing.

After class, Andy walked up to t visitor. "Thank you for coming, Dad On the way home, he told his father wh had happened.

Andy was happy that he hadn't be dishonest with his father—or with hi self.—**My Pleasure.**

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Change of Address

Please note the change of address f the Rev. James E. Howard from Route Box 487, Beaufort, North Carolina, Route 1, Box 215-B, Merritt, North Car lina 28556. All future correspondenc should be to this new address.

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Do you praise God for a rainy day as well as for a pretty one?

The Peril of Creed

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Memory Verse: Luke 12:15

I. INTRODUCTION

The sin of covetousness leads to the breaking of all the commandments. Israel coveted kings like the nations about them and this led to the rejection of Jehovah, the worship of idols, and the desecration of God's name. Millions who are greedy for money and for pleasure fail to keep the Lord's Day holy. Countless murders have been committed by persons who coveted the possessions of others. Indeed, the mass murders of warfare may be traced to covetousness in the hearts of men and nations. Coveting another man's wife or husband has broken countless homes and hearts. Covetous people do not hesitate to lie to attain their ends. Those who have covetousness in their hearts are always in danger of breaking any and all of the Ten Comamndments.

God must consider greed and covetousness a very serious sin, for He has listed it with some of the most awful sins known to man: "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: . . . anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication . . ." (Colossians 3:5, 8). We can see by this that one who covets or is greedy is in some pretty bad company.

What a man does with what he has determines very largely what he will be. What a man's attitude is toward what belongs to another determines very largely how he will treat that person. Our lesson today has some important truths on these matters.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. All things come from God and ultimately belong to Him.

B. Because of man's nature, he cannot be satisfied by material things alone.

C. The problems of living in a materialistic age are great.

D. True contentment can be found only in one's relation to God.

E. Social evils can result from greed.

—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Covetousness is greed, and greed is a by-product of a materialistic age. Surely this describes the day in which we live. One symbol, perhaps more than any other, is representative of modern society. For the vast majority, money and possessions are the motivations, goals, and satisfactions of life.

A far different philosophy is taught by God. Wealth is not to be selfishly hoarded, but shared. Children of God are not to covet the wealth of their fortunate neighbors, but are to supply the needs of their less fortunate neighbors.

Though we sometimes wonder if we are the victims, rather than the beneficiaries, of affluence, most of us know someone less fortunate than ourselves. Each of us possesses something that can be shared with others. Sharing with others reveals that we have a right relationship with our fellow human beings. As we share our material blessings with others we give evidence that we have a right relationship with the Lord too. As we do good unto others, Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:34-40, we render service to Him.

Youth would say, "This is where it's at!" Jesus said it a bit differently in today's memory selection: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). In a nutshell, the meaning is this: "Share your living and find your life."—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. A young and talented Chinese, who had gained an excellent education, was converted to Christianity. The China of his day, a half century ago, offered almost unlimited opportunities to a y man of his talents and education. taking his newfound faith seriously, rejected all of these opportunities in der to return to his home village wh he started a church and remained serve as minister.

After working several years in this lage, the minister was offered a lu tive position by a representative o large import-export firm. But he t ed the offer down. The businessman minded the minister of the poverty hardships he had suffered serving backward people in his obscure little lage.

"All this is true," admitted the m ister, "but I still cannot accept your fer."

"I'll increase my salary offer; double it," replied the businessman.

"Still I am not interested."

"Why, man, why?"

"It is simple," answered the minist "Matthew, a despised publican, left receipt of customs to follow Christ. D I, a respected minister, leave Christ follow the receipt of customs?"—**Li for Living.**

C. There is the story of the man w thought he had given all that could p sibly be expected of him, until a ki old minister, hearing his boasts, ask "My brother, is that the only pair shoes you have?" "No," said the boa er, "I have another pair at home." "A to think," said the old saint, "that the are many who have no shoes and y have two pairs!"—C. F. Bowen.

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Hopewell to Observe Mt. Olive College Day

The Hopewell Free Will Baptist Chur near Smithfield, North Carolina, will o serve Sunday, July 29, as Mount Oli College Day. The Rev. Edmund Gonzale pastor of Hopewell, has announced th Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of t College, will speak at the 11 a.m. wo ship service.

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One day a man went running and pu ing into the railroad station to catch train, but missed it. He looked at h watch and said, "Watch, I had a lot faith in you." A friend overheard hi and said, "Don't you know that fai without works is dead?"

eport of General onference of Original ree Will Baptists

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arce's Chapel Church, Smithville, Missippi, in 1938.

For 24 years, the National Association s the only large body of Free Will ptists in the country. During this e much growth was experienced: a llege was instituted, missionaries were nt out, and many churches were ornized. With the passing years, three ngs became apparent, even to the sual observer: (1) A spirit of independcy prevailed which made it impossible harmony to exist between the various ards and departments of the Associan. (2) Pride began to raise its head ain and the Association began to patn itself after larger denominational oups. (3) Although the independency the local church was preached long d loud, the Association more and more me to support authority over the state d regional organizations. These things sulted in the withdrawal of groups in rida, Georgia, South Carolina, West rginia, Ohio, and the whole State Conntion of North Carolina.

At the time of the North Carolina State nvention's withdrawal in 1961, a liain committee was appointed to work th other groups who might be interted in the formation of a "National llowship of true Original Free Will ptists." After much correspondence d many personal contacts, a group t at the Mayflower Restaurant, Lake y, South Carolina, June 25, 1963. Sixen people were present representing rth Carolina, South Carolina, and xas. Contact was made by telephone th a group in Florida. Even though e group was small and much had been t to the National Association, the oup showed optimism and foresight d agreed to meet again.

The second meeting was held in the urch at Colquitt, Georgia, on August , 1963, with the attendance of apoximately 200. Florida, Georgia, uth Carolina, North Carolina, and xas were represented. A temporary ganization was set up and a provisional nstitution adopted. The name "Felvship for Original Free Will Baptists" s used.

The next session met on the campus Chipola Junior College, Marianna, rida, on July 7, 1964. Delegates from six states were present. At this session the name "International Convention of Original Free Will Baptists" was used. However, no permanent organization was instituted.

In 1965 the session met at the East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, with 200 people in attendance. At this session the following resolution was adopted: "In as much as this organization has the same purpose and is composed, for the most part, of the same groups as the old General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists; therefore, be it resolved: (1) That we recognize this organization as a continuation and enlargement of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of the United States. (2) That a committee of three be elected to study our historical relationship to the General Conference and make such recommendations as are necessary to guide us in our purpose of continuing and enlarging the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists."

In compliance with the above resolution, the Historical Relations Committee was elected and after having been given some time and study to the movements of the various groups and organizations going under the name Free, Freewill, and Original Free Will Baptists, we have come to the conclusion that since the National Association of Free Will Baptists is a revision and revival of the Benjamin Randall movement began in 1780 in New Hampshire, there is necessity for reviving of the traditions and customs of the movement introduced in America by Paul Palmer. Therefore, we recommend that this session being held with the Laurel City Church, Ottawa, West Virginia, be recorded as the third session of the revived General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, or the 19th annual session with a lapse of 25 years while being affiliated with the National Association; and that we go on from here in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose cause we devotedly espouse.

Respectfully submitted,
F. B. Cherry
E. C. Morris
M. L. Johnson

—Statement of Faith and Discipline for the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

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The sweet voice of a child describing the love of Jesus can penetrate the strongest barrier Satan can enforce.—Nancy Matthews.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

(continued from page four)

condition of both mind and body. A person is tired or annoyed at some trivial cause, and forthwith begins finding fault with everything and everybody within reach. Scolding is a habit very easily formed. It is astonishing how soon one becomes addicted to it, and confirmed in it. It is an unreasoning and unreasonable habit. Persons who once get into the way of scolding always find something to scold about. It is an extremely disagreeable habit. It is contagious; once introduced into a family, it is pretty certain in a short time to affect all.—*Herald of Light and Zion's Watchman.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When you feel bad do you take it out on someone else? Scolding and fussing is certainly a bad habit. Let's try to refrain from them.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Scripture Reading—Luke 13:5

IT BROKE HIM DOWN

Dr. Evans, when a student at Moody Bible Institute, began talking to a man at the Pacific Garden Mission, about his soul. The man argued: "I do not believe the Bible. I am an atheist." Evans repeated one verse, ". . . except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). The fellow scoffed, "I told you I didn't believe it." Again Evans quoted, ". . . *except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*" The man exasperatingly uttered, "You disgusting fellow, what is the use of telling me that?" Again Evans repeated the verse. In anger, the man struck Dr. Evans between the eyes with his fist, sending the Bible one way and Evans the other. God gave him grace. He got up and said, "My friend, God loves you, and 'except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.'" The next night that man was in the mission before the meeting began. He confessed: "I could not sleep. All over the wall I read '. . . except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.' I saw it on my pillow. When I got up I saw 'Except you repent' at the breakfast table, and all through the day it was before me. I have come back to settle it."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have we settled our account with Christ through repentance? No one can do it for us. Only God's grace and mercy can erase the stains of sin.

(Devotions used by permisson, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations,* Eerdmans Press.)

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When the heavy weight of some trouble seems destined to land squarely on your shoulders, ask God's help immediately—**before** you have tried and failed to carry it alone.

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New Director of Admissions Named

Miss Celia Elaine Hales has been named director of admissions at Mount Olive College. Miss Hales is a native of Ayden, North Carolina, and grew up in Zebulon, North Carolina. She holds the B.A. (1968) and the M.A. 1970) degrees in English from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Prior to joining the staff of the College, she held the position of Instructor of English at Stratford College in Danville, Virginia, from February, 1970, until June, 1972. During the summer of 1970, she traveled to Europe as a faculty member for "Stratford-in-Italy," a 10-week study-travel program sponsored by Stratford College. Seven weeks were spent in Florence, Italy, and the remainder in three week-long trips to Southern Italy, Austria, and France.

From September, 1972, until beginning her new duties, she was employed at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., in Ayden, as an editorial assistant. She has recently completed an eight-day trip to Switzerland sponsored by the Duke University Alumni Association.

Miss Hales will work with the newly appointed admissions counselor, Roy Parker, and Mrs. Jean Frizzell, secretary to the Office of Admissions. In speaking of her new position, Miss Hales said, "Mount Olive College has a tremendous story to tell—a story of sound educational advantages, of academically experimental approaches, of spiritual enrichment for the student. I am convinced that if this message is effectively communicated to the prospective student and his parents, the excellent opportunities available here will be not only recognized but actively sought. My colleague, Mr. Parker, and I look forward to talking individually with many Free Will Baptists and others in the coming months."

Community C. B. Club Send Five Children to Camp

The Community C. B. Club, William Skipper, president, contributed $203 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in June of this year. This group worked diligently together to give five needy children an opportunity to go to summer camp. In the picture above, Mrs. Diane Skipper presents the $203 check to Mr. J. Stewart Humphrey, director of campus life at the Home. Others in the picture are: Mr. Charles Manning, chairman, Mrs. Janice Manning, Mr. O. W. Connie, Mrs. O. J. Connie, Mrs. Faye Whitley, Mr. Sam Whitley, Mr. Wayne Owens, and Mr. Adam C. Curtess.

The Home appreciates the support of Nash County Citizens and wishes to thank the Community C. B. Club for its gift.

(Due to error, the picture with this article was omitted in the last issue; therefore, we are reprinting the article—The Editor.)

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Keep the daily cares of the world as emotionally light as you can. Tension doesn't solve the difficulties, and how burdensome does it make living!

NEWS NOTES

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—Special Music, Steven's Cha Church
—Offering
—Message, the Rev. Eddie Edwa
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowshi

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Gospel Sing in New Bern, N. C., High School

There will be an old-fashioned gos sing on Thursday evening, August 9, the New Bern, North Carolina, H School Auditorium, with two perfo ances: one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m.

Groups that are scheduled to be the program are the Thrasher Broth Quartet, the Florida Boys, the Sing Goffs, the Lewis Family, the Doss Fam and the Four in Christ Quartet from tioch Free Will Baptist Church in N Bern.

The public is cordially invited to tend either of these gospel music c certs. The cost per ticket is $3, a may be obtained from the Rev. Je B. English, any member of the Four Christ Quartet, or at the door.

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Sound Side Church Announces Revival

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Sparta burg, South Carolina, will be the gu minister for revival services at the Sou Side Free Will Baptist Church near Colu bia, North Carolina, the week of July —August 5. There will be services ea evening at eight o'clock with good gos preaching and special music. The pu lic is cordially invited to attend.

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When a child is old enough to kno ingly sin, he is old enough to savingly b lieve.

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These words are on the grave of scientist who died at the age of 85: " died learning."

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I MADE A PLEA TO GOD, AND HE GRANTED IT.
HE'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU...

EDITORIAL...

Cover Photo by Harold M. Lamb

(This week's guest editorial in poetic form is written by Margo Mangum, editorial assistant at the Press.)

AND HE GAVE IT . . .

Standing by the bedside of a wonderful friend
Through a night that seemed never would end,
Through the window, beams the moon did send,
And . . .
I asked for MERCY.

The dawn announced a newborn day,
And from afar I heard an organ play;
Its strains sublimated around us lay;
And . . .
I thanked Him for that MERCY.

Feeling the coolness of the morning breeze
Underneath the big, towering trees,
I stood amidst moss, fern, and falling leaves;
And . . .
I asked Him for STRENGTH.

Kneeling beside the old creek's water hole,
The ne'er-ceasing sound as o'er the rocks it did roll,
I saw a reflection—my very own soul;
And . . .
I thanked Him for that STRENGTH.

Then to the old place—merely a shack,
The need to turn some old pages back,
My vim and vigor, somehow slack . . .
And . . .
I asked Him for more FAITH.

From room to room, oh! I did roam—
This dear old friend's cherished old home
Where once only peace and true happiness were known. . .
And . . .
I thanked Him for that FAITH.

The yesterdays of that sacred place
Began to float before my face,
Painful memories I wished to erase . . .
And . . .
I asked Him for the before-known PEACE.

From this place I did softly walk—
It seemed I'd had a most pleasant talk;
Another miracle had surely been wrought;
And . . .
I thanked Him for that PEACE.

(The above poem was inspired by thoughts this writer had during and after the death of someone who was much more than what one would generally term "friend." The friend died in a small hospital in a small town.)

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The Stranger at the Door

by
KENNETH H. WILLIAMS

HE usual morning confusion prevailed around the Joneses' breakfast table. e long weekend, because of a teach- s' convention, only made matters orse. Everyone wanting to be heard, ised his voice just a little louder than e next one. The babble of voices was o much for the cat and it took off for rts unknown. The dog, not to be out- ne, joined in the chorus. The parrot, ught by Mother, screamed, "Quiet, iet!" The silence was followed by ther pointing to the noisiest to say ace. The parrot, again taught by other, screamed, "Amen!"

There was one empty place at the ble this morning. Judy spent the ght with her cousin down the street. other's thoughts were of the usual ncern: Did daughter get enough sleep, lp on her arithmetic, spelling, etc.? fter all, this was the purpose of her ght out.

A little after midmorning Judy came me in a pensive mood. Mother sens- g something wrong refrained from ask- g any questions, knowing full well aughter would confide in due time.

Then it happened. Eleven-year-old dy looking up at her mother and draw- g close began to tell of last evening's ings and the help that her twelve year d cousin Jeane gave her on her les- ns. "Mother, I told Jeane she would o well as a teacher. She is so good at xplaining. Then we talked about our nday school lessons. Hers was some- ing about a man that didn't do as God ld him. He got in trouble somehow, t God gave him a second chance and erything turned out all right. Her les- n reminded me somewhat of my les- n. Mine is about a man named Jonah. e got in trouble with a whale so the hale kicked him out. Jonah then went about his business. I am all mixed up. I'd better get straightened out before Sunday. My teacher is tough if you don't have your lesson," said Judy.

"Then Mother, I had a most vivid dream," continued Judy; "every detail is so clear. We girls were playing in the park. Along came a kindly looking old man, and sitting down on a nearby bench, watched the ducks, geese, and an occasional fish jump. Presently an immense fish jumped and landed back with a splash which caught the eye of the old man. He exclaimed 'that's a dandy.' This reminded him of his childhood days in England, then of his whaling days, and of a big one that got away. In the excitement a man went overboard and was lost—yes, lost! The old man's voice faded into nothing and his eyes became fixed as though seeing something that wasn't there. Then he rose up and lumbered away with a slower gait than when he came. And Mother, his left leg seemed to limp a little."

"Well, my child, this is most unusual, this dream of yours," said Mother.

Judy replied, "I felt so sorry for him that it woke me up and I began praying for him."

Just then there was a polite knock at the kitchen door. Mother and daughter looked at one another, wondering who that could be.

There stood an old man, dressed rather neat, with full whiskers and his hat in his hand. He said, "Madam, may I have something to eat? The freight was kind enough to stop and let me off. It has been a long ride."

"Mother, Mother," whispered Judy, "there he is. That is the man in my dream; the one I just told you about."

The wonderment of the coincidence froze them in their tracks as they stared at this can-it-be-so phenomenon.

The stranger, becoming ill at ease, was on the point of excusing himself, saying, "I am indeed sorry to have caused you good folk any trouble."

"No, no, by all means, do come in," replied Judy.

"Yes, do," said Mother, "and please sit down and I'll have you something to eat in a jiffy."

Judy's eyes grew bigger and her smile broader as she set the table for the stranger in her dream. Mother's mind was still in a quandary. These unusual events; the sudden friendly attitude of her daughter. . . . Who is he? What is going on? She disappeared momentarily, placing in her apron pocket a small automatic. Her roving eyes also noted the soft, expressive features. His movements were slow and reassuring as one mellowed with experience.

Judy sidled up to the stranger and with the bubbling enthusiasm of an imaginative youngster exclaimed, "I bet you've been to faraway places and you've seen lots and lots, haven't you?"

"Yes," he replied.

Remembering her dream, Judy asked, "Where did you come from? Do you like to fish? My daddy is a real good fisherman. He catches big ones like this (with outstretched arms). Did you ever catch any big ones?"

"Yes, young lady, just like that one," replied the old man. Then picking up the nearby Bible with fumbling fingers, he turned to Jonah and said, "Just like that one."

"Judy, please serve the gentleman his breakfast," said Mother.

Judy's eyes were ablaze with excitement as she served the hot plate of

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:22

"Mother Is at Prayer!"

Billy Sunday tells of a minister who was making calls. He came to a certain home and asked for the mother but the child opening the door answered, "You cannot see mother for she prays from nine to ten." He waited forty minutes to see that mother, and when she came out of her prayer closet the light of glory was on her face, and he knew why that home was so bright; he knew why her two sons were in the ministry and her daughter a missionary. "All hell cannot tear a boy and girl away from a praying mother," commented Mr. Sunday.

Susanna Wesley, with seventeen children, spent one hour each day shut up with God alone in her room, praying for them—and her two sons, under God, brought revival to England while France weltered in the blood of a ghastly revolution.—*Baptist Standard.*

Prayer Thought

We are told in song that "prayer is the key to heaven." Do you have the key to heaven? You cannot open a locked day without a key, so let's get on praying terms with God.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 14:12, 13

The Price

A daughter of wealthy and worldly parents was fond of the world's pleasures and plunged into them with all the eagerness of youth. One day she was persuaded to attend a gospel service. The message affected her, and it appeared as though she wanted to be saved. Her parents surrounded her with gay companions and urged her to forget "religion," as they termed it, and return to the world of fashion. When they promised and purchased the "richest dress to be had in the shops," she threw off the concern for her soul and lived only for the world again. In a few weeks she was stricken down with a fatal illness. When she was informed that her case was hopeless, she had a maid bring in that beautiful dress and hang it on a post of her bed. Then she had her weeping parents brought in. Raising her hand, she pointed to the dress and said, "Father, Mother, there is *the price of my soul.*" A few hours later, she passed into eternity.—Tom M. Olsen.

Prayer Thought

Friends, please do not sell your soul to the world, but give it to God. Remember, He bought your soul at Calvary. It belongs to Him.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Scripture Reading—Colossians 4:6

A Dull Year and Discouraged!

It had been a dull year in the church where Moffat was converted. The deacons finally said to the old pastor: "We love you, pastor, but don't you think you had better resign? There hasn't been a convert this year." "Yes," he replied, "it has been a dull year, sadly dull to me. Yet, I mind me that one did come, wee Bobby Moffat. But he is so wee a boy that I suppose it is not right to count him." A few years later Bobby came to the pastor and said, "Pastor do you think that I could ever learn to preach? I feel within me that I ought to. If I could just lead souls to Christ, that would be happiness to me." The pastor answered, "Well, Bobby, you might. Who knows? At least you can try!" He did try, and years later when Robert Moffat came back from his wonder-work in Africa, the King of England rose and uncovered in his presence, and the British Parliament stood as a mark of respect. The humble old preacher, who had but one convert, and who was so discouraged, is dead and forgotten, and yet that was the greatest year's work he ever did, and few have equalled it!—*Young People's Weekly.*

Prayer Thought

Do not become discouraged in your Christian life. The fruits of our labor may show up later, as did this old preacher who brought one of our greatest missionaries to the Lord.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:9-13

The Nearness of His Father

Years ago a little boy was entering school for the first time. The busy mother packed his lunch and told him to go straight up the road across the bridge to the schoolhouse. The boy saw a little fish in the stream below the bridge. He laid down his lunch and started down to the stream to catch the fish, but saw a beautiful butterfly, ran after it, and tried to catch it. It eluded him, leading farther and farther down the road. When he finally gave up the chase, he could not find the bridge. He decided to pray. He knew only two prayers. The first one was, "Now I lay me down to sleep"; he saw that would not fit his case. The other—the Lord's Prayer—was better. He knelt down and said aloud, "Our Father." Instantly he heard a voice behind him; it was his own father, who had followed him because he knew it was his first day in school and he [illegible] need help. In telling his experience [illegible] later, the boy now grown to manhood [illegible] it was the greatest revelation of his lif[illegible] realize that his Father was so near.—Se[illegible]ed.

Prayer Thought

Please keep in mind that prayer is [illegible]ways the answer. When all earthly th[illegible] fail, our heavenly Father will take [illegible] and see us through.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

Pleasureable Cooperation

The small boy was drawing his [illegible] smaller neighbor along the walk in his [illegible]tle wagon. He looked up beaming whe[illegible] watchful face appeared at the door[illegible] "I'm trying to make Janie happy, [illegible] Mary."

"What a beautiful spirit for the chil[illegible] have!" exclaimed the admiring aunt. [illegible] presently it seemed to her that the b[illegible] effort was not very successful. Wee [illegible] was evidently afraid to ride and was try[illegible] to climb out of the wagon and draw it [illegible]self.

"She doesn't like riding, Bobby!" [illegible]plained the aunt.

"But I want to draw the wagon my[illegible] I want to make her happy doing the th[illegible] I like to do."

The same spirit lies at the root of m[illegible] that we like to call kindness to othe[illegible] London Christian Herald.

Prayer Thought

Do we always try to have our way [illegible]gardless of the other person's feelings? [illegible] Scriptures say, "Do unto others as [illegible] would have them do unto you."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Scripture Reading—Luke 16:10

Living Up to Our Faith

In a very large manufacturing tow[illegible] low infidel propaganda was being very [illegible]tively carried on. One of the ministers [illegible]cided to deliver a Sunday evening ser[illegible] on the "Evidences of Christianity." Am[illegible] the congregation the preacher was [illegible]prised to see the local infidel champ[illegible] A few days later the minister saw the [illegible] standing at his shop door and spoke w[illegible] him, asking him to accept the proofs t[illegible] he had given of the truths of Christian[illegible] But the man replied:

"What! Believe? Certainly not, nor [illegible] either. Why, if I believe what you [illegible] your party profess to believe, I sho[illegible] scarcely be fit for business; my whole s[illegible] would be absorbed in the tremendous c[illegible]sequences at stakes. But you and y[illegible] folk are not different from other peo[illegible] No, I tell you, you don't believe."—*Ch[illegible]tian Advocate.*

Prayer Thought

What greater business could a person [illegible] in than that of winning souls? May we [illegible]

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"A Goodly Heritage"

PSALM 16:5-11

(A memorial tribute to the late Zeb Harrison who passed away June 22, 73, at the age of 95. Mr. Harrison s a long-time member and deacon of ll Road Free Will Baptist Church, ow Hill, North Carolina. He is surved by nine children, twenty-seven andchildren, forty-six great-grandchilen, and one great-great-grandchild for total of eighty-three descendants.

(His funeral was conducted by his stor, the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., d Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of ount Olive College, a former pastor. e following tribute was given by Dr. per.)

The biblical word that best describes eb M. Harrison to me is "patriarch," term which means "father," and in e Bible is typified by such men as Abham, Isaac, and Jacob. A patriarch as the head of a long family line and eir long lives were described as their eing "full of years."

These men were distinguished not nly for the old age they attained but as en who felt near to God—men to whom od was real. Wherever they went, they eared altars for the worship of God, and hey also believed that God was willing o be a guest in even their humble tents.

I. An Earthly Father

Zeb M. Harrison was a patriarch to his family, and it was a large family. In biblical days children were considered a sign of God's blessing, and Mr. Zeb looked upon his family in this spirit. Actually, he left more descendants than Jacob carried to Egypt!

Not only was it a large family—it was a good family. Mr. Zeb and "Miss Ida" loved their children, and although they did not provide for them everything they wanted, they did provide their needs, and these included hard work and discipline. Not all their children attended an academic college, but they all were students of the **University of Experience.**

Mr. Zeb loved his children too much to pamper them; instead he taught them the enduring values of life: love for God, respect for others, loyalty to their church, honesty in their dealings, and service to humanity. He was indeed a patriarch to his family—a father, a leader, a teacher—and the family he left has made a difference in Hull Road church and in the community at large.

Each of his children can truly say, "I have a goodly heritage."

II. A Father of the Christian Faith

Not only was Mr. Zeb a father to his family, he was also a church father—a father of the faith. It was through the church that I met him, and without the church I probably would never have known him, with the results that my life would have been the poorer.

Just as he loved his family, he loved Hull Road church. When I was his pastor twenty years ago, Mr. Zeb was just retiring from his farming interests and he took the time to go with me on visits to the membership of the church and to others in the community. He knew everybody—and they knew him. He was one of the best friends a young pastor could have.

It was the practice of Hull Road church at its spring quarterly meeting to vote on its pastor for the forthcoming year, and I shall long remember an experience on one of these occasions. My wife and I had just moved into the newly built parsonage, we had planted our small garden, and on the day of the quarterly meeting I went to the parsonage to await the vote of the church. Mr. Zeb was delegated to call me back to the church for an announcement of the decision. As we walked across the church yard, he probably felt the anxiety that filled my mind, for he said, "Everything is all right. I told them we could not let our young preacher go because he had already planted his collards!" Needless to say, I kept collards in my garden as long as I stayed at Hull Road church.

Today, I cannot think of Zeb Harrison without thinking of his church and his faith. His religion was not his words or his dress, but his life. He was indeed a father of the faith, and he left us all a "goodly heritage." It is the memory of men like him that gives substance to the hymn:

"Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!"
—Frederick W. Faber.

Mr. Zeb Harrison left us with "a good heritage" and we can be sure that he has now joined the psalmist in declaring:

"I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. . . .
"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."
—Psalm 16:8-11.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Mt. Tabor Church Announces Revival

Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, announces revival services to begin Monday evening, August 6, and continuing through Saturday evening, August 11. The services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Jack Mayo of Greenville, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. William Littleton, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening.

The pastor and the church congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend all these services they possibly can.

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Welcome Home Fellowship Supper For the Harold Jones Family

A fellowship supper honoring the Harold Jones family, missionaries to the Philippines, will be held in the American Legion Building, Clayton, North Carolina, Saturday evening, August 11, beginning at seven o'clock. The building is located just out of Clayton on old Highway 70. The supper is being catered by the Barbecue Barn in Wilson and will be served family style at $2.75 per person.

This supper is being sponsored by the Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, the Joneses' home church, and is approved by the North Carolina State Mission Board. The church cordially invites every Free Will Baptist in the state and others who possibly can to attend this supper and show to the Joneses how much they appreciate the great work they have done in the Philippines.

Anyone wishing to attend please contact Mr. C. Lynwood Renfrow, 802 East Horn Street, Clayton (telephone 553-7800) for reservations. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday noon, August 8.

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Faith Church Honors Its Pastor

On July 8, the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City, North Carolina, paid tribute and honor to its pastor, the Rev. Noah D. Brown, who has been in the ministry and in the service of God for thirty years. He began his ministry at the age of 24, on June 25, 1943, at the Mount Beulah Free Will Baptist Church. Since that time Mr. Brown has pastored nine churches, supplied for two churches in Carteret County, and pastored three missions, one of which is now the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church near Morehead City.

Mr. Brown was a former pastor of Faith church, having been pastor from 1956 to 1959. He returned to the church in 1969 and is the present pastor.

He has held and is still holding some of the following offices in the denomi tion: President of the Carteret Coun Ministerial Association, moderator of t Carteret County Union Meeting, a me ber of the Mission Board of the Easte Conference, and is chairman of the wo of Church Extension.

He has a perfect attendance record Sunday school for twenty-nine years.

Beatrice Lovick, church clerk, mak the following statement: "This man God has worked in his ministry a rightly deserves the honor bestow upon him by his church and frien There have been many souls sav through this man's ministry, includi my own. And we, Faith Free Will Ba tist Church, earnestly pray that God w continue to bless Mr. Brown and h ministry."

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Second Quarterly Report N. C. Board of Superannuation

The following is the second quarte report (April, May, June, 1973) of t Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasur of the North Carolina State Conventi of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Balance March 30, 1973		$ 4,443.
Receipts		
Religious Contributions	$4,559.58	
Insurance and Retirement Premiums	3,442.23	
Interest Income	237.52	
Ministers' Widows' Fund	350.00	
Burress-Galloway Endowment Fund	50.00	
Total Receipts		8,639.
Total to Account For		$13,082.
Disbursements		
Ministers' and Widows' Checks for Quarter	$ 867.50	
M.R.S. Retirement Checks for Quarter	271.98	
Insurance Premiums for Quarter	3,223.53	
Operating Expenses	552.25	
Transferred to M.R.S. Fund	17.81	
Transferred to M.W.F. Fund	350.00	
Total Disbursements		5,283.
Balance June 30, 1973		$ 7,799.

For information of the superannuati work you may write the North Carolin Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 47 Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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Centennial Celebration at Howell Swamp Church

The Howell Swamp Free Will Bapti Church near Walstonburg, North Car lina, is celebrating its 100th anniversa during the year 1973. The age of th church is not known due to the loss

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Ministers' Institute Being Planned for August 6-10

Mount Olive College will act as host t the Ministers' Institute being planned f August 6-10, 1973, beginning 7:30 Monday night and ending Friday noon. The theme of the institute will be on preaching: the preparation and delivery o sermons. Each morning will be devoted to lectures and discussions based o the following outline:

I. The Changing Context of Preaching
II. The Minister and the Care of Souls
III. In the Beginning Was the Idea
IV. To What End? The Expanding Thought
V. Patterns of Development
VI. Illustration
VII. "Understanded" of the People
VIII. The Sound of the Sermon
IX. The Word in Worship
X. Prayer

The afternoon sessions will be devoted to study and discussion on how the minister can be more effective in the delivery of the sermon. Come prepared to volunteer to preach, to plan, and to work on your preaching and the delivery of your sermons. Don't forget to bring your tape machines.

Dr. John Carlton, professor of preaching at the Divinity School of Duke University and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be guest lecturer and resource person. He will preach each night of the institute.

Shown discussing plans for the Ministers' Institute are, left to right: (seated) David Charles Hansley of Goldsboro, president of the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Rev. Robert Rollins of Pinetown, a member of the Executive Committee. Standing are Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, and the Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain. The institute will be under the administration of the Ministerial Association with the College serving as host.

The total charge for the institute will be $35 which includes room, board, tuition, and refreshments. However, if you do not stay on campus or the entire length of the institute, the charge will be $4 per night and meals $1 each, plus the $10 tuition fee.

Remember the Ministers' Institute in your prayers and make plans to attend.

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Antique Wooden Patterns Given to Mount Olive College

Hundreds of handmade wooden patterns, some of them nearly one hundred years old, have been given to Mount Olive College by Dewey Brothers (metal works and foundry firm) of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and will be sold at public auction on Saturday, August 4. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds located on Highway 117, three miles south of Goldsboro.

The patterns are truly antiques of skilled craftsmanship and represent the historic development of Eastern North Carolina for almost a century. Dewey Brothers began operations in 1884 and produced metal works for both industry and agriculture. Every product made was molded from a expertly hand-produced pattern, and Dewey Brothers has given its entire stock of patterns to the College with the view that they will be sold and the proceeds go entirely to the College.

Graham Clark, a professional auctioneer, is donating his services.

Antique dealers over a wide area have expressed interest in these patterns, which are all precision carved, mostly from Carolina pines. They range in sizes of wrist watches to locomotive parts, and include the replica of many farm implements. "There will be no more pat-

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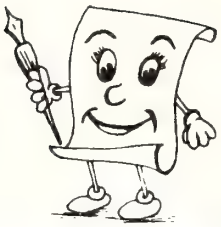
SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

AUGUST 17, 1973
9:30 A.M. — 3:30 P.M.

EAGLES'S NEST CONFERENCE CENTER

Preaching — Singing — Fellowship

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Here's another lesson from the kitchen.

During the few years Mamollie lived with us, when I cooked a cup of rice, we had one serving each. If she cooked a cup of rice, we had some left. One day I asked her why—maybe it was a secret cooks of her generation had that I needed to know.

But she said she didn't understand it, either. "I just use the big cup, level full," she said.

Aha! The "big cup" was a plastic twelve-ounce cup with indented markings which weren't even noticeable unless one looked closely and carefully. She was an old-timey cook to whom a cup was a cup if it was shaped like a cup, and she didn't look for ounces, half-cups, etc. She could use a large coffee cup to measure for a cake and everything would be just perfect. There aren't many of those cooks around now!

So that explained it. Her "cup" was bigger than mine.

Whenever you sing or say, "Fill my cup, Lord," think about what size cup you're holding. You need a large one to hold only the blessings mentioned in the first Chapter of Ephesians:

Grace, peace, spiritual blessings in heavenly places, or "every blessing in heaven." How many cups would that be? Adoption as His children, His love, sins forgiven, an inheritance of good things, His guarantee that He will give everything He has promised, the seal of His promise which is the presence of the Holy Spirit, and more.

When the psalmist said, ". . . my cup runneth over" (23:5), he didn't say what kind of cup. But God overflowed it, no matter what size it was. Are you and I holding two-ounce or eight-ounce cups? Now that we've thought about it, let's put the cups away. A wash tub would be more like it!

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How many of the troubles you bear now would be lessened or even eliminated by a continual application of the Golden Rule?

MISSIONS

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

PREPARATIONS FOR THE OPENING SERVICE

By Harold Jones

13 pounds of beef, and vegetables. The people really responded.

On Saturday, June 30, the activities began very early in the morning. The people began to bring their chickens, firewood, etc. Some of the men put up a tent behind the church building and constructed a few seats. The women arrived in the afternoon to clean the rice in preparation for the next day. Saturday night the goat and chickens were

As the new chapel drew near co pletion, we began to make plans for opening service on July 1. We deci to have a meal after the service and t needed real planning. As we conduc our Bible studies in June, we talked the people about their part in this dertaking. We asked them to don chickens and other things that they h The church provided a sack of rice (1 lbs.). We had a dozen chickens, 1 go

Preparation of Food

Serving the Food

ied and the cooking started sometime er midnight Sunday morning. By the e for the opening service, all was pre- ed and ready to eat.

One thing of interest took place the night of the preparation. All of people are new converts and this s the first activity of this kind as n-again Christians. Some of these ple had been heavy drinkers and nblers and many of their friends were ous as to what they were doing at church building. One of the men t we have brought to the Lord is Joe naay. The first time Bro. Perocillo I witnessed to him he was so drunk was incoherent; but the Lord, on an- er occasion, brought him to Himself. and his wife, Leonila, took over the dership in food preparation. They yed there all day Saturday and did not sleep Saturday night. Just before curfew Saturday night, the barrio drunks stopped by the tent to stay during curfew. They were of course drawn by the fires and the people. I learned later that they tried to get Joe to drink, but he would not. They planned to steal all the food and embarrass us the next day. Joe held his ground; but at one time during the night, when Joe was inside the building, some one stole all the meat. After Joe and his wife protested vigorously, the meat was returned. Some of those who were trying to cause trouble were the priest "helpers." But again the Lord had the victory and Joe and his wife passed a very important test in their Christian walk.

Our people truly proved their ability in this undertaking. Everything went off nicely and the food was delicious.

Man in Picture Is Joe

rief History of Work n the Philippines

JNE, 1972—JULY, 1973)

(This history was given at the open- g service of the new Free Will Baptist apel in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, July 1973.)

The actual work of the Free Will Bap- t Mission in the Philippines began a tle over a year ago when the Zacarias rocillo and Harold Jones families came Puerto Princesa. During the past year e Lord has blessed in bringing many ople to Himself. Four "house-church- " have been started, plus work among e prisoners at Bagong Buhay and mpolok. Just last month a new phase the work was added, a boat ministry reach the islands and coastal regions of Palawan. Two more pastors have also been added to the team: Pastor Lorenzo B. dela Rosa, who is a part of the team here in Puerto, and Pastor Pio B. dela Rosa, who is working in a church, planting ministry on the Bundok Peninsular on Luzon. This work is also growing to the glory of God.

With the dedication of this new chapel, we are truly humbled, for we realize we have reached a milestone. This building will stand as a monument to our Lord and also point us to the countless number who have not as yet received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Our main teaching during this year, and in years to come, has been and will continue to be that Jesus Christ alone saves. We do not believe that a person has to be a member of the Free Will Baptist denomination to be saved. The Bible says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotton Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To be saved you must receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. It is not by works or other things that we do, but only by the very grace of God. If you haven't received Him, this is the way of salvation.

It is our prayer that God will use our church as a means of conveying this message all over the Philippines, and that the growth of this past year will be repeated hundreds of times over.

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JONES FAMILY RETURNS HOME

Harold, Sandra, Wendy, and Misty Jones, our missionary family in the Philippines, will be returning home Thursday, August 9, 1973, at 2:47 p.m. Their plane is scheduled to land at the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, Airport at this time.

The North Carolina State Missions Board has planned a reception for them at the Tri-Angle Motel at the airport. Everyone planning to attend the reception is requested to be there by 2:30 p.m., and to go directly to the conference room of the motel where the reception will be held. **Please do not go to the airport.** The Joneses will be directed to the conference room as soon as they leave the plane. Those attending may use the parking lot of the motel.

Everyone who possibly can are urged to be present for the reception to help show the Joneses how much we appreciate the wonderful work they have done in the Philippines.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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July 16 at Atlantic Beach with the boys. This unusual treat was more than the boys could believe. According to Mrs. Allen, "We had no problems, and a lot of fun."

This week at the beach was over and above the generous support the Pine Level church already provides for the Home. Mere words cannot describe the joy in those boys' hearts at having this wonderful opportunity to fish and swim.

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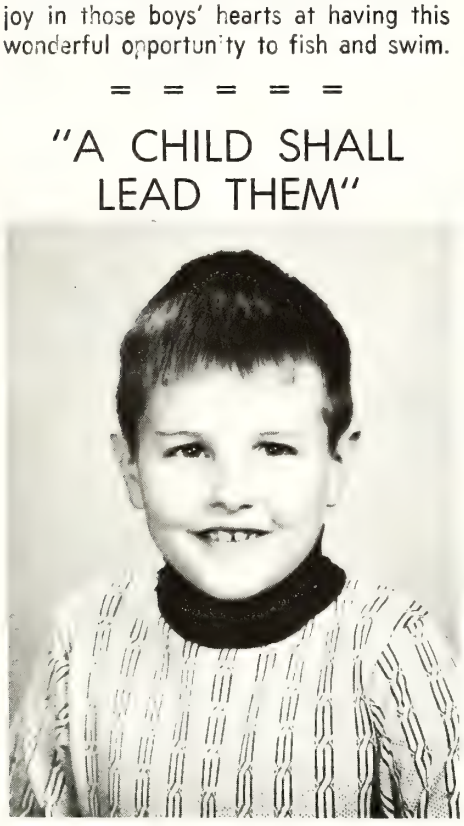
"A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"



Pictured here is Scott Hayes of Wilson, North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hayes Jr. During this past winter, Scott decided to do something for children who were less fortunate than he. Scott went out and single-handedly raised $50 for the children at the Children's Home. He's only a little fellow, as you can see, but what a great undertaking! He went from door to door telling of children in need and then presented his "loaves and fishes" to the Master. It is certain that these gifts were multiplied many times, as were the gifts brought by the small boy many years ago. Scott is a challenge to all of us to "go forth believing" and the Lord will supply every need.

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Does your most cherished wish remain yet to be fulfilled? God's time is not reckoned as rapidly as is ours. Be content to wait.

NEWS NOTES

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records, but some of the older members are sure that it is at least 100 years old. Therefore, the church has set aside this year as its centennial celebration.

The second Sunday in August (August 12) has been designated as a special day of this celebration. On this date the ten former pastors who are now living are expected to be present or send greetings to the church. Plans of recognition are being worked out for this occasion, and each former pastor present will be on the program and those not present will have their greetings read to the congregation. The ten known former pastors now living are: the Rev. P. C. Wiggs (1938-41), W. L. Moretz (1941-46), D. W. Hansley (1946-49), C. J. Harris (1949-50), W. B. Raper (1950-53), J. B. Narron (1953-56), L. R. Ennis (1956-62), Sheldon Howard (1962-64), William Futch (1964-67), Bruce Dudley (1967-68), and the present pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. From the year 1924 through 1936, there is no church record as the minutes were probably lost. Therefore, the pastors during this period are not known.

Other features of the worship service on August 12 will be the roll call of members and a memorial service for all deceased pastors and deceased members that may be known or known of.

During this centennial year the Howell Swamp church Sunday school has set a goal in Sunday school by November of 100. You are urged to get into the habit of attending Sunday school and to invite others who are not in Sunday school elsewhere to attend with you each Sunday at 10 a.m. The superintendent, Mr. Jimmy Smith, really wants to see you in Sunday school.

The church has morning worship services each second and fourth Sundays at 11 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend any of these services you possibly can.

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AFC Group in Charge of Service Kinston Church, July 8

The AFC Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, was in charge of the evening worship service Sunday, July 8.

The service opened with Tramilla Futch giving the welcome. Richard Hill and Marlene Mattocks led the singing. Brenda Parks presented a check to the church in the amount of $53.25 on behalf of the AFC. Accepting the gift for the church was the pastor, the Rev. Bill Futch. The boys and girls earned money by doing odd jobs for their ents and neighbors, and also by sel bottles. Donna Ackerman won a p for bringing in the most money.

Carla Avery introduced the spe music. Brenda Parks sang a solo, " terday, Today, and Tomorrow," and group sang "He's Everything to Me" "Pass It On." Mr. Willie Brown, fessor of science at Mount Olive Coll was the speaker for the evening.

The AFC boys and girls are: Jean Hill, Carla Avery, Brenda Parks, A Carter, Marlene and Janice Matto Donna Ackerman, Genese Bennett, milla Futch, Richard Hill, Jeffrey Br way, and John Parks. Sponsors of group are Mrs. Kay Avery and Marilyn Owens.

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One Way for Christ Singers At the Wilson Church

The One Way for Christ Singers Kinston, North Carolina, will presen program of gospel music and testim Thursday evening, August 2, at the F Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, N Carolina. The program will begin eight o'clock and will be a part of week's activities at the Wilson ch during Youth Week which is July August 4. Everyone is cordially inv to attend.

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The Four In Christ Quartet's New Relea

The Four in Christ Quartet from Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, Bern, North Carolina, announces the lease of a new long-playing stereo bum. This is the second album for group and is entitled "Memories."

Songs on the album include: "The Country Church," "That Day Is Al Here," "Yesterday," "The Comm Man," and many others. The al may be purchased from any membe the quartet or from the Rev. Jerry lish, pastor of Antioch church. T will also be on sale at various place business in the New Bern area.

This quartet has been singing about three years and they have trav extensively in the eastern part of N Carolina, primarily in Free Will Ba churches. The group is available homecomings, gospel singspirations, certs, fund raising events, revivals, any event where gospel music wil appreciated. For dates call 638-503

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: When and where will the ıment take place?

Answer Continued from Last Issue)

here is to follow such judgments as ussed above, future judgments as ows:

. Of the saved: "Now he that plant- and he that watereth are one: and y man shall receive his own reward rding to his own labour. For we are urers together with God: ye are 's husbandry, ye are God's building. rding to the grace of God which is n unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, ve laid the foundation, and another deth thereon. But let every man heed how he buildeth thereupon. other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. if any man build upon this founda- gold, silver, precious stones, wood, stubble; Every man's work shall be e manifest: for the day shall de- e it, because it shall be revealed by and the fire shall try every man's k of what sort it is. If any man's k abide which he hath built there- n, he shall receive a reward. If any 's work shall be burned, he shall er loss: but he himself shall be saved; so as by fire. Know ye not that ye the temple of God, and that the it of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Co- hians 3:8-16); "For we must all ap- before the judgment seat of Christ; every one may receive the things e in his body, according to that he done, whether it be good or bad" Corinthians 5:10); "Therefore judge ing before the time, until the Lord e, who both will bring to light the en things of darkness, and will make ifest the counsels of the hearts: and shall every man have praise of " (1 Corinthians 4:5).

his time of judgment we sometime r to as the judgment for rewards of believer—those that are determined the faithfulness of the believer be- judged. We also refer to it as the judgment in the air or the judgment seat of Christ. According to 2 Corinthians 5:1, 5, 7, 9 and 1 Corinthians 4:5 the indication is that those of this judgment are to have praise of God. So instead of seeing this as the judgment for destiny, we are to see it as the judgment for adjustment, for rewards, or the lack of rewards as the case may be.

2. Of the living nations: This judgment takes place at the second coming of Christ. Dr. William Evans gives the following discussion, Pages 254-255, in his book, **The Great Doctrines of the Bible:**

"Matthew 25:31-46. This judgment will take place at the coming of Christ with His saints. Note three things in this chapter: first, the marriage supper of the Lamb (vv. 1-13); second, the judgment of the saints (vv. 14-30); third, the judgment of the living nations (vv. 31-46). This is not a general judgment of good and bad, for there are three classes here. 'My brethren' can hardly refer to the saints, for then it would be 'inasmuch as ye have done it unto yourselves, ye have done it unto me.' Nor is the church in this judgment, for she is already translated and rewarded as we have seen. The church no more belongs to the nations than does Israel. The nations are those who deal with Israel through the Great Tribulation. The 'brethren' are probably the Jewish remnant who have turned to Christ during the Great Tribulation and whom the antichrist has severely persecuted as also have many of the wicked nations, like Russia today. This is a judgment of nations that are living; there is no mention of the dead."

3. Great White Throne Judgment: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:11-15). This comes after the millennial reign of Christ and therefore after the judgment of the living nations as seen in Matthew 25. This is a judgment of those that are dead and were not resurrected when the righteous dead were but 1,000 years after. (See Revelation 20:1-10.) The living nations are judged at the beginning of the millennial reign of Christ, but the Great White Throne Judgment occurs at its conclusion. The living nations' judgment deals with the living, but the Great White Throne Judgment with the dead. The former's severity depends upon their conduct toward their brethren, the Jews; the latter's with general sins recorded in the books that shall be opened on that occasion, since their names are not found in the book of life.

4. Judgment of Israel or the Jews as we sometimes call them: This will probably take place at the end of the Great Tribulation. (See Ezekiel 20:33-44 and Psalm 50:16-22.)

5. Judgment of fallen angels: 'And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6); "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (2 Peter 2:4). The believers take part in this, "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:3).

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Spend some moments of a day when your sky seems especially bright to offer to someone else the help you needed on a day when the sky was dark.

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Look about yourself and see the grandeur of nature. Be thankful that God has given you one more day to enjoy His handiwork.

STORIES

for our youth

IJEKO AND THE JUDGE

by Carolyn London

USUALLY Ijeko liked listening to the African judge as he told Bible stories, but today he was restless. As soon as the judge said, "That's all today, Ijeko," he ran behind the house. But it was too late. Cook was already there, and when he saw Ijeko he called, "Don't let me catch you touching my bicycle!"

Ijeko shrugged his shoulders and pretended to walk away. He snickered to himself, Well, old fat Cook, I won't let you **catch** me.

Quietly he crept back to the bicycle and wheeled it out of the yard. He wondered how fast he could ride down the hill.

The next thing Ijeko knew, he was struggling to his feet. His arm hurt so much that he could not move it, and every time he moved his head, the world seemed to sway. It was dark, and Ijeko wasn't sure where he was or what had happened. And then he remembered! The big rock in the road—the bicycle!

Ijeko saw that it was crumpled and that the front wheel was broken and bent. I wonder how long I've been here? he thought. At the foot of the hill he could see lights in some of the houses. The judge's big house was at the top of the hill. On either side of the road, the jungle grew close, and it was dark and frightening. In spite of being ten years old, Ijeko started to cry. His left arm hurt so much. Suddenly he heard the judge's voice. "Ijeko! Ijeko!"

And he heard the cook saying, "You'd better find him and put him in jail. He stole my bicycle."

Ijeko looked up the road and saw the light from a lantern in the judge's hand. Jail! Ijeko's heart seemed to stop beating. He'd have to hide. He quietly crawled into the thick growth of the jungle.

He could hear the judge, "Ijeko, where are you?"

And he could hear Cook shouting, "Thief! Ayah! My bicycle! It's broken."

Ijeko was frightened. He liked living with the judge, but now he knew that he had done wrong. His head hurt, and his arm throbbed. He'd have to run away from the judge's house now. Oh, why had he taken that bicycle? He turned, and suddenly he felt himself falling.

"Ijeko! Can you hear me?" The judge's voice seemed faraway, and Ijeko thought that he would have to run away or be put in jail. He tried to move. Then he opened his eyes and looked around. The judge was sitting beside him.

"Where—Where am I?" he asked.

"You're in the hospital," the judge answered. "Don't worry. You have a broken arm, and you bumped your head. I found you late last night. We looked everywhere for you, and I was worried."

"Are you going to put me in jail?"

"Jail?" the judge frowned. "Well, Ijeko, let me see—"

Ijeko stared at the judge in fright.

"You know that it was wrong for you to take Cook's bicycle?"

Ijeko nodded.

"All our sins must be paid for," the judge said.

"But—but I don't have that much money," Ijeko said. "I could never pay for that beautiful bicycle."

"I know," the judge answered, "and neither can we ever pay for our sins. No matter how good we try to be, we can't pay for our sins. We need Someone to pay our sin-debt for us. The Lord Je—I've been telling you about Him—d on the Cross to pay our sin-debt. G forgives us because Jesus paid our de That's what I've done about your de I paid Cook for the bicycle, and you do have to pay."

"And I won't have to go to jail?"

The judge shook his head. "No, y don't have to go to jail."

"What do I have to do?" Ijeko asl in bewilderment.

The judge smiled. "Well, all you h to do is say thank you to me." He p ted Ijeko's good hand. "And," the ju continued, "ever since I found you the market, begging because you no one to care for you, I've been thi ing that I'd like to have you for my s Would you like to be my son?"

Ijeko studied the judge's face. W he really means it! Ijeko thought. T the boy said, "That's like the Bible ve 'But as many as received him, to th gave he power to become the sons God' (John 1:12). Jesus paid my debt, and I want to receive Him. I w to be your son, too. Thank you, Judg I mean, **Father!"—My Pleasure.**

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Roy Kennedy

Roy Kennedy, born July 22, 1897, May 30, 1973, in Duplin General H pital. His funeral was conducted Community Funeral Chapel by the R Loyd Vernon, J. B. Starnes, and Jim Webster. Burial was in Cabin Free Baptist Church Cemetery, Route 1, Be ville, North Carolina, with Masonic ri

Surviving are his widow, Piccola Kennedy; three sons: Foy and Bernel Beulaville and Sidney G. Kennedy of J sonville, North Carolina; three broth John F., Amon, and Leslie Kennedy Beulaville; eight grandchildren; and great grandchildren.

Mr. Kennedy was the son of the Rev. G. W. Kennedy and brother to late Rev. Sam Kennedy. He was a c ter member of Cabin church and a M of nearly 50 years of the Beulaville L A. F. and A. M. 658. He was reared lived in the Cabin community and be missed by the community and by church. We would like to express sympathy in behalf of his church to t who feel most keenly the loss, and tribute to the memory of one we fee faithfully and courageously fulfilled mission here.

Respectfully submitte
Nora M. Miller

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HOMECOMING

early 200 of the alumni of the Free W Baptist Children's Home returned "Home" on July 8, 1973, to attend homecoming. They came from Florida to New Jersey and from all walks of life. Once again they had the opportunity to worship together in Memorial Chapel and to eat together in the dining hall. Lunchtime also gave them the opportunity to meet the children presently living at the Home.

Following lunch, the Alumni Association held its annual meeting. We wish to commend the alumni for their excellent response to the needs of the Home.

Lunch in Dining Hall

The Alumni Association sent three children to Cragmont again this year and pledged itself to raise $2,000 to pay for the construction of a combination tennis and basketball court.

Alumni Members Attending Business Meeting

During the morning worship service, several awards were presented. The presentation ceremony was conducted by Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The awards are as follows:

Powell Award: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Powell to the girl and boy showing the most interest in religious activities. (Selection by vote of the staff.) The recipients were Janice Tebo and Randy Faircloth.

Alumni Association Award: Given by the Alumni Association to the girl and boy showing the most interest in the Home. (Selection by vote of the staff.) the recipients were Janice Tebo and Sammy Mansour.

Academic Award: Given by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper to the student in elementary school and in high school who made the highest scholastic average during the past school year. The recipients were Mitch Joyner and Claudius Elmore.

Mixon Award: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Mixon to the best all-round girl and boy. (Selection by vote of the children of the Home.) The recipients were Janice Tebo and Randy Faircloth.

We hope that many more of the alumni of the Home will be able to return next year.

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Flags for Memorial Chapel

Mr. Roney B. Bunn of Kenly, North Carolina, a member of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, arrived at the Home recently with a set of flags (Christian and National) for Memorial Chapel. The flags were contributed to the chapel by the Woodmen of the World Organization of Bailey, North Carolina. We are very thankful for these flags and they will constantly serve as a reminder of our loyalty to God and country.

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Albemarle II Cottage Goes to the Beach

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church in Pine Level, North Carolina, rented cottages and provided finances for the boys in Albemarle II Cottage to go to the beach for five days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen, houseparents at the Home, spent the week of

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 12

The Great Commandment

Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 6:4, 5; Mark 12:28-34; Romans 13:8-10

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:21

I. INTRODUCTION

For the last ten Sundays we have been studying the Ten Commandments. Our lesson today is a summary of all these. Does not the Bible teach that if we love God with all heart, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself, we have fulfilled the law? So this lesson today is one of the most important lessons that we have had in a long time.

God's covenant with Israel was incorporated in the law of Moses. The Ten Commandments were a part of this covenant that Israel pledged themselves to keep. Paul tells us that the law was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made (see Galatians 3:9). The first promise of this "seed" is found in God's statement to the serpent in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:15). The promise was later repeated to Abraham and others: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; . . ." (Genesis 22:18).

It is evident that the law was not sufficient to fulfill all of God's purposes for men; otherwise, Jesus need not have come. He came not to destroy the law nor to condemn the world (see John 3:17). He came to fulfill the law (see Matthew 5:17). Jesus lived under the law and fulfilled the law. He fulfilled its shadows and types. Moreover, He fulfilled the law by keeping it perfectly. After His resurrection, Jesus reminded His disciples, ". . . These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44).

Because Christ said that He came to fulfill the law, many feel that we are no longer under the law. It is true that we are not under the law of Moses, but we are under the law of Christ. The law of Christ is given in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." So the law of Christ requires that we bear one another's burdens, and this is the law of love. Jesus himself said, ". . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Love of God is the basis of the Christian life.

B. Note the relationship of the love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self.

C. Jesus' emphasis on the spirit of the law goes beyond mere obedience to the letter of the law.

D. Love as the motive and enabler behind responsible living fulfills the law.

E. The practice of Christian love should be seen in the everyday life of youth.

F. Cite areas of need calling for compassionate and intelligent action.

—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. This quarter's lessons have recalled the Ten Commandments, which were first engraved upon stone tablets by Moses at Mount Sinai. Through the centuries that followed, the scholars of Israel determined to "interpret," "expand," and "clarify" the ordinances of God. Their meticulous labors resulted in a bulk of minute regulations that were burdensome, if not impossible, to practice.

Jesus brought moral encouragement to a people frustrated by their repeated unsuccessful attempts to live "by the law." He condensed God's precepts to two great guiding principles: **love God** and **love your neighbor.** Here is the commandment that embraces all others. The person who truly loves will quite naturally make a consc and conscientious effort to please He will express His devotion in term reverence for the Creator. The one truly loves his fellowman will do that which will bring him benefit blessing. Because this is the natur true love Augustine could rightfully duce the whole of scriptural legisla to this ultimate simplification: "L and do what you like."—**Standard Le Commentary.**

B. E. W. Caswell tells this story: " of two brothers fighting in the s company in France, fell in battle. one who escaped asked permission his officer to go and bring his bro in. 'He is probably dead,' said the ficer, 'and there's no use of you ris your life to bring in his body.' But a further pleading the officer conser Just as the soldier reached the lines his brother on his shoulders, the wo ed man died. 'There, you see,' rep the officer, 'you have risked your for nothing.' 'No,' replied Tom, 'I what he expected of me and I have reward. When I crept up to him, took him in my arms, he said, 'To knew you would come. I just felt you would come.' "—**The Interme Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

C. When asked the secret of his cess in the Salvation Army, General liam Booth said: "I will tell you secret. God has had all there wa me. There have been men with gre brains than I, men with greater op tunities. But from the day I got poor of London on my heart and ca a vision of what Jesus Christ coul with them, on that day I made up mind that God should have all of Wi Booth there was."—**The Advanced terly (F.W.B.).**

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HE STRANGER AT THE DOOR

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. Then she whispered, "If only e could be here, Mother."

ake your time, sir, my daughter is rly waiting to hear some of your ng exploits. She and her daddy are when it comes to fishing," said 's mother.

es madam, I came from a family of ers. My grandfather was part of xpedition that caught one of the est whales of the season. After ing the herd, they got in their s to capture some of them. One t monster was harpooned. It dived, came up with a powerful thrust, hing one of the dories to pieces. and tackle were flying through the One man sailed right into the e's mouth. All others were saved. next day, catching another big one, were able to haul it alongside. The had an eerie feeling that their nate might be inside. Coming to stomach lining, it seemed to move. ily they cut through the lining and he was. At that moment he had ed and his falling had caused the ement.

p on deck, with pails of seawater, vas revived. Forever after his com- on was that of death, ashy white. fifteen years this story was never pted. No one would believe it. The le said his pallid look was a sick-

Most of the crew, when in port, at- ed church regularly. The drunken- decreased a great deal. The peo- noting that the Christian faith of e sailors had not subsided, gradually n to accept the facts as true, even marked sailor with the ash-colored

he reason I am a Christian? My dfather was on this boat. It is my lege and pleasure to tell this story travel along. Your dream? It was accident; it was a miracle. God ed it. Something impelled me to e to your door. Now I know why. are a very careful mother. That e in your apron pocket tells me that must be on my way.

May God hold you in the hollow of hand," was the parting remark of stranger at the door.

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e tragedy of our generation is that e are untold millions still untold.

MISSIONS

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CHAPEL AT "BAPA"

by Harold Jones

In a previous article entitled, "House-Church at Bapa," I mentioned that "Bapa" had constructed seats for us to use during the service there. I also said that "Bapa" had plans to construct a roof over the area when the rainy season began. It is the rainy season now and "Bapa" is being true to his word. He has altered his plans to some extent. Instead of building a roof over the area where we have been meeting, he has decided to build a chapel. In the picture above you can see the post already in place. In just a few days the chapel will be completed and ready for use.

The people are gathering the materials for the building and will construct it themselves. Please pray for the people who worship here. They are truly growing in the Lord, but still have a great deal to learn about the Christian faith.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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lives that will be evidence that Christ lives within us.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:1, 2

ONLY A BOY'S MARBLES

You can't guess how much good the Lord may do with even your dime or nickel in these days, especially if that dime or nickel you give Him to use for others is something you really take from yourself. One time a poor little boy saw all the big people putting money into the offering plate. He didn't have anything to give but five marbles in his pocket. He put them into the plate! People around must have smiled as they saw the strange offering drop in. After the meeting, one of the deacons asked the child if he wanted his marbles back. "Oh, no, I gave them to the Lord Jesus." As the story was told from one to another, a rich man said, "I'll give a hundred dollars for that boy's marbles." That was another kind of miracle change, from 5 cents to $100. You may never know just how much your little gift is worth in God's eyes, but be sure if you really give with love to help, the Lord will use it and it will look big in heaven.—Rugh E. Dow, in *Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No matter what our gift to God might be or how small, if it is given in the right spirit God will honor it and you will be blessed.

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES

The Free Will Baptist Chapel at Puerto Princesa City in the Philippines held its opening service on Sunday, July 1, 1
Pictured above is the chapel and the congregation that attended the opening service, which was followed by a picnic lu
served by the members of the church.

This new chapel is just one of the many accomplishments of our missionary family in the Philippines, the Harold Jo
family. We here at home should be proud of the great work this family has done for our church among the natives of th
islands.

The Joneses will be arriving home this month for a much needed rest. Let us as Free Will Baptists show them just
much we appreciate their efforts and support them on their next tenure of duty in the Philippines.

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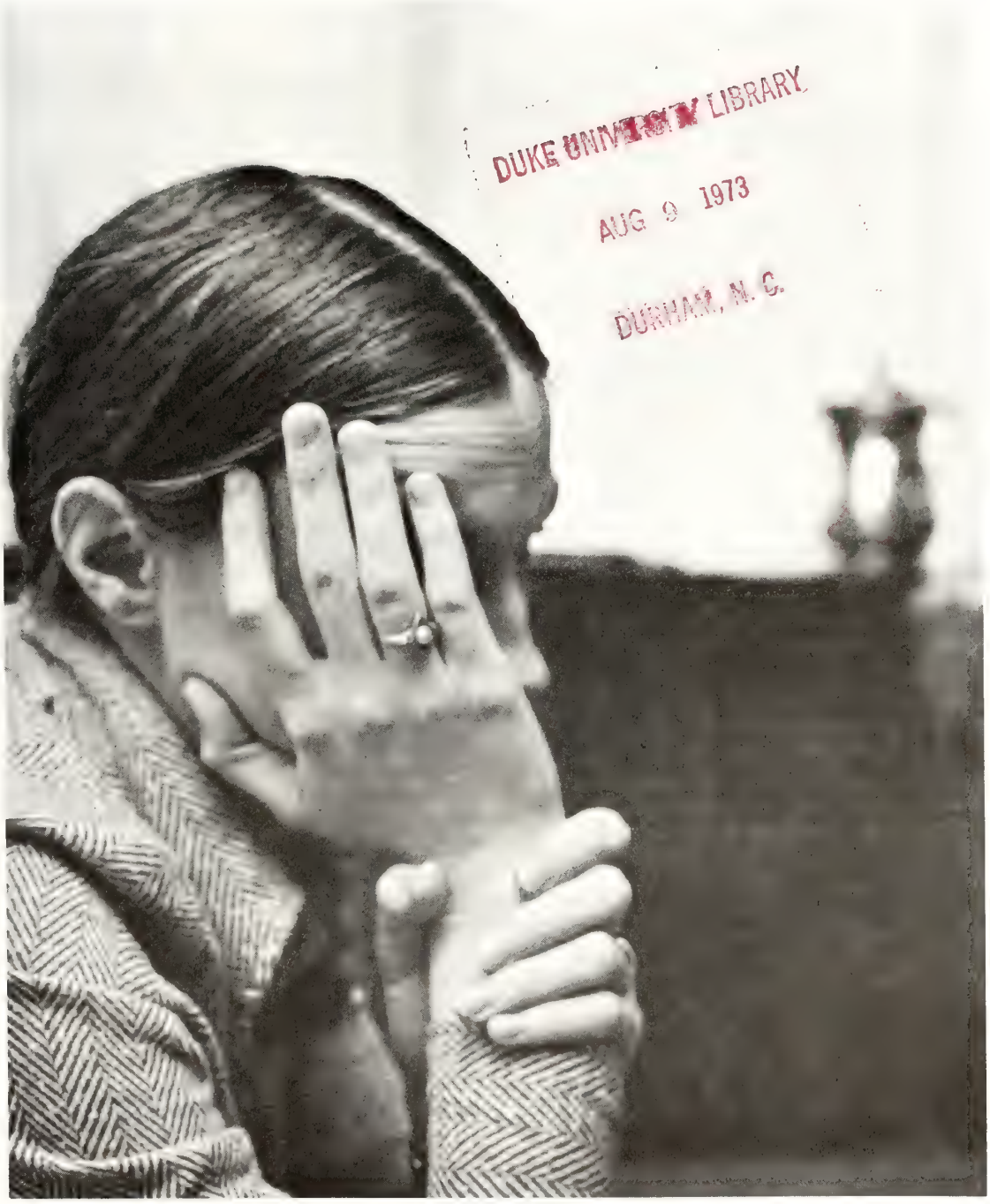

THE PLEA WAS "PLEASE HELP ME!" WOULD YOU HAVE ANSWERED?

"PLEASE HELP ME!"

You receive a phone call late at night, and the voice on the other end is hysterical. Between sobs and incoherent phrases and screams of anguish, you can distinguish three words: "Please help me!"

"Please help me!" The words tear at your heart, and you want to reach out with all your might to give that person whatever assistance he needs. You are not quite sure what to do, except to say that you **will** help, that you **will** do whatever you can to make the situation better. So, you thrust forth your stoutest efforts; you employ all the empathy of your heart, the intelligence of your mind, your soundest reasoning powers, and you try to turn a nightmare into a pleasant dream. Your tone of voice is calm, your spirit compassionate, your attitude understanding; and, you project with utmost sincerity your desire to aid that person in need.

It is impossible at times for you to keep your composure. Try as you may, you cannot always hold your own tears back, though this might be classified as a professional sin. It is unwise to get this "involved," they will tell you. Certainly you would not want to break down when you are trying to help someone already upset; but if you are a caring person, you cannot help but "feel" with the person. It is *not* impossible for a warmhearted person to be objective. In the majority of cases when deep understanding and an expression of real concern are craved by the individual seeking help, a warmth expressed from the person desiring to help is of real importance. A cold "talk-to-me-about-it" approach may work for some, but for others it seems comparable to indifference, which could prove disastrous. Of course, in many cases, talking about it is all one *can* do, but the manner in which one talks can be the key factor as to whether the would-be helper's "therapy" proves to be beneficial or detrimental.

Nothing is more heartbreaking than to hear the plea of a lonely, frightened person on the other end of a phone late at night, grasping with all his hope and putting all his trust in a friend—one he considers his only friend, the only one who cares what happens to him. When his world has crashed down around him, when the walls of his room have caved in upon him, and when he feels trapped—trapped by his own fears and frustrations and by difficulties not of his doing and with which he is unable to cope, it is sad indeed. Few of us have "been there," but this writer has seen it happen to more than one individual. Though he himself has never experienced it in a personal way, this writer knows what it's all about to think that no one cares, that there is no one to whom to turn when one is afraid of the dark loneliness which all the lights in the house cannot dispel. . . .

How thankful should we be, that we possess a certain amount of stability and how careful should we be when we discuss people with emotional problems! How very heartless we are if we be counted among those who make fun or ridicule the mentally disturbed and attach unkind names to them! Only by the grace of God are we "sane." Only by the grace of God are we not the ones screaming for help. . . .

Few of us are qualified professionally or equipped with "credentials" that grant us the right to administer aid to the emotionally disturbed. On the other hand, *all* of us—if we are Christian people—should be qualified spiritually and equipped with a God-given love for humanity which compels us to do whatever we can to make more bearable the plight of these people. A pat on the back, a smile, a long look of understanding, a soft-spoken "Hello" or calmly-spoken "Get a hold of yourself"—all of these can help. And certainly, *prayer*, the key that unlocks the door and the line that reaches to heaven, is of incomparable value.

Patience also is important. We must wait oftentimes for progress to be shown. The desired goal may never be achieved, but help can be given to those who need it, even by us who think we don't know how or what to do when someone with an emotional disturbance asks for our help. Love and understanding—perhaps two overused words—are powerful tools that can be employed effectively toward the saving of a life, even. . . . "Please help me! Please, please help me!"—a haunting plea that causes sleepless nights for the one who seeks help and for the one who tries to provide it. Somehow God, as is always the case, will give strength to overcome, if we will allow it of Him and trust Him for it.

Though this writer has never been so emotionally upset as to beg for help over the telephone, he can well sympathize with those who have, who must, and who will continue to do so. As long as the world stands, there will be troubled minds and broken hearts that need and deserve the help of us who profess to be Christians. As long as the world stands, there will be pleas for help; and, it is our duty—a godly admonition, in fact—to supply help when we can.

Guide a soul to God. Listen to his plea. Grant him understanding. Tell him that God loves him. Tell him, too, that **you** love him. Whatever happened to love anyway?

Woe be unto us who turn deaf ears. What if God had done so to us when we begged for help? Haunting words, "Please help me!" How they ring in one's ears. . . .

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Named to "Who's Who In America"

ITOR Tommy Manning of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., yen, has been notified by the board f ditors of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA a his name, along with a biographical ch, will appear in the new thirty-igth biennial edition now in compila-o First notification that he was be-g awarded this honor reached Mr. ning in early May.

enneth H. Petchenik, publisher of quis Who's Who, Inc., in a letter to Manning congratulated him on "the mplishments that have led to the ction of your name for inclusion, citing that he would be a permanent raphee of the publication.

gorously adhering to the highest of ifications, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA cts individuals for listing "only if are subject to national reference rest based on achievement or posi-in a meritorious pursuit."

the brochure accompanying the an-cement of Mr. Manning's selection, as cited that since the first publica-of the "Big Red Book. . . in 1897, ratio of listees to total population remained three persons per 10,000, ence of the careful screening and ction procedures that guide this k. As a result of the care with which ction standards have been devised applied, and because of the high l of accuracy that is achieved by raphee involvement in supplying and fying data, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA relied upon by reference centers nd the globe, including public, pri-, school and college libraries; publi-ons offices, government offices, ndations, businesses, and countless e."

urther, it was stated that men like Manning have ". . . personal achieve-nts. . ." that are ". . . part of the rent history of the United States and therefore, worthy to be recorded studied. The editors have scanned accomplishments of many but have cted few. . . YOU and other distin-shed Americans. The Thirty-Eighth nnial Edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA will be the outstanding repository of biographical information on the most prominent individuals in the United States and Canada." Manning is one of the youngest biographees included. He received his education from ECU, Greenville, North Carolina; Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; and studied social work in Atlanta, Georgia.

Constantly busy, Noel Thomas (Tommy) Manning has varied interests and participates in a number of activities. He has previously received recognition for his work as editor of literature at the Press, in that other publishers have recognized his merits and have published numerous articles written by him. He is actively engaged in other services. He is organ-

ist for the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina. He is a soloist, composer of music, writer, lay speaker, artist, photographer, and has served at various times as youth counselor and youth camp director. He directs weddings, and in his musical capacity sings for and plays for weddings and special civic programs, recently having been the guest soloist for the North Carolina Annual Meeting of Redmen and Pocahontas in Durham, North Carolina. He has counselled with drug addicts and alcoholics and has participated in programs in rehabilitation centers and correctional institutions. In his spare time, Tommy (as he prefers to be called) is writing a novel, the synopsis of which has received favorable review of a well-known publishing company. He is also compiling a book of original free verse poetry which will carry his own illustrations. On Thursday nights he teaches a course in creative writing at Pitt Technical Institute, Greenville.

Well-known around Ayden and the surrounding area, Tommy's face, name, and reputation are also known throughout the state and country by virtue of his work and other activities. The weekly magazine he edits, THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, and the numerous other publications under his direct editorial supervision reach nearly every state in the union as well as some foreign countries.

Described by his friends as a "hometown boy," Tommy is mild-mannered and unassuming, exhibiting a friendly, outgoing personality. Admitting that he is a perfectionist by nature, he maintains that he never excels, that he is never really satisfied with anything that he does, but contends that he perhaps performs "adequately" in some capacities.

Having special respect for the elderly, Tommy expresses a personal interest in them and shows this through small acts of kindness: cards, calls, and visits. He has a rapport with both the old and the young. Among his hobbies are antique collecting and bowling for which he has several trophies to his credit.

In commenting about his selection, Mr. Manning states: "Needless to emphasize, I am happy to have been selected for inclusion in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA and consider it a distinct honor. While I do not quite understand why I was selected when there are so many others more deserving, I count it a real privilege to be listed among worthy individuals who have rendered selfless services and whose personal achievements have merited their being included in this important volume. To say the least, I am overwhelmed." Jokingly, as is typical of Tommy when he receives commendation, he added, "They probably had a space that needed filling, and scraping the bottom of the barrel, they just happened to find my name down there somewhere."

He in no way, however, intends to diminish the honor, but is most appreciative of the consideration of the board which selected him and afforded him the distinction of being named to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. He resides at 406 North East College Street, Ayden, and is the father of one son, Noel Thomas II, age 8.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4:1, 2

A Minister's Influence

A century and a half ago there died a humble minister in a small village in Leicestershire, England. He had never attended college and had no degrees. He was merely a faithful minister. In his congregation was a young cobbler to whom he gave special attention, teaching him the Word of God. This young man was later to be renowned as William Carey, one of the greatest missionaries of modern times. This same minister had a son, a boy whom he taught faithfully, and constantly encouraged. The boy's character and powers were profoundly affected by his father's life. That son was Robert Hall, the mightiest public orator of his day, whose sermons influenced the decisions of statesmen and whose character was as saintly as his preaching was phenomenal. It seemed that the village pastor accomplished little. There were no spectacular revivals, but his faithful witness and godly life had much to do with giving India its Carey and England its Robert Hall.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

You have no way of knowing what influence your life has upon others. Therefore it is your duty to live as humbly and godly as possible.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:20

Why So Cheerful?

On a train to Liverpool a Christian worker found himself in a crowded compartment seated near two soldiers, one a private, the other a sergeant in his middle thirties. The private was a young lad, ruddy and open of countenance. The Christian worker's heart went out to the boy, and he engaged both the soldiers in conversation. To his surprise he discovered that they had been through the ordeal of Dunkirk. The younger man appeared particularly happy and cheerful; appeared to look on life as though it were to him a rosy morn. The civilian said to him, "You went through that terrible experience of Dunkirk, yet you seem so happy and cheerful." "Oh, sir," the boy said, "but Dunkirk did a lot for me." "A lot for you? What did it do?" "It brought me to Christ. While I was right in the midst of that conflict, I trusted Him as I had been taught. I was saved, and have been rejoicing in Him ever since."—*Home Evangel.*

Prayer Thought

Do we only trust in the Lord in times of trouble? I'm afraid that is the case with most of us. Oftentimes, however, our troubles make us better Christians.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:1

Do You Look for the Light?

A missionary related her experience in securing a servant for her home. One day a well-dressed Chinese lady came and stated her desire to serve. The missionary demurred, for she wanted someone to make beds, scrub floors, and wash clothes. The lady said that she understood. Somewhat mystified, the missionary hired her. She proved a splendid servant, attended all the meetings, and taught other women to read. On one occasion the missionary, after knocking, entered her room. The servant seemed embarrassed, and acted as if she were hiding some small object. Some days later the same thing happened. Before long she revealed her secret. "Oh, Madam," she exclaimed, "it's coming! The light of my face! I used to see the Christians on their way to the chapel. I noticed how bright their faces were. I wanted that light for myself and thought if I came to work for you I could get some of it. My husband tells me the light is coming and I was looking in this little mirror to see." Not only did the light show on her face, but the light shone in her heart. She became a bright and active Christian.—*China's Millions.*

Prayer Thought

If you have Christ in your heart there is no way you can keep it from showing. May our every action show that Christ lives within us!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture Reading—Acts 4:12

Not Connected

A United Press report out of San Antonio, Texas, tells of a hospital in that city where it was discovered that the fire-fighting system, upon which reliance had been placed for thirty-five years for the safety of all its patients in case of fire, had never been connected with the city's water main. The pipe that led from the fire-fighting system extended four feet under ground—and there stopped! An appropriation was immediately made, of course, to hook the hospital's system to the city water pipes. In just such a way there are those who, relying on character, or church membership, or benevolent contributions, or other works of the flesh have been even more insecure than were the patients of the hospital in San Antonio, for it has been their that have been endangered rather their bodies. Apart from attachme faith, to the source of the stream of water, that is Christ himself, there safety. It is in Him that there is lif in Him alone.—*Pilgrim.*

Prayer Thought

Without the proper connection Christ our faith cannot be secure. Th way to get this connection is throug shed blood of Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 52:7

How They Knew God's Love

We tried to visit the lepers at least a month, when they gathered out o grass, and we went over what they learned and sought to make clear the of salvation by the use of gospel p Sometimes we asked them questions, if they really understood what they learning. I remember once asking the tion, "Just how do you know that the Jesus loves you?" They answered, cause of you." This truly touched hearts, and we praised God for the lege of being His instruments to carr glad tidings to such as these poor le *China's Millions.*

Prayer Thought

Do we carry the gospel message to less fortunate than we? It pleases when we share our blessings with oth

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture Reading—Psalm 32:10

The Footprints of God

In childhood, how our heart thrill reading the story of Robinson Crusoe! was stranded on an island which he th to be without human inhabitants, e himself. One day he discovered in the footprints of a human being. Follo those footprints, he discovered a man, day!

Through God's wondrous creation, has left His footprints. Man, howeve his blindness and unbelief, refuses the dence of the existence of an infinite ator. Running riot, his mind comes to ing foolish conclusions in reference to orderly creation. Intellectually, he ca say that there is no great First Caus Master Mind, or Creator of the univ Man's heart, being deceitful and despe ly wicked, says, "There is no God!"— Marquart, M. D., Teacher of Psycholog Wheaton College.

Prayer Thought

If we have the footprints of Jesus st ed on our hearts, never will we say, "T is no God." Regardless of our sinful na no one in his right mind can deny the istence of a God.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

A WORD TO THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Interested in learning more about the biblical subjects that your husband pounds upon? Want that something ra that Sunday school literature and sonal reading cannot give, no matter w diligently studied? Concerned about those particular problems that seem come automatically with the difficult ponsibility of leading a church?

Now is your chance to satisfy some of r needs in these areas, and in others well. Mount Olive College is inaugu- ing a new program designed specifi- ly for **you**, the wife of a minister (li- sed or ordained). The program is mpletely oriented toward giving you opportunity you may have missed etofore to forward yourself through anized educational experience.

Beginning with the fall semester of 73, Mount Olive College is offering a tuition scholarship to the wives of nisters. Your only charge will be a istration fee of $10 per course (plus oks), and you may enroll for as many rses as you like. You may work to- rd graduation from Mount Olive Col- e or simply select individual courses m approximately one hundred offered h year. Think of the value of courses Bible, music, secretarial science, pub- speaking, or special religion courses e "The Minister and His Work." (There ll be an extra charge for those who e private music lessons; and a $10 plication fee, payable only once, for se who have never enrolled at Mount ve College.)

Do not hold back because it has been number of years since you graduated m high school—some of our best dents have been mothers who entered lege after their children were in hool. And even if you never finished h school, you may qualify under Gen- al Education Development. You do not e anything by contacting us.

Your husband does not need to be her a present or former student of Mount Olive College—only a licensed or ordained minister.

The sole goal is growth for the wife of the minister. As church leadership duties become more complex, church members more and more will turn to the minister and his wife as a team. Your preparation for this very important ministry can thus become as important as that of your husband.

Do take advantage of this exceptional opportunity! Act now! Fall registration will be August 22 and classes begin on August 27. We hope that we will be hearing from you.

For further instructions, information, and application forms, write to: Director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919 658-2502).

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Ormondsville Sunday School Establishes Scholarship

The Sunday School of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County, North Carolina, has established a scholarship at Mount Olive College in honor of its pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston.

The scholarship will be in the amount of $500 with the first award being made for the 1973-74 school year with priority being given to qualified candidates from the Ormondsville church community. President W. Burkette Raper announced that the recipient would be chosen by August 22 when the fall semester begins.

President Raper stated that there was still time for any young person in the Ormondsville church community to apply for both admission to the College and for the scholarship.

The scholarship is made possible by a $250 grant from the Ormondsville Sunday school with an equal amount added by the College under its "Church-College Scholarship Program."

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Church-College Scholarships Continuing

In order to make it possible for more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College, the College is continuing for the upcoming year the special scholarship program in which individual churches and the College give an equal amount of aid to prospective students. The combined aid may cover up to $500 of the tuition that a student must pay each academic year. The program is on a voluntary basis for those churches which wish to participate.

To qualify, a student must present at the time of his registration, or the church must send in advance, a check signed by the treasurer with the specification that the check is for a scholarship for the student named. The College will then provide an equal amount, up to $125 per semester, as a scholarship. Since there are two semesters in an academic year, one beginning in August and another in January, a student may receive up to $250 from his church and another $250 from the College for a total of $500 under this program.

Gifts sent to the College for this purpose will not be listed toward meeting the "challenge" assigned that church for the College, but will be recorded as "restricted income for church-college scholarships."

It is understood that the College may use its own funds or any funds administered by it in matching the scholarship from the church; and further, that if the student qualifies for a scholarship

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Jackson Heights Church to Host District Youth Fellowship

The Third Eastern District Youth Fellowship will be held on August 18 at the Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, instead of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston as scheduled on your calendar. The fellowship will begin at 8 p.m.

Corresponding Secretary Marsha Gray, Route 2, Box 380, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, makes the following statement: "Remember we will be electing officers, so be thinking of some nominees. Also we will be electing a new chairman. Please try to attend!"

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Welcome Home Church Revival August 13-17

Revival services will be held the week of August 13-17 at the Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Bettie, North Carolina. The evangelist will be the Rev. Harry Glen Brown, pastor of the Northern Free Will Baptist Church, Bahama, North Carolina.

Services will begin nightly at 7:45 p.m. and special singing will be featured. The Rev. Franklin Brinson, pastor of the Welcome Home church, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services. They ask that everyone be much in prayer for the revival.

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Revival at Trent Church, Merritt, N. C.

The Trent Free Will Baptist Church, Merritt, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of August 13-17, with the Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, as the guest evangelist. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Norman Malone, assisting Mr. Johnson. Each service will feature good preaching and special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Wilmington Church Holds Special Fifth Sunday Service

The First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina, was privileged with a very special service on Sunday, July 29. The entire service was presented by the young people of the church.

Following the opening service by the young people, a very warm and soul-searching talk was presented by Bruce Bronson, the oldest son of the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson. Bruce's talk was centered around the theme, "Without Him." Scripture references were taken from Genesis 6:5 in which the [illegible] speaks of how the people in biblical [illegible] tried unsuccessfully to live without [illegible] and how sin abounded everywhere. [illegible] other Scripture reference came fro[illegible] Timothy 3:1-5. This speaks of how [illegible] ple, even in the last days of tim[illegible] which we live, are also trying unsuc[illegible] fully to live without Christ.

Mr. Bronson used two very tho[illegible] provoking pictures in his talk. One [illegible] the picture of a symbol supposedl[illegible] peace which is seen all over the w[illegible] today. This symbol in reality is a b[illegible] en, inverted cross and is commun[illegible] in nature. The other picture was [illegible] of a cross, signifying that without [illegible] Cross and without Jesus Christ who [illegible] on that Cross, we cannot survive [illegible] many temptations and trials that S[illegible] puts before us. This talk certa[illegible]

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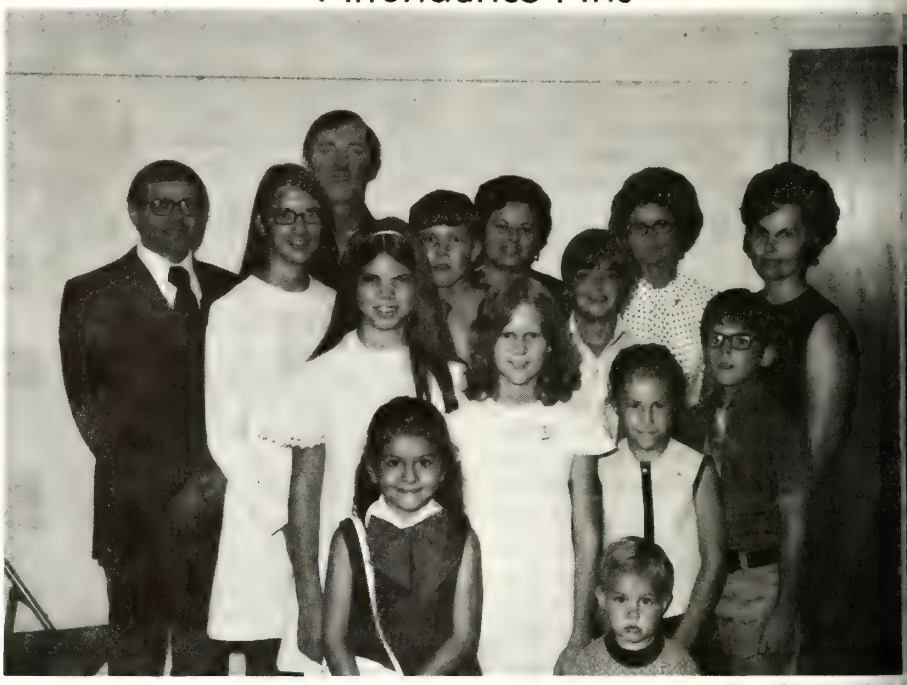
Tee's Chapel Sunday School Awards Attendance Pins



The Sunday School of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina, presented 14 members of the school perfect attendance pins on Sunday, July 8. The superintendent, Mr. Aaron Overman, made the presentation.

The Rev. Herman Grubbs was pastor of the church the past year, but he is now pastoring the Plymouth, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The new pastor for Tee's Chapel is the Rev. Roy Futrell, Route 7, Box 27, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Those receiving attendance pins, pictured above, were, first row: Ar[illegible] Edwards, third year; Julie Worley, f[illegible] year; and Master Chris Norris, first y[illegible] Second row: Susan Overman, sec[illegible] year; Tammy Norris, fourth year; [illegible] Benny Edwards, second year. Third r[illegible] Darlene Sellers, second year; Fran[illegible] Norris, fourth year; Robert Sellers [illegible] first year; and Evelyn Norris, first y[illegible] Back row: Durwood Woodall, thirtee[illegible] year; Lynwood Massey, second y[illegible] Johnnie Mae Edwards, twelfth year; [illegible] Lela Corbett, first year.

our Church Auxiliaries

ATTENTION! AUXILIARY WOMEN

omen of the woman's auxiliary ple se do not forget the Woman's Auxil- ia Conference at Cragmont Assembly, in Black Mountain, North Carolina, the wk of August 13-18. You are request- edplease to take with you one or two tels and bathcloths to leave at the as mbly. The assembly is badly in need of uch items as these, so please come pared to help supply these needed ar- tles.

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TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS FOR CRAGMONT

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser reports that 12 women have registered for Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Conference for August 13 through 18. This is wonderful and we are all looking forward to a great time in the Lord. Hope you will be there.

We were informed at our recent executive meeting that there is a real need for towels and washcloths at Cragmont.

"Cragmonters" please take a towel and washcloth (even two or three) to the conference and plan to leave them there. This will be an easy way to replenish the towel supply without an expense to Cragmont.

Christian Chapel Woman's Auxiliary donated new bedspreads and linens for all the motel rooms at Cragmont. We are certainly grateful and proud of this auxiliary for this much needed project.

Maybe your auxiliary would like to adopt a project to meet a need at Cragmont. Write to the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, promotional secretary, Lucama, North Carolina, and he will inform you of some other needs. I was there last week for a short visit and lovely drapes have been hung in the new dining hall, and Mrs. Sullivan was just beaming over her new kitchen. The dining hall needs pictures, small floral arrangements for the tables, large artificial plants—any of these items will brighten up the room.

As you pray remember Cragmont, its directors, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davenport who are doing such a wonderful job at Cragmont as managers, and the staff working there. Pray that it will continue to be the great spiritual blessing that it has been to our youth and adults.

Mrs. Ruby H. Hancock, **President**
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

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THANK-YOU NOTE

We, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, would like to take this means to thank all the churches who donated money for the dinner served at the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which met at our church in May. Your act of kindness will always be remembered and appreciated. May God bless all of you is the prayer of every member of our auxiliary.

Joan N. Howell, Secretary

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Have you given a life membership in the woman's auxiliary to a deserving woman in your auxiliary? This is such a nice way to honor someone who has brought honor and glory to God through auxiliary work.

Woman's auxiliary pins may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press, or your local Baptist bookstore for $2 or $5.25. To receive a Life Membership Guard and Certificate, mail $25 to Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina. All life membership funds will go to Mount Olive College for 1973-1974. Funds went to the Children's Home during 1971-1972 and to Cragmont during 1972-1973.

Too, if there is an auxiliary member in your church who has been active in state and/or district work and you would like to see her honored on the state level, please send the name to Mrs. D. W. Hancock, Box 571, New Bern, North Carolina. The State Auxiliary Convention presents a life membership each year at the State Convention.

Many local auxiliaries choose and honor a woman in their church each year because of her love and dedication to her Lord, her auxiliary, her church, and her community. Can you think of a nicer way to honor someone than giving her an honorary life membership in the auxiliary and presenting $25 to Mount Olive College in her honor? Try this and see what a blessing it can be to your women.

Only seven life memberships were given last year. Let's at least double that during 1973-74 or before our State Convention in May, 1974.

Mrs. Ruby H. Hancock, **President**
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

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Revival and the Twentieth Century

by Arnold Woodlief

With production cost spiraling; food prices, gas prices, and postal cost increasing; and everything in general going up, I believe as a minister that we are on the verge of yet more signal exhibitions of the divine power. The twentieth century is to be, I believe, more evidently Christ's century than the nineteenth century. The critical era is to be succeeded by the constructive. The sectarian is to give way to the fraternal. Christian federation is to be the great note of the coming decades whose advancing bugles we hear through the defiles of the mountains.

A profound change is coming over the face of the waters. One meets it among the ablest and most earnest younger scholars and Christian workers everywhere. Its note is, in words, "Realize Christ and Get Together in Him." The new spirit is a faith that works by love and purifies the heart. The agony of the long fight against unbelief is lessening before the profoundly rising tide of faith in the reality of Immanuel and His kingdom. I shall always hold to the nobler reading of the closing movement of the old century, and I hope these remarks will challenge you to also.

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Have you read your Bible today?

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

Phone (919) 235-4079

MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

"AFC Group Visits the Home"

This past week, the AFC group from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, visited the Children's Home. The leaders of the group were Mrs. Brown and Miss Davis. The church is pastored by the Rev. O. B. Jones, who is also a board of trustees member.

While the group was here, they visited throughout the campus and presented a box of dishcloths and towels to Mrs. Weeks. The group also ate supper in the central dining hall before returning home. We were very pleased that this group came to visit us and we encourage other groups to come soon.

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"Down In the Deep, Dark Woods"

In a recent meeting, the board of trustees voted to sell some timber located on the Children's Home site. The board appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Robert Bynum, a timber consultant; the Rev. A. Graham Lane, chairman of the board; and Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Home, and charged this committee with the responsibility of taking the appropriate action relative to the value of timber.

Timber Committee

After several meetings and much discussion, the committee has agreed to let out bids to several large lumber companies reserving the right to refuse any and all bids. The bids will be opened at the Home on September 1, 1973.

The decision to sell was based upon several factors: First, the timber, or 80 percent of it, has reached a mature stage, as can be seen in the photograph; second, more cleared land is needed for pastures so that the cattle herd can be increased; third, the monies received will earn more money placed in an endowment than can be realized from future growth of the timber. The board has previously voted that when the timber was sold 25 percent of the revenue would be used for land improvement (fencing, ditching, seeding, etc.) and 75 percent would be placed in an endowment fund, perhaps with Church Finance.

There are also plans to replant about 60 acres with pine seedlings for future timber use. As future plans and actions develop, the committee and board of trustees will keep the denomination vised through articles in **The Free Baptist.** If a reader happens to kn person or persons interested in off a bid for this timber, please contact member of the committee at once.

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"OUR NEW BULL"

Recently, a decision was made at Home to improve and increase its c herd. The herd consists of 61 B Angus, 33 are cows and 28 are ca Black Angus are known to be good cattle, but they are also slow grow To increase the growth rate, a new has been purchased and he arrived week. This bull is three-fourths mental and one-fourth Black Angus. is sandy, or light red in color and a white face. He is only 17 months and weighs 1,050 pounds. When c pared to a Black Angus of the same he is nearly twice as large.

The bull was purchased from the S Lea Cattle Company of Stantonsbu North Carolina, at a reduced price. S eral churches of the Central Confere made special contributions and paid this bull.

The Home hopes to increase its h to about 100 head by the end of n year. By crossbreeding, the calves grow faster and we should have ple of beef to eat soon, plus some to sell help pay for other operating expens All the feed, grain, and hay is raised the farm for the cattle, so there is li expense involved in expanding the h and raising cattle.

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"Doctors say that married men longer than bachelors," the young m said to the bachelor.

"Well, I've heard that, too," he plied, "but my married friends claim t it only seems longer."

"And Smash Went the Glass"

Even though this superintendent has not been at the Home a short time, he has seen many ways in which individuals, groups, and churches raise money for the Home; but never like the one in which members of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Lucama, North Carolina chose.

In the photograph, several members of the church are shown crushing defective Pepsi Cola bottles in barrels. This action took place inside the Wilson Bonded Warehouse at Wilson, North Carolina. After the glass was crushed, the barrels were loaded on a truck and transported to a glass recycling plant in Henderson. These dedicated, hard working faithful Christians have earned nearly $400 by this method, which they have donated to the Home. Shown in the picture is the pastor, the Rev. DeWayne Eaves; Mrs. Peggy Lamm, head of the project; Ricky Faircloth of the Children's Home, and other members of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

Words cannot be found which will describe our thanks to these fine people for showing that they care for us. Many, many hours of self-sacrifice from many persons were involved and we believe this project to be the ultimate in reflecting Christian concern for others. Many thanks to all of you for your long hours of hard work. May God bless you is our prayer at your Children's Home.

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The pastor noticed a man who came down front for service.

Afterward the pastor spoke to the man and asked, "How was it that you came and sat right in front, being a stranger here?"

"Oh," said the man, "I'm a bus driver and I just came to see how you get everyone to the rear of the building."

Free Will Baptist Church In Action

by the Rev. Davie Brinson, Pastor
Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina

Free Will Baptists have preached against the evils in our society for many years. In recent years the Supreme Court's actions have limited local and state governments and made it necessary for them to comply with federal rulings. But on June 21, 1973, the Supreme Court voted five to four in favor of putting the control of pornography distribution, sales, and display into the hands of each community.

The Lord has opened the door of opportunity for His children, as the ark was prepared when the flood came. I pray that we Free Will Baptists do not miss the boat of opportunity to take a stand against such evils as pornography, obscenity, etc.

The following article appeared in the Wilson, North Carolina, Daily Times Friday afternoon, July 27, 1973, and reads as follows:

Council to Contact Local Legislators

TIGHTER OBSCENITY LAWS URGED

by John Scott

Members of the General Assembly representing Wilson County will be strongly urged to support a tightening of the state's laws against obscene films, books, magazines, and other material.

The change in state statutes was urged last night by city council after receipt of a letter from the Rev. Davie Brinson, pastor of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly, and a petition containing 177 signatures.

In his letter, the Rev. Mr. Brinson noted a recent Supreme Court decision allows local standards to prevail in determining obscenity and asked elected officials of the county to crack down on pornography.

The officials were urged to "adopt means, passing ordinances, etc., to stop the showing of X-rated movies in local theaters, the operation of adult bookstores and the sales, distributions, and showings as displays of any kind of pornographic literature in stores of public business of Wilson County."

County Manager Bob Shuford said this morning he has received a similar letter.

At the request of Mayor H. P. Benton Jr., city attorney Louis Meyer explained that the existing North Carolina statute was enacted in 1971 in an effort to bring state law into conformity with the then current court opinion.

Under the 1971 statute, two criteria for determining obscenity are that the material be offensive to standards applicable to the nation as a whole and that the material be utterly without redeeming social value.

Last month, the Supreme Court rendered an opinion tightening criteria for determining obscenity. The court said local, rather than national standards of morality, should be used and that the material taken as a whole must be without social value.

Meyer said it is the opinion of the state attorney general, "our solicitor," and himself that, until the legislature acts to bring state statutes governing obscenity into line with the Supreme Court's latest opinions, no ordinance adopted by council could be enforced.

Mayor Benton then suggested that senators and representatives serving Wilson County be urged to support necessary changes in the law to effect more stringent curbs on obscene material.

Councilman Elizabeth Wells moved that the legislators be written a letter asking them to "strongly approve" the court's recent opinion and also go on record as receiving the Rev. Mr. Brinson's letter and the petition.

"How about a letter signed by all of council?" asked Councilman Edgar Norris.

The mayor was authorized to write such a letter to be signed by all members of council.

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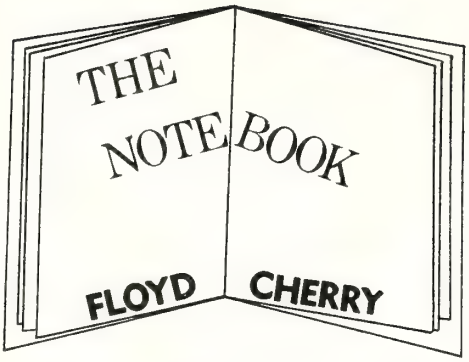
Attention, All Concerned Free Will Baptists!

We, the Church Extension Department of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, are in desperate need of your financial support. At the present we have two home missionaries on the field: one in Henderson and the other in Hope Mills. As of August 1, 1973, we had only $681.77 in our treasury to carry on this work. So far we have received support from only approximately 20 percent of our churches. This is a most urgent request, so please send us a check as soon as possible. Send all donations to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Church Extension, Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.



On Saturday, July 14, we had the opportunity of attending and speaking to the Paul Palmer Conference in Southwest Georgia. This is a small conference that came out of the Midway Association of Georgia when the division occurred between North Carolina and the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is composed of five churches: Jakin, Live Oak, Zion, White Pond, and Bethlehem.

It was a real joy to have the opportunity of speaking to this conference. There was a spirit of unity and fellowship that is seldom seen in denominational meetings. Perhaps, the most impressive aspect of the whole meeting was the emphasis which the conference places on young people. Some other conferences should take a cue from them.

One might think that this is a group of small churches that lack leadership, but this is far from the truth. Four of the five churches in the conference are pastored by men who are college graduates, and the fifth one has some training and considerable experience. The lay leadership within the churches is equally impressive. This is a group of people who know the Lord and are doing the Lord's work in an efficient, effective way.

This group of churches is loyal to the Free Will Baptist denomination as we know it. They are spiritual, but not radical. They have the modified conference type government just as we have in North Carolina. By this we mean that each church makes its own decisions and runs its own business, but they do recognize the authority of the conference in such matters as the ordination and discipline of ministers, and the tling of disputes within churches or tween churches. In other words, are our kind of people.

Also, you will be interested in kr ing that each one of these chur uses Sunday school literature pub ed by the Free Will Baptist Press Fo ation, and they support the missio program of the State Convention Mount Olive College.

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NEWS NOTES

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proved that life is much easier Christ than "Without Him."

The service was such a special bl ing to everyone that they are loo forward to the next fifth Sunday w the youth of the church will have opportunity to speak out for C again.

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The one person you have to watc you're going to save money is your

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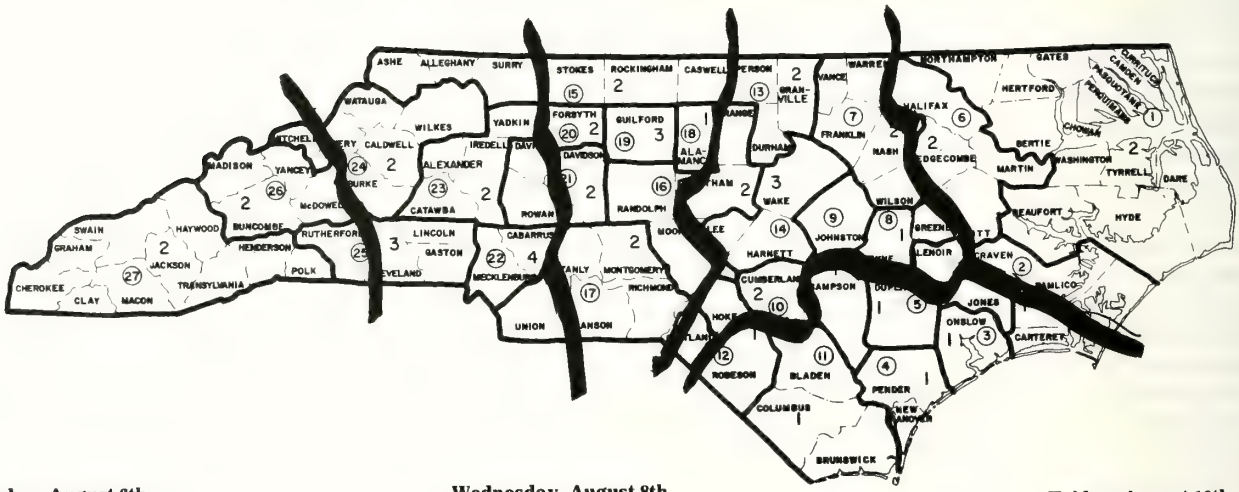
SIX AREA MEETINGS ACROSS THE STATE WITH ROSS MC LENNAN OF OKLAHOMA AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER

(Attend the meeting nearest you or most convenient for you)

FOR ALL CITIZENS CONCERNED WITH THE DEFEAT OF THE PROPOSAL ON LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK ON NOVEMBER 6



Monday, August 6th.
8:00 P.M.
West Asheville Baptist Church
Asheville, N. C.

Tuesday, August 7th.
8:00 P.M.
First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
Front Street
(One block off square)
Statesville, N. C.

Wednesday, August 8th.
8:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church
1000 West Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, N. C.

Thursday, August 9th.
8:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church
99 N. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Friday, August 10th.
8:00 P.M.
First United Methodist Church
Williamston, N. C.

Saturday, August 1
8:00 P.M.
Wallace Baptist Chu
Wallace, N. C.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Please explain, "I form the lig, and create darkness: I make peace, an create evil: I the LORD do all these th gs" (Isaiah 45:7).

nswer: God declares repeatedly in th Word that He is light. Therefore, fr n His blessed person, emanates all lig t. In the story of creation we read: "A d God said, Let there be light: and th e was light. And God saw the light, th it was good: and God divided the lig t from the darkness" (Genesis 1:3, 4). "The LORD is my light and my salvati; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the st ngth of my life; of whom shall I be af id" (Psalm 27:1); "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for br htness shall the moon give light unto th: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy gl y" (Isaiah 60:19); "Thy word is a la p unto my feet, and a light unto my pa. . . . The entrance of thy words gi th light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:105, 130). (C pare John 1:1).

esus was the Word and the Word is a ght to our path. He said, "As long as am in the world, I am the light of th world" (John 9:5). John wrote: "But if e walk in the light, as he is in the lig t, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Sc cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:; "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasi of stumbling in him" (1 John 2:10); "Th en spake Jesus again unto them, saying I am the light of the world: he that fo weth me shall not walk in darkness, bu shall have the light of life" (John 8:2). Jesus said of us Christians: "Ye ar the light of the world. A city that is se on an hill cannot be hid. . . . Let your lig t so shine before men, that they may se your good works, and glorify your Fa er which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:4, 16).

n other words, we are so to live in Ch st's likeness that we reflect God in Him to a lost world to the degree that the people see us in such a sufficient clearness of spiritual vision that they are drawn to Christ, and through Him, to the heavenly Father walking in the path (Christ), of the Word of God. Then again we find John under the influence of the Holy Spirit, writing concerning the holy city, our eternal home. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (Revelation 21:23). Jesus tells us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

All things were created by Jehovah God. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16). Things were created by Him and for Him for His use in bringing about the changes so as to cause all of it to bring the greatest glory to God and the most good to all those who seek, find, and obey Him. All of this is controlled in a way to bring the greatest, most severe judgment to those who refuse Him, substituting their own self-righteousness for His true righteousness. Pharaoh was in darkness. He worshiped heathen idols. God's opportunities came to him repeatedly; and even though he appeared to be moved by the miracles God's servants performed before him again and again, he in his final effort thwarted every opportunity and sought to destroy the servants of God by bringing complete physical darkness to him and finally spiritual darkness. Because this man has had his last opportunity to obey the Word of God and come to the light which is God himself, he dies in his sins as Pharaoh did. Now God overruled the events in this man's life, freeing His own from under his evil taskmasters and shaping the same incident in a way so as to bring Pharaoh and such as obeyed him into eternal darkness.

The same may be seen in the way God worked through Elijah when he defeated Jezebel's prophets of Baal. Complete and final darkness came to the Baal prophets whom Elijah slew, so in that sense the Lord brought about the evil condition that came upon these enemies of His that could have seen the light in Him had they sincerely sought it. Evidently these, like antediluvians, had gone so far that the imagination of their hearts was completely evil all the time. Or like the Amalekites, their cup of iniquity was completely full. For such God has designed evil and darkness. He prepared the lake of fire for the devil and his angels or messengers. He so tells us in His Word so all have an opportunity to escape, but "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1). In this way only has God created evil or darkness or employed evil.

Everything was "very good" according to the Word of God when it came from His creating hand. (See Genesis 1:18, 21, 25.) The ground was cursed as a judgment that resulted from the sin of Eve and Adam as they partook of the forbidden fruit. They did this in obedience to the devil (serpent). If they had continued to obey God instead of disobeying Him in order to obey Satan, they would not have fallen from the lofty position as rulers over all the earth, including the creatures in the sea, the heavens, and the land. We who are Christians are admonished to walk circumspectly before God so that all who observe us, lest we follow Adam's or Cain's or Esau's example and forfeit our inheritance in the Lord, will not be as the fallen angels who descended from their heavenly abode to the place of judgment they inherited in their disobedience. They followed Lucifer, the devil, when he exalted himself "above all that's called God"; and in the influence he possessed took with him other angels, causing a war in heaven fought by Michael and his angels against Lucifer (Satan) and his angels. Satan and these were cast out and reserved in chains of darkness. It seems that Michael and his angels are ever on the alert to keep him (Satan) in this place of reserve.

We are admonished to walk in the light so as to stay out of reach of these fallen creatures, and to put on the whole

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STORIES

for our youth

THE HIGH LIMB

Edith C. Coe

"LAST one to reach that top limb is a purple pantywaist," Dennis hollered as he spotted one of the few trees in the neighborhood that he had not yet climbed.

"I don't think we should climb that one," Andy replied. "It looks awfully high to me."

"Sissy!" Dennis called. "You know I can climb higher than you can because I'm not afraid."

"I'm not a sissy, and I can climb as high as you can."

"Then prove it." With that Dennis scampered up the tree.

With a quick glance upward and a shudder, Andy gritted his teeth and followed close at Dennis' heels. Andy was a year older and had never liked being outdone in any way by his friend, even though the friend was half-monkey when it came to climbing.

The two climbed higher and higher with Dennis always ahead.

"I bet this is the biggest tree on the whole block," Dennis shouted. "Look, I'm even with the electric wires."

"Be—," Andy started to warn, but stopped. "Dennis! DENNIS!"

Dennis was **so** still.

Andy climbed closer to the still figure. He could almost reach Dennis' feet. There was smoke coming from one of Dennis' shoes! Dennis must have touched one of those electric wires.

Andy's father was a scientist who taught at the university, and Andy was used to hearing scientific talk. He knew a lot about electrical currents.

"Let go of the wire, Dennis," he shouted. "Let go."

But Dennis couldn't let go.

Andy was climbing higher to help his friend, but then he remembered a little lecture his father had given him just a few days before. "If you should strike a hot wire with the back of your hand," he had said, "you would probably not be electrocuted. A reflex reaction would cause you to jerk your hand away. However, if you touch it with the palm side of your hand, you can be hurt or killed because your reflex action will make your hand clench the wire so that you can't release it. Knowing this fact could save your life."

As Andy reached out to grab Dennis' ankle to pull him free, something made him stop. What his father had told him flashed through his mind. What if the electric current passes through Dennis, and I can't let go of him? he thought. "Dear God," he prayed, "help me."

Remembering his father's warning about using the back of his hand and not the palm, Andy hit Dennis' legs. He struck several times, using the back of his hand. He was aware of the heat, and he was getting some shocks.

He hit harder. He had to knock Dennis free from that wire.

He did it! Dennis was falling, but Andy couldn't stop him. The tree stopped him. Dennis' still, limp body was hanging over a tree limb.

Andy knew he wasn't big enough to lift Dennis and carry him down the tree. He had to get help. He scampered down the tree as fast as he could and jumped to the ground. As he ran toward the house, Dennis' older brother Danny was just driving in.

"Come quick! Dennis has been electrocuted," Andy called.

The two boys ran back to the tree, and in seconds Danny was up the tree and lifting Dennis from the limb. Dennis didn't move or make a sound.

Andy watched as Danny carried brother and laid him on the gro Andy pulled off the smoking sho Danny started mouth-to-mouth resus tion.

"I'll call an ambulance. Make breathe, Danny," Andy said.

When he returned from making call, Andy took deep breaths, kee time as Danny breathed into De mouth. In and out. Inhale, ex Breathe, Dennis, breathe. There w slight reflex, a little response. De was starting to breathe again.

Andy was aware of the siren anc ambulance attendants picking up limp form of his friend. It wasn't the ambulance had left that Andy lo at his own hands. At the same Andy's mother, who had run across street at the sound of the siren, gra Andy and said, "Andy, are you all rig

"I guess maybe my hands are bu Mother, I had to get him down, k knew I shouldn't grab him. There smoke coming from his shoe whe touched the limb, and, Mother, he ped breathing, but Danny got his br ing started again."

"Oh, Andy, I hope he will be all r He just has to be." Then rememb Andy's hands, she said, "Now, let's a look at those hands."

It wasn't until later, after she bandaged Andy's hands, that A mother was able to piece the whole together. "Andy," she said, "if D lives, it will be because you save life. It's a miracle you both we killed. Andy, God was with you. we need to pray that Dennis will b right."

The report was quick in coming Dennis was alive, conscious, and there would be no lasting effects.

Dennis' mother came over to see and to thank him. "Andy, you're a hero. You saved Dennis' life."

"But there was Someone else," said. "I knew He was with me whe were on that high limb."—**My Plea**

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MISSIONS

ople Receptive the Gospel

by Z. I. Perocillo

me evangelical church leaders in the ppines think that the open-air evan- tic campaign is already of age after than half a century of doing it. l was surprised when we had two -air evangelistic meetings at Ponta a and Tamnao barrios—the people so receptive. In fact, the people gathered for each meeting respec- y for less than two hours from the they were invited.

ere was nothing special in this gelistic program that could attract le. We did not have any special c nor hand bills; but people just on their own decision to hear the el message. They were simply hun- for the Bread of Life. They even ed a little while after the message.

hy are these people like this? These le are poor financially. Most of are just tenants who come from different places of the Visayas.

think their economic insecurity es them look for religious security mpensate. Secondly, being migrants, want to belong to a more perma- group.

to me their being receptive to the el mesage is quite challenging. At stage of their lives it is a good time ad them to the feet of the Master. ieved that fishers of men should be fishers of fish—they must know the ess of time.

s, there were many decisions at two meetings; and our pastor, Pio Rosa, is now very busy making the w-up through house-to-house visita- Thus, as you read this article, y pause for a moment of prayer for work in the Bundok Peninsula that day we will have thousands of those ous souls in God's vineyard. The ers are few, but the harvest is iful. Pray for more laborers, will

June Report of Work In the Philippines

The following are reports of the work that was done in the Philippines during the month of June, 1973.

The Rev. Harold Jones, our missionary to the Philippines, reports as follows on his work: Services held, 15; converts, 35; visits made, 78; tracts distributed, 350. Concerning his work, Mr. Jones states:

"This month we completed the construction on the new chapel and had the opening service July 1. This was a blessing we shall always remember.

"During the third week in June we began the 'boat ministry.' We visited three small islands near Puerto with the gospel message. One island, called the 'Canyon Island,' looks very favorable for planting a church. I'm sure this will be accomplished in the next few months.

"We also served refreshments to the prisoners during the month of June. They greatly appreciated this gesture of kindness."

The Rev. Pio de la Rosa, a native pastor, reports on his work in Quezon in the Philippines during the month of June: Services held, 16; converts, 30; visits made, 114; tracts given out, 183; self-Bible studies, 30; Bibles given out, 2.

Both of these devout ministers are to be commended for their fine work in the Philippines. But without our backing and support, this work cannot continue. Let's be constant in prayer that this work will not lag behind while the Joneses are at home on furlough.

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TEACH YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY SOLITUDE

by Dorothy D. Warner

IF your child is in a family of several children, he will probably find out for himself how necessary and rewarding some time alone can be. However, if he is an only child, he may grow up hating to be alone unless you help him.

Good music and literature, as well as an appreciation of nature, can provide the setting for a child to discover the pleasures of solitude. Ease silently from the room where you and your child have been listening to music or where you have been reading together. A child can start out with "props" but should learn to abandon them for dreams and thoughts of past experiences that can be used as springboards to the future.

To occasionally practice "aloneness" is to give the emotions a chance to mature. Once a pattern is set, a child's imagination will take over to color his solitude with his own individual rainbow hues. But he needs to be guided into the habit of spending a quiet time alone.

I know of small girls who talk to imaginary playmates or to dollies, and I know of boys who pop out from behind a divan to capture a make-believe Indian. One very small boy of two likes to stack small cardboard boxes in the form of lines and buildings. He likes to set a play table and also to arrange his toys in a row on a shelf. He has been brought up to know that he will spend a certain time each day alone in his room.

A woman of my acquaintance likes to recall her childhood quiet time. In the evening after supper, each member of the family went somewhere to be alone for a time—her brother to the moonlit creek to sprawl on his stomach; her father to his den and newspaper; her mother to her bedroom to read her Bible or to write in her diary; and my friend to the front porch swing to rock back and forth and sing. Today, a mother of three, she encourages the habit of solitude in her own youngsters.

Many times, I prayed over some problem or wish, ascending to the hill of the Lord in my spirit. I thought of David in solitude, declaring in prayer, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). Now, as a writer, I cherish

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The Undisciplined Person

Lesson Text: Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-35; 1 Corinthians 10:12, 13

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:12

I. INTRODUCTION

Is not it strange that the state will sell a man liquor and then put him in jail for getting drunk? Is not it even stranger that a man can pay a few dollars for liquor and later the state will pay thousands of dollars to rehabilitate him and then sell him more liquor to get drunk again? Is not it still more strange that the government will force cigarette manufacturers to put warning labels on their products and yet never say anything about alcoholic consumption, especially when we know the drunken drivers will probably kill more people on the highways in one year than have been killed in Vietnam for the past ten years?

We hear a lot about drug abuse these days, but the worst drug in American culture today is alcohol. In New York City alone there are more than 600,000 alcoholics, while that city has only 125,000 drug addicts. As one North Carolina editor has put it, "When will our legislators stop tiptoeing around the liquor question to get at a lesser evil of narcotics?" Both are bad, but the most naive person knows that "King Alcohol" sits on the drug throne in America.

Some say they have no problem with alcohol. How wonderful! But they have not stopped to realize that alcohol can easily become their problem even if they never take a drink. We can be killed on the highway or the street. Evil "pushers" may ensnare our children and cause them to drink. Intemperate, undisciplined persons are always on the prowl to bring others down to their sodden level. Alcohol is every American's problem!—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

We believe that there are at least four steps that the Christian church must follow to help an alcoholic:

A. Realize that the grace of God can help a man. God will not only forgive a man's sin, but He will also give strength to overcome a weakness.

B. Realize that while we do not have the weakness of drink, we do have some other weakness. This will help us to be patient with the alcoholic.

C. Do not refuse to associate with the alcoholic, but take him in. Then demand that he live up to a standard of conduct acceptable to the community (with God's help). We do not help an alcoholic when we pity him.

4. Pray for the alcoholic.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Picture a man walking down the street with a sign in his hands that reads, "Liquor is my boss." Could that man be you? "Unthinkable," you say. But in effect everyone carries a sign that tells others who or what is the boss in his life. This sign is not written on cardboard, but is displayed in what he says and does. Few can misread the sign of the drunkard who spends the majority of his waking hours in the corner saloon.

And there are other bosses. A violent argument is heard through a window. Someone might as well hang out this sign: "My temper is my boss." Few of the neighbors can miss the fact.

Jealousy is a more subtle boss. But when a person never has a good word for anyone, we can begin to see that green-eyed monster rearing his ugly head. The feeling of resentment toward another is difficult to hide. It peeps through derogatory remarks, and at times may spill forth in uncontrolled rage.

There are many other bosses in men's lives. But all these other signs can fade into the background and eventually disappear when the Holy Spirit is made the "boss" in one's life. When the Spirit of God takes control of one's heart and life, his speech and actions display the attitudes that characterize this boss. joy, peace, longsuffering, gentle goodness, faith, meekness, and te ance permeate his life.—**Standard L Commentary.**

B. Many persons who lack the str to stand alone and resist the evils c world still rebel against the disci the restraints, the props, which are vided for their safety and well-b and continue to insist that they ar titled to absolute freedom in all th when the truth of the matter is that not more freedom which they need rather the ability to root themselv a foundation that is substantial and Freedom without the character to u constructively is no freedom at all. that I choose to live for Christ, I am to live as I choose," observed one knew the meaning of real freedom. **Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

C. "I'll loose my camel and co him to Allah's care," said a man on to the prophet, who replied, "Tie up camel and commit him to God." many foolishly run into temptation, though they know alcohol has a fat traction for them. The wise ma woman will, "tie up" their besetting and moment by moment commit selves into God's care to be kept b grace.—**Christian Herald.**

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ur of God so as to withstand the of this evil one whom the Bible can still change himself into the ess of an angel. Scofield's Notes saiah 45:7 says, "God created evil in the sense that He made 'sorrow,' chedness,' 'adversity,' 'afflictions,' nities,' etc. to be the sure fruits of

e following is a quotation from s 242-243 of **Peloubet's 1968 Select s:**

le IS THE CREATOR, vv. 7, 8, 12. statement of Verse 7 has given rise great deal of discussion, especially what can be meant by God creating In a previous prophecy (42:16) is atement about God's relationship to and darkness. 'In Verse 7 we are by the context to understand by ness and evil the penal judgments, ugh which light and peace, or salva- break forth for the people of God the nations generally. But as the hecy concerning Cyrus closes with self-assertion of Jehovah, it is un- tionably a natural supposition that e is a contrast implied to the dual- system of Zarathustra, which divid- he one nature of the deity into two posing powers. . . . Undoubtedly, evil n act is not the direct working of but the spontaneous work of a ture endowed with freedom. At the e time, evil, as well as good, has in sense its origin in God—that He com- s within Himself the first principles ve and wrath, the possibility of evil, self-punishment of evil, and there- the consciousness of guilt as well as evil of punishment in the broadest e.'—F. Delitzsch."

one should take his Bible and read whole chapter from whence these es are taken such reading could tly clarify the thought in this verse bring forth the meaning more defi- ly. Jehovah God is here speaking to of Cyrus in his generation, whom He s to open the way for Israel to obey . He breaks asunder the Babylonian ds of brass and sets Judah free from nation, who through Nebuchadnez- conquered Jerusalem after besieging even years. Cyrus, though an evil like Pharaoh of Egypt, is allowed to and thrive to do this job. Evil Nebu- dnezzar is called God's ax that He d to cut down His vine, Judah, with. sense, God who created the race in m created all these evil kings. God could have fostered conditions to have caused Pharaoh to die before Moses was born. He could have done the same by Nebuchadnezzar, but He allowed them to grow up and in this follow the natural way of becoming a leader and a warrior that gave place to the kind of hardship God's judgment places upon a "gain saying and disobedient people," as He called Israel, when He wanted the evils to befall her in the judgment that He thus sent. He says of us, the church, that He will spew the whole corrupt mess out when a sufficient number of professors are corrupted beyond redemption.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:6

QUAINT IDEA?

A mother when asked how she was bringing up her children, replied: "Exceptionally well. On Monday, they go to the Scouts; Tuesday, music; Wednesday, dancing school; Thursday, elocution; Friday, singing; Saturday, the movies; and when convenient I take them to Sunday school on Sundays." "May I ask," said the visitor, "what you are doing for their souls?" "For their souls," she said laughing. "What a quaint idea!"

No need of the child is more important than his spiritual needs. To lead him to know and love Christ as his Lord and Saviour and to train him in the Christian way of life is the first duty of the home.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we like the mother in the article above—doing everything for our children except preparing their souls? I'm afraid this is generally true.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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already provided by the College, that scholarship shall be considered as fulfilling the College's matching responsibility. In addition, it is understood that the College retains the right to determine the student's academic eligibility for admission and/or continuation in college quite apart from the matching scholarship.

It is the hope of the College that this program will encourage and make it possible for more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College.

Persons who have questions or who wish additional information should consult or contact Mr. Charles H. Harrell, business manager-treasurer, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919 658-4933).

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Mount Olive College Sponsors Spiritual Life Conference

Mount Olive College will sponsor a Spiritual Life Conference for Original Free Will Baptists, August 17, 1973, at Eagles Nest Conference Center. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will end at 3:30 p.m. The program will consist of worship, teaching sessions, and prayer and discussion groups, with the theme "The Church in Today's World."

The program will be divided into three areas: stewardship, evangelism, and Christian education. Participants are urged to read a book entitled **The Incendiary Fellowship** (Harper and Row) by Elton Trueblood.

Remember the conference in prayer and plan to attend to receive a blessing in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

The conference is open to men and women, ministers and laymen, youth and adults. There will be no charge except for the cost of lunch which will be catered.

Director of the conference will be the Rev. Frank Harrison, college chaplain.

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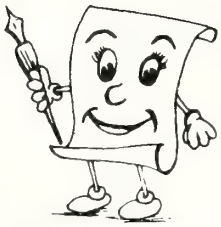

By Nina Grace Register

My husband is in love with the girl next door. If she's home, by the time he parks his truck, she is there to greet him. She crosses the ditch like it wasn't even there. Of course, I'm jealous! I can't jump the ditch like that. She's almost three, and I'm—much taller. But she leaps across on her invisible "bridge of love."

The Filipinos call their new $12-million bridge "The Bridge of Love." Philippine President Fernand Marcos promised it to his wife five years ago; and this year, on her 43rd birthday, the 1.3 mile bridge between Samar and her home island of Leyte was opened with special ceremonies.

God's bridge of love between Himself and man is the costliest ever built. Because it looks like a cross, people can't find it unless someone shows them the way. Most of them don't recognize it and look for a prettier one.

The most valuable bridges are built of love, and connect people to God and people to people. All they cost is time and thought, and somebody has to start first. If little Audrey didn't jump the ditch on her own initiative, my husband wouldn't call her (you just don't teach the neighbor's baby to run away from home!), but she makes the first move, so her love is returned.

Most of us hesitate too much and never try it. But a neighbor might attend the auxiliary with you if you asked her. You might start a good friendship with a shut-in if you just knocked on her door one day. Maybe that girl who acts "stuck up" is really timid and lonely, waiting for someone to offer companionship.

Don't be afraid to make the first move. You can build many bridges of love once you get started.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Gary Bailey announces that he is available for supply or pastoral work. He is a member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church and of the Central Conference. He was ordained in 1972. He is a 1972 graduate of Mount Olive College and is currently a senior at North Carolina State University.

Any church desiring the services of Mr. Bailey may contact him by calling 828-2295 or by writing P—121 McKimmon Village, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607.

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The Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor for half-time services. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mrs. Marie Wallace, clerk, by calling collect, 728-3081, or writing her at Route 1, Box 807, Beaufort, North Carolina 27516.

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The Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, is looking for a pastor as of October, 1973. All inquiries are welcome. If interested please contact Mr. R. A. Hamilton, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina 27829.

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Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Macclesfield, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor for services on each second and fourth Sunday of the month. Interested ministers should contact Mrs. Archie Horton, Box 151, Macclesfield, North Carolina 27852.

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How often do we cringe as we wait for some especially dreaded occurrence—only to have the anticipated trouble melt into nothingness once the time arrives?

Teach Your Child To Enjoy Solitude

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every moment of solitude, knowi can mean growth and inspiration.

So forget about pushing your chi be with people just so that he wil be alone. Change your own att toward solitude if need be, for it is written that "He who fears to be will become shallow and bored, at fearing his every solitary mom Don't let that happen to your ch Gospel Herald.

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"Boozers" Are Losers--"By-the-Bottle" or "By-the-Drink"

"BOOZERS" ARE LOSERS!

("By-the-Bottle" or "By-the-Drink")

Whether it be contained in a beautiful decanter, a plain bottle, or an exquisitely-decorated bottle, when booze is poured into pretty little glasses and mixed (or taken straight), it causes trouble.

"Booze" is a term used to denote an intoxicating drink, especially hard liquor. Intoxicating beverages are those containing in various quantities portions of ethyl alcohol. Ethyl alcohol (ethanol) is formed by fermentation of any sweet fruit juice; it is made industrially from molasses, potatoes, and grains—chiefly corn. Corn contains a high level of starch which is converted into fermentable sugar by treating it in a specific way with malt. Approximately half of industrial alcohol is manufactured by a synthetic chemical process. The diluted alcohol obtained is then distilled to recover 96 percent of its strength; thus, four percent up to this point is water. Further treatment can make the alcohol 100 percent, and what is seen by the eyes is a colorless liquid that looks like water but has a mild odor.

What does this have to do with booze? A lot! This ethyl alcohol is mixed with other liquids to produce different brews and different brands. Beer, for example, may contain as little as two percent ethyl alcohol, while some of the hard liquors may contain as much as 68 percent. Absinthe, one of the strongest addictive beverages, which is made from the dark green oil of wormwood having anise added for flavoring, contains 68 percent alcohol. The flavors of hard liquors are derived from berries (as in the case of gin, in which Juniper berries are used), sugar, and other flavorings too numerous to mention. The color of the hard liquor may be clear (as in Vodka, which is almost odorless), or it may be orange-yellow or brownish in hue.

We would not want to forget illegally-distilled liquor or "White Lightning" or "Moonshine," which according to one authority, is "clear white with rusty specks floating around in it." What is more, it is poisonous!

Alcoholic drinks are as old as history, but trouble has always risen from their improper use. Noah, for example, got drunk on at least one occasion and was found "uncovered" in his tent. The story is well-known and needs no retelling.

Brewing and wine making were especially popular during the Middle Ages (500—1500), and the manufacture of alcoholic drinks became an important industry during the Renaissance Period (1400—1700). And, the trend toward the consumption of alcoholic beverages has grown rapidly since. We would not, of course, discount the medicinal purposes of alcohol; but, "self-prescription" is not good. Some people get to the place that they can't stop "refilling" the "prescription."

Contrary to popular belief, alcohol is a *depressant,* not a *stimulant.* Acting on the control centers of the brain, it depresses them and allows the drinking person to exhibit unfavorable behavior. Acute intoxication causes confusion and disorientation. All of us have observed the unsteady gait of a drunk and have heard his thick-tongued, incoherent mutterings. All drinkers, however, are not and cannot be classified as "drunks." There are the "sophisticates" who pride themselves in the mixing of "little" drinks and serving them to their friends at a party or a home gathering—just to be sociable. Their contention is that it is important from the social standpoint to be able to drink "properly." To our way of thinking and from the Christian standpoint, there is really no "proper" way for one to drink (aside from doctors' orders). The whole mess throws character badly out of kilter.

Of course, little mixed drinks "on the rocks" with a pretty red cherry, a nice plump green pimento-stuffed olive, or sprig of mint in them are attractive and give the one holding the glass a certain prestigious appearance and attributes to him a certain social "grace"; that is, until he has had so many that he doesn't care about the cherries, olives, or whatever, and gulps the drinks down one after the other and becomes obnoxious. The obnoxiousness really began with the first drink. We do not impose our personal opinions upon others, but when asked about certain evils such as alcohol, we cannot help but express our feelings. Alcohol *is* an evil—one that can harm us or our loved ones directly and indirectly. We have personal knowledge of the harmful effects of the consumption of beverage alcohol and can attest to its danger. While your editor does not drink, he knows others who do and has seen what started out as a social drink develop into alcoholism.

There is really nothing funny about the drinking problem that plagues millions of Americans and others throughout the world. Though their antics while under the influence of alcohol might prove amusing to us—even to the extent that the human side of our natures respond with a smile or chuckle—the severity of the problem admonishes us not to take it too lightly.

This writer can remember as a young boy having heard sung on many occasions, by those who were partakers of hard drink, the following barroom song: "Rye whiskey, rye whiskey, rye whiskey I cry; if I can't get rye whiskey, I think I will die. If the ocean were whiskey and I were a duck, I'd dive to the bottom and never come up." There were variations of this song and additional verses, but the point is made without elaborating. Suffice it to say that while there may be a bit of humor in the "reel," the implication is far from funny.

How about "Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall, ninety-nine bottles of beer; take one down and pass it around, ninety-eight bottles of beer. . ."? The point is made clear again without elaboration. Presently there is a song of the same caliber going around that asserts that "In heaven there is no beer; that's why we drink it down here." Funny to some, and to others not so funny! Ask the alcoholic how funny it is. Ask his family. Ask someone whose child was killed in a wreck where alcohol was a deciding factor. They'll all tell you just how "funny" it is!

We are certainly not fanatical, but we cannot help but be concerned about the current proposal on liquor-by-the-drink in North Carolina and speak out against it. We must, in good conscience, call for its defeat; and we also urge our people to lift *their* voices in protest.

One friend remarked jokingly at this writer's unfavorable attitude toward drinking that he had known some boozers who were rather successful, though he did not approve of the habit and was not a member of their circle. Our contention is that boozers have the right to choose for themselves, but it is a known fact that boozers are *always* losers in the end, for God will be the final Judge—not we! Comment?

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HOW RICH ARE WE?

by
MRS. HERSEL BOWEN
Winterville, North Carolina

I WOULD love to have you take a trip with me. A few years ago I visited a very expensive home (I didn't say an expensive house). This home could not be bought at any price.

I will always remember that cold December Sunday when we drove about two miles up a lane of a beautiful forest to a little house in a clearing. As I stepped into the yard I could almost see someone using an "old-timey" yard broom to brush the yard. It had been swept so much it was almost white. The tree roots stood so high you could use them to sit upon. No rain could stand on this housetop, and a child could walk under the house, it was so high off the ground.

Then, behold, the door creaked open and standing there was a little slip of a white-headed woman I called "Sis Maime." Standing with her was "Cousin Luther" with his mop of white hair and his lovely pink skin. She with her little bird-like voice and he with a big smile said, "Come in! Come in!" They made me feel so welcome that I thought they had rolled out the red carpet for me. As I walked into his home I felt love all around me. The floors were bare, but oh how clean! Only one room in this home had any heat, but I never felt cold with all the hugs and "I'm so glad you came." Dear me, what a time we had together! We had not seen each other in years.

"Sis Maime" and "Cousin Luther" said to me (after we had talked awhile), "Wait right here." Bless their hearts, they were really old in age but not in love and mind. They both came in loaded down with all the brown paper bags and candy boxes they could carry. I've been served on silver and China, but never like this. This was some of their Christmas goodies, and they wanted to share them with me.

The lovely afternoon passed all too quickly and it was time to go. "Sis Maime" asked me to be sure to come back in the spring to go fishing with her in a pond near the dear home. Oh, how I wish I had! I was the loser for not going. Now these dear souls have gone on to be with God. However, I feel that their love for others will live on forever.

Sometimes I believe we get so "up tight" for material things that we lose the greatest gift of all. Do we have a beautiful, expensive house, or do we have a home that took more than money to build? Don't believe that all so-called "poor folks" are poor, or that all the rich-looking people are rich. May God give us the wisdom to know what really makes one rich. Take a good look at your material things—at what money can buy. At what and by what cost did you get them? Did you neglect someone who needed you in order to obtain these? Did your house, your car, your beautiful yard, and the many other things you treasure so much need you more than a would-be friend? Heaven forbid!

Yes, you still have your house, your car, your beautiful yard, and the many other things, but at what price! That would-be friend is gone forever. Please help us dear God to know what is of real value!

Have you ever stood on your property and said to yourself, "This is mine"? I have, but the longer I stand and gaze around, the smaller I become; for, I see all my friends' property touching mine. I can't take mine apart—all of us must share it together. This is the tie of the world that binds us all together. God made the land all together and we cannot take it apart. I thank Him for my little space. This old homeplace will fall someday, the car will wear out, the weeds will take over the yard; but what we do for others and for Jesus will live on forever.

As I have ended this little trip with you, the trip of this life for you and for me will someday end. If Jesus abides with us, we are already rich. Whether we are rich or poor in God's sight is up to us. May God bless everyone of us!

Faith Original Free Will Baptist Mission

by Mrs. John C. Noland Jr.

Pictured above is the Faith Original Free Will Baptist Mission which is located in Leland, North Carolina. Our mission is celebrating its first anniversary, having been organized on August 13, 1972. When organized we had nine members. Today we have sixteen members with an attendance of eighteen to twenty-five.

Our pastor is the Rev. O. B. Everett of Sneads Ferry, North Carolina. He and his wife are doing a wonderful job in leading us in this work for our Lord. During Mr. Everett's ministry of approximately twenty years, he has started five missions throughout Eastern North Carolina.

We invite any church or individual who is interested in helping in this work to send a donation to help buy church furniture in the near future. Send all donations made payable to Faith Free Will Baptist Mission, to Mrs. Doris Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

Faith mission is planning a revival for the week of September 3-8 with the pastor bringing the messages each evening at 7:30. We would like to invite all our friends to come join us in these services. Especially do we invite special singers to come sing for us during the meeting.

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Memory alone is a poor substitute for thought.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 32:3-5

WHEN GOD USED A "STAMMERING" TONGUE

One day during his great mission in London, Mr. Moody was holding a meeting in a theater packed with a most select audience. Noblemen and noblewomen were there in large numbers, and a prominent member of the royal family was in the royal box. Mr. Moody arose to read the Scripture, Luke 4:27: "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian." When he came to the name of Eliseus he stammered and stuttered over it. He went back to the beginning of the verse and began to read again, but when he reached the word "Eliseus" he could not get over it. He went back the third time, but again the word was too much for him. He closed the Bible with deep emotion and looked up and said, "Oh, God, use this stammering tongue to preach Christ crucified to these people." The power of God came upon him, and one who heard him often at other times said to me that he had never heard Mr. Moody pour out his soul in such a torment of eloquence as he did then, and the whole audience was melted by the power of God.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we realize our weaknesses and earnestly ask for God's help, He will give us the power to overcome these and make our lives a blessing.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:11; Isaiah 35:10

TWO GREAT PASTORS

We think of Phillips Brooks as a great preacher, but those fortunate enough to be in his church knew him also as a great pastor. He said one time, "I wish that I could devote every hour of the day to calling on my people. I know of no happier or more helpful work that a pastor can do, and I call as much as I can. How is it possible for one to preach to his people if he does not know them, their doubts, sorrows, and ambitions?"

Dr. J. H. Jowett, like Paul, possessed rare powers of sympathy, for which he paid a high price, literally wearing himself out in his ministry. He once said, "At first I could not conduct a funeral without tears. I could not read the Burial Service without my speech being choked; but now I have had so many funerals, have seen so many people in sorrow, and have seen so much suffering, that I can read the Burial Service without tears. Well, perhaps this is part of the gracious providence of God that the burden should be eased, but I don't want the ease of it to be at the cost of losing the compassion with my fellowmen. I could rather have the tears, I would prefer the choking speech. I would prefer that my not-too-strong body should be tired out, drained out twice a week, if I might only keep my compassion for my fellowman."—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Pray that our hearts will never be so hardened that we cannot share the joys and sorrows of our fellowmen!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16

"OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES"

A young man had been extremely profane, and thought little of it. After his marriage to a lovely Christian girl, the habit appeared to him in a different light, and he made spasmodic efforts to conquer it. But not until some years had passed did he become victor, when the evil was set before him by a little accident. One Sunday morning as he stood before his mirror shaving he inflicted a slight cut and, true to fixed habit, he blurted out the single word, "God!" He was not a little chagrined when he saw reflected in the mirror the pretty image of his three-year-old daughter. Hastily laying down her doll, she exclaimed as she looked expectantly about the room. "Is God there?" Blushing and ashamed, the father said, "Why do you ask that?" "I thought He must be 'cause I heard you speak to Him!" said the child. Then, noticing the sober look on his face, she added, "Call Him again, Daddy; I know He'll come!" The child's trusting words cut to the heart. He caught her up in his arms and for the first time in his life asked God to forgive him and to make him a real Christian from that time forward.—Keith L. Brooks.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How often have you been "cut down" by the remark of a child? Remember the Scripture tells us "A little child shall lead them."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:11

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

A little fellow, sent to the country one summer by the *Tribute* Fresh Air Fund, for the first time in his life was shown into a bedroom in the farmhouse where he was to be entertained, and told he was to sleep there. It was like another world to the little fellow, who had always slept i slums, often in some dark hallway the street. As he surveyed the sof with its white spread and pillows, h sure that there must be a mistake. ever, for a brief moment or two he ve to throw himself upon the spread an for once in his life he had lain upon bed. But fearing that the rightful would come in and find him the quietly slipped off and curled hims the floor to sleep. In the early m the farmer's wife came in to see that a right. She gave a great exclamation saw him curled up under the bed. only by dent of much physical and r persuasion that she was able to ge under the sheets and make him believ it was really for him. Alas, how ma God's children are like that poor littl sleeping under the bed when they mig resting on the soft bosom of His lov enjoying the "peace that passeth all u standing."—A. B. Simpson, in *Al Weekly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No comfort in this world can compe the comfort of being in God's boso heaven!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:7,

HIS "WELL DONE"

A young man, having studied violi der a great master, was giving his recital. Following each number, d the cheers of the crowd, the boy se dissatisfied. Even after the last nu with the shouts louder than ever, the stood watching an old man in the bal

Finally the old man smiled and n approval. Immediately the young ma laxed and beamed his happiness.

The plaudits of the crowd meant ing until he won the approval of the ter.—*Sunday.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A job well done for man has no parison with a job well done for God. our goal always be to please the M whatever the cost.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Scripture Reading—Revelation 1:17,

WHERE WAS THE KEY?

A little girl died at a hotel where was stopping with her father. The m was dead. Just two followed the boc the cemetery, the father and a min The man's grief was great. At the g he took from his pocket a key, unlo the casket and looked on the face o child once more, then silently closed casket, and handed the key to the ke of the cemetery. On the way to the the minister quoted to the brokenhe man Revelation 1:18, explaining how Lord Jesus though dead was now "But what is that about the keys?" a the man. "It means this," said the

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

iritual Life nference Program, ugust 17, 1973

ount Olive College will sponsor a tual Life Conference for Original Will Baptists at Eagles Nest Confer- Center, August 17, 1973. The pro- will be divided into three areas: ardship, evangelism, and Christian ation. Lunch will be catered by Wil- Barbecue.

outline of the program is as fol-

Morning Session

0 - 10:15—Introduction and Presentation on "The Church's Task in Today's World" by the Rev. Jesse Parks

5 - 10:30—Song Service

0 - 11:00—"The Stewardship of Life" by Dr. W. Burkette Raper

0 - 12:00—"Lay Witness and the Task of the Church" by the Rev. M. O. Sears

0 - 1:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

0 - 2:00—"Christian Education and the Task of the Church" by the Rev. Sheldon Howard

0 - 2:45—Prayer Groups

5 - 3:30—Worship Service: "By-Products of Pentecost" by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry

e conference will be a time of tual fellowship and relaxation. Ties coats are unnecessary. Bring a car- with you for a day of blessing.

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fts in Memory of the v. James W. Pittman

e family of the Rev. James W. Pitt- who passed away in June, 1973, in- d friends to make contributions in ory of Brother Pittman to the chapel of Mount Olive College. Brother Pittman was a member of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson, North Carolina, and was serving as pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly. Gifts have totaled $270 from the following donors: Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Smith, Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pittman III, Mrs. Josephine L. Pittman, Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sasser, all of Wilson.

The Fidelis Class, First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson.

Mrs. Eva Pittman Baker and Kenneth B. Baker, Smithfield; Mrs. Helen C. Bass, Fremont; Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive; Mr. and Mrs. John B. Eason, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. David W. Pittman, Chapel Hill. Piney Grove Adult Sunday School Class, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pope, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Daylor Barnes, all of Kenly. The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin K. Everington of Deep Run.

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Mount Olive College Accepting Applications

Mount Olive College announces that applications are still being accepted for the forthcoming school year which begins August 22. Interested students are encouraged to contact the admissions office for information and application

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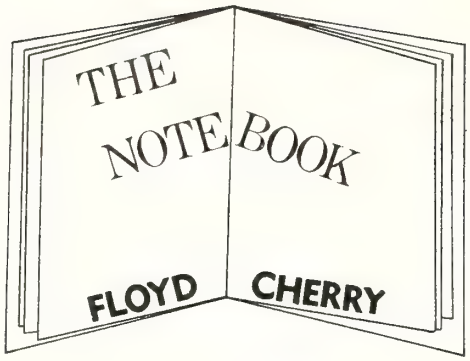
New Rendering of Mount Olive College Chapel

Shown above is the revised architectural design for the Mount Olive College Chapel now under construction. The basic difference in the present and previous design is the elimination of a walk passage under the steeple.

The present design is more "traditional" and less expensive, President W. Burkette Raper declared. The exterior will be white glazed brick and will blend with the other buildings on the new campus.

T. A. Loving Construction Company of Goldsboro is the contractor and completion is scheduled for the spring of 1974.

Gifts and pledges have been adequate to meet the construction cost of the chapel, President Raper reported, but additional funds are being sought for furniture, walkways, landscaping, parking, and water drainage.



For a long time I have felt that the word "revival" means different things to different people. Since I want, and I believe my people want revival, I decided to try to find out what the word means to us. So in the midweek prayer meeting I raised this question for discussion: "What would have to happen in this church for you to feel that we had experienced revival?"

The answers that were given to this question were very revealing. Most of the answers, by the way, showed that our people do really want revival. But when they begin to describe the happenings of a revival, there were many different answers: a great increase in attendance, souls saved, more expressions of joy among the people. In general, the answers that our people gave to the question are the same ones that your congregation would probably give. Not all, but most of them showed that for our church to have the kind of meeting that would cause the members to feel that we had experienced revival, something very sensational would have to happen.

Does revival always take the form of something sensational and unusual that attracts a lot of attention? Could it be possible that this attention-attracting thing is really what we want rather than a renewal of life and interest in the church?

Revival is a personal thing—a thing that takes place in the heart of a believer. It does not necessarily effect a whole congregation at one time. In fact, usually only a very few are effected and then it spreads from them to the others. We speak about "a week's revival," but usually the coming of revival to a church takes a much longer time than this. Oh, the sensational, the unusual, the visible part may take place in one service; but one may be sure that all that is manifest in that service did not come to pass in that service. No, I am not preaching atheistic evolution or saying that we grow into revival. It is something that is caught rather than taught. For things that are taught, there must be exposure, incubation, and finally the disease. This may be the way God sends revival.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Calvary Church Honors Student Minister

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, honored its student minister, Danny Braswell, Sunday, July 29, during the morning worship service. Danny has been at the Calvary church for about eleven months and is leaving to serve as supply pastor at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Pinetops, North Carolina. He has been an inspiration to both young and old while at Calvary.

In the picture above Danny is being presented a Bible by the pastor of Calvary church, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling.

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LaGrange Church Observes Youth Sunday

Sunday, July 29, was a special day for the LaGrange, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The entire day was designated as "Youth Sunday," with the youth of the church taking charge of all services.

For Sunday school, the acting superintendent was Bobby Holland. All the classes of the school were taught by teen-agers of the church.

The morning worship hour carried the theme "Love Is . . ." For this service Bonnie Killette served as pianist and Ray Kennedy as organist. The YFA choir sang "Oh Happy Day" featuring T Hines, Donna Harrison, and Bonnie lette as soloists. This was followed a solo by Joan Anderson. The Douglas Skinner, a student at Oal City College, Oakland City, Indiana livered a very inspiring message or above theme.

For the evening service a special spiration was held featuring special bers by the Sunbeams, the junior c the YFA choir, and some members the adult choir. After this servic freshments of homemade ice cream, and cookies were served by the ladi the church. Everyone especially enj this time of fellowship.

The youth at the LaGrange ch deserve a special "Thank you" everyone for a job well done. They rificed a great deal of time and en in preparation for these services.

The LaGrange church reporter st "Yes, July 29, is a day to remembe the youth of the LaGrange church. our pastor and his wife, the Rev. Mrs. David W. Hansley, are due a g deal of credit. They are an inspira to us and help us in everyway pos in the service of our Lord."

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Malachi's Chapel Announces Revival

The Malachi's Chapel Free Will Ba Church, Route 1, Columbia, North C lina, announces revival services for week of August 20-25. Services wil gin each evening at eight o'clock the Rev. Clyde Cox of New Bern, N Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. pastor, the Rev. Jimmie L. Barfield, assist in the services.

The pastor and the church congr tion extend a cordial invitation to public to attend these services.

Coming Events . . .

September 12, 13—North Carolina S Convention of Original Free Will tists, First Free Will Baptist Ch Tarboro

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e following is the listing of religious ributions to the Children's Home by ches, and a listing of memorial gifts he month of July, 1973:

Albemarle Conference

ory Chapel	$ 100.00
chi's Chapel	80.25
Tabor	70.00
n Meeting	18.40
ay School Convention	115.04
n Chapel	137.73
inia Beach	6.00
	$ 527.42

Blue Ridge Association

r Hill	$ 19.02

Cape Fear Conference

ston Union	$ 200.00
ner Memorial	40.00
sant Grove	100.00
ert's Grove	62.50
t Mary's Grove	5.00
dy Grove	215.00
ten's Chapel	34.25
	$ 656.75

Central Conference

en Grove	$ 145.00
k Jack	102.33
mmunity	54.70
els Chapel	204.00
son's Grove	25.00
a's Grove	25.00
ewood	35.00
h	50.00
Union	141.66
ndship	81.84
enville	110.00
nsley	37.50
Swamp	100.00
ell's Chapel	20.00
ory Grove	133.98
o	4.00
Second Union	13.29
Otter's Creek	10.00
Peace	15.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	55.18
Rose Hill	110.58
Tarboro	331.82
Williamston	4.59
Winterville	138.91
	$1,949.38

Eastern Conference

Antioch	$ 40.00
Arapahoe	10.00
Bethlehem	136.50
Bethel	40.00
British Chapel	5.00
Core Creek	87.27
Davis	21.00
Deep Run	95.00
Faith	100.00
Friendship	16.10
Hillsberry	10.00
Jackson Heights	27.63
Juniper Chapel	5.00
Kinston	305.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00
Mt. Zion (Pamlico)	30.00
Eula Jones	5.00
New Haven	55.81
Oak Grove	104.00
Oriental	199.81
Pearsall's Chapel	177.80
Piney Grove	10.00
Rock of Zion	88.01
Sarecta	77.53
Smith's New Home	150.00
Snow Hill	25.00
Spring Hope	100.00
St. Mary's	510.00
	$2,441.46

Pee Dee Association

Oak Grove	$ 18.01

Piedmont Conference

Christ	$ 10.00
Hilltop	16.20
	$ 26.20

Western Conference

Barnes Hill	$ 10.00
Branch Chapel	65.92
Everett's Chapel	80.58
Flood's Chapel	50.00
Friendship	38.54
Holly Springs	10.00
Kenly	5.00
Little Rock	194.60
Marsh Swamp	30.00
Milbournie	87.00
Second Union	30.65
New Sandy Hill	75.00
People's Chapel	65.00
Piney Grove	109.81
Pine Level	255.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00
Pleasant Hill	155.79
Rosebud	10.00
Stancil's Chapel	26.98
Stony Hill	25.00
St. Mary's (Wilson)	50.00
Union Chapel	65.00
Union Grove	165.00
Wilson	60.00
	$1,674.87

Other States

Laurel City, W. Va.	$ 43.90
Total Religious Contributions for Month	$7,357.02

Memorial Gifts for July, 1973

(Total—$35)

Thomas Allen Matthews by Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Valentine Jr.

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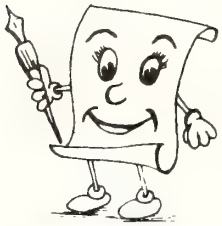
NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to express our thanks to every church, Sunday school, auxiliary, and person who sent cards and gifts of any nature during the illness of our dear husband, the Rev. Wiley Ferrell. But most of all we express our thanks for your prayers and for his fellow ministers who visited him while in the hospital. Had it not been for your prayers and the mercy of God he would not be with us today. He is now at home but is not able to get out of bed by himself or to walk. However, he is improving very nicely. The Lord has been so wonderful to us!

We are pleading with each of you to pray that the Lord will continue His blessings upon us and that we will be more humble and submissive to His will each day of our lives. God bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, N. C. 27576

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

The poet Henry Van Dyke said about the Bible:

"Born in the East and clothed in Oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. . . . Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life. The wicked and the proud tremble at its warnings, but to the wounded and penitent it has a mother's voice. It has woven itself into our dearest dreams; . . . No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own."

The Bible differs from other books in at least five ways. First, it is one book, telling one continuous story, revealing one God and one doctrine for the redemption of mankind. Second, it is one book of many books. Each of the sixty-six books is complete in itself, but each adds to the general unity of the Bible. Third, its books fall into groups, such as history, law, poetry, and prophecy. Fourth, the Bible tells the story of mankind, from the creation through the history of the nation, Israel, through which God has chosen to show Himself to the world. Fifth, the central theme of the Bible is Christ. This manifestation of God in the flesh, His death, and His resurrection are the foundation upon which Christianity rests.

The Bible, the spiritual guide of millions, is read daily throughout the world. However, the Wycliffe translators estimate that there remain at least 1,000 languages into which it has not been transcribed. How thankful we should be that our forefathers had the vision and courage to translate it into the English language! May the day soon come when God's Holy Word will be available to all people, freely read by all the world.

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Learn to read the unspoken signs of someone's need. The one who needs you the most may be the last one to tell you so.

our Church Auxiliaries

TREASURER'S REPORT

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

(End of First Quarter, July 31, 1973)

Balance in Bank April 30, 1973		$2,98
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 284.40	
Promotional (CSF)	159.10	
Denominational Enterprises	3,942.35	
Total Receipts		4,38
Total to Account For		$7,37
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$ 678.45	
Denominational Enterprises	3,942.35	
Total Disbursements		4,62
Balance in Bank July 31, 1973		$2,74
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$2,398
Interest		350
Total		$2,749
Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking Account)		$1,898
Atlantic Savings and Loan		850
Total		$2,749

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE REPORT

	Itemize	Received	Disbur
Home Missions (Church Extension)	$	$ 173.46	$ 173
Foreign Missions (General)		166.73	166
State Project (Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Link, Mrs. Timmons)		927.52	927
Mexican Institute		25.00	25
Mexican Missionary Salary		90.00	90
Central Conference Missions		20.00	20
Mount Olive College			
General Fund	79.51		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	23.00		
Memorial Organ	77.00		
Books	15.00	194.51	194
Children's Home			
General Fund	442.78		
Clothing	220.00		
Allowance	39.00		
Freezer	350.00		
Mother's Day Offering	50.00		

Recreational Equipment	25.00	1,126.78	1,126.78
ont Assembly			
General Fund	289.90		
Kitchen Fund	191.05	480.95	480.95
annuation			
General Fund	64.00		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	12.00		
Pastor's Retirement	5.00	81.00	81.00
Membership Fee (Mount Olive College)		20.00	20.00
stian Service Fund			
Missions	159.10		
Mount Olive College	159.10		
Children's Home	119.33		
Cragmont	119.32		
Superannuation	79.55	636.40	636.40
Total		$3,942.35	$3,942.35

20% Christian Service Fund retained for Promotional Fund, $159.10.

Note: The total receipts in this report include the convention offerings, registra- fees, and per capita dues. The total disbursements include the allocations made e convention and the convention offerings. For itemized report see the Finance ittee's report in the convention minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

unt Zion xiliary Honors stor and Wife

e Woman's Auxiliary of Mount Zion Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Carolina, honored its pastor, the Roy Clifton, and his wife, Peggy, a reception on Sunday, August 5, at ome of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cop-.

s. Annie Manning, auxiliary presi- greeted the guest who were then ed by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton. Mrs. ene Bass directed the guest into lining room to enjoy homemade es and punch. Mrs. Ina Jones and Louoda Rockley served punch with several others assisting in the kitchen.

The guest enjoyed a time of fellowship together and said good-byes to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Matthews.

Mrs. Earl Bass, reporter for the auxiliary, states: "The members of our auxiliary are happy to honor our pastor and his wife in this small way. However, we feel that the best way we can honor them is to pray for them, love them, and support them as they endeavor to be our spiritual leaders."

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ATTENTION YOUTH CHAIRMEN!

It is just a short time before our district Woman's Auxiliary Conventions, so I thought this would be a good time to really get behind our organ fund project for the new chapel at Mount Olive College. This project is lagging way behind, since this was only a two-year project. We need to let our auxiliary women and youth know about it; so be sure to announce this at your convention.

The chapel at Mount Olive College is in the process of being built, and it is hoped that it will be ready for worship services by Easter of 1974. Now wouldn't it be sad to have the chapel ready and **no organ!**

At the beginning of this project each auxiliary was asked to send $20 each year for two years. Some of you have done this for one year, and have not sent in your quota for the second year. Why not send this in along with an extra $20 so we can reach the $6,000 it will take to purchase the organ. Please put on a special drive so we can reach this goal by the time the chapel is finished! I believe God will really bless our efforts in getting the project finished if we do our best.

Thank you for what you have done on this project. Please pray for our youth work.

Mrs. David W. Hansley
State Youth Chairman

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Gary Bailey announces that he is available for supply or pastoral work. He is a member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church and of the Central Conference. He was ordained in 1972. He is a 1972 graduate of Mount Olive College and is currently a senior at North Carolina State University.

Any church desiring the services of Mr. Bailey may contact him by calling 828-2295 or by writing P—121 McKimmon Village, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607.

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forms. Space is still available in the dormitories for those who wish to be resident students.

The College is continuing its comprehensive financial aid programs which offer to any qualified applicant 100 percent of the funds that he needs to attend. Money is available in the form of scholarships, part-time employment, and loans. Work-study programs may be arranged whereby the student is employed on campus during the regular term to help defray part of his expenses.

The newest addition to the financial aid that Mount Olive can offer to the prospective student is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (the "BEOG"), a federal program which has been funded to provide a maximum award of $452 for the first year. The exact amount a student can receive under this program is determined by the ability of the student's parents to assist with his educational expenses.

"The 'BEOG' program is potentially the most significant educational legislation passed by Congress in more than a decade," President W. Burkette Raper declared. "It is based upon the principle that every American is entitled to higher education at the level of his ability and goals in life and at the college of his choice."

Details of this new program are available through Charles H. Harrell, business manager, who administers financial aid at Mount Olive College. Other forms of financial assistance are also available, and interested students who have not already applied for admission are encouraged to contact the admissions office, telephone (919) 658-2502.

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COLLEGE MAKES TWO MAJOR APPOINTMENTS

Two major administrative appointments at Mount Olive College were announced today by President W. Burkette Raper.

Dr. Hilda F. Owens, a member of the Mount Olive College faculty since 1965, has been named dean of students, effective with the 1973-74 year, and Dr. Jamil M. Shami, dean of students since 1971, has been appointed to a newly created position in College relations.

DR. HILDA F. OWENS

Owens is returning to the Mount Olive campus after an absence of two years during which she was on sabbatical leave at Florida State University. While on leave she earned her Ph.D. degree in higher education and served as coordinator for student affairs for the State University System of Florida. Her B.S. and M.A. degrees were awarded by East Carolina University, and she has done additional graduate work at the University of Louisville and Western Carolina University. From 1966-71 she was director of counseling services at Mount Olive College and during 1965-66 served as resident counselor for women.

In her post as dean of students, Owens will administer all programs and policies of the College that relate to student life, including student organizations, housing, health services, counseling, recreational activities, and job placement.

DR. JAMIL M. SHAMI

Shami, a native of Jordan, hold grees from three American univers his A.B. was earned at the Universi Arkansas with majors in journalism psychology; his M.S. in Ed. came Ouachita University in Arkansas; an Ed. D. in higher education was aw by Indiana University.

His previous employment has ir ed chief student personnel officer a Zelt, a private college in Jordan; years of work with Laubach Litera Jordan and Arkansas; assistant to graduate dean of Ouachita Unive and a graduate assistant in research administration at Indiana University

Shami's new assignment will in directing the Mount Olive College service, directing programs for int tional studies and foreign student change, liaison with public schools other educational agencies, and dir for the Mount Olive College Area dation. He is currently chairman special committee studying the fea ity of Mount Olive becoming a four college.

In disclosing these appointm President Raper declared, "In Dr. O and Dr. Shami Mount Olive College two of the outstanding educators ar the private junior colleges of Ame They bring to their positions un competence and deep dedication to mission of our college, and under leadership we anticipate except progress in the continued develop of Mount Olive. Each of these per possesses exceptional qualities for new assignment, and I am please have both of them as members of administrative team."

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please explain, "A new also will I give you, and a new will I put within you: and I will away the stony heart out of your and I will give you an heart of (Ezekiel 36:26).

Answer: A new heart and a new promised here should be better understood by Christians having born again and having access the New Testament. "Therefore any man be in Christ, he is a new and a new spirit promised here should be better understood by Christians having been born-again and having access to the New Testament. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:17, 18); "Lie one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Colossians 3:9, 10). Compare, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3); "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, . . . Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:4, 23). Compare further, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8); "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Psalm 24:4); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10).

The heart that is given to each Christian is both purified and new and the Christian's mind is renewed. He has the mind of Christ instead of a carnal mind—the kind of mind all the unsaved have when they have been born again by the power of the incorruptible Word of God. The Word is the only tangible means through which this is brought about. The Word is received by the man who by faith accepts it, adopts it, appropriates it, and personally applies it. The Word is that powerful means in the hands of God that brings about regeneration only when the person who hears it and accepts it on the basis of its claim for itself. It says: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe (1 Corinthians 1:21); "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Compare, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29).

In the sides of hills where there is rock it was necessary for the kind of farmers in Jeremiah's day to use a hammer to break the surface rock before planting seeds, otherwise the seeding of the ground would prove worthless at harvest time as Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:20, 21 suggests. There are to be found such rocky patches among the hills of Tennessee and Western North Carolina. In this day automatic hammers, bull-dozers, and dynamite are used to rid the land of rocks. In Jesus' and Paul's day a hammer applied manually was often employed to break the rocks in pieces so one might remove them from the area to be cultivated. God uses His Word because it is "the (dynamite) power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." When the person is saved the stony heart is removed for a heart God can work with as He cultivates the seed planted or sown that has sprung up. God's Word must be continuously used upon the changed heart, just as one must cultivate plants for which soil has been prepared and which have been sowed or planted.

That is the reason God through the Bible admonishes us to hide it in our hearts. (See Psalm 119:10, 11, 133, 134; Psalm 23:4; Psalm 1:2; 1 Timothy 2:15.) The person under conviction from the hearing of the Word submits to its power, is saved, continues to hear, read, and obey it, and is made by it to conform to the will of Christ. He thereby grows, having his senses thus exercised by a continued proper use of it, applying it to his daily living and thus gives the world a soul winner. "For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:13, 14); "But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak" (Hebrews 6:8, 9); "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). Note that all these Scriptures when taken in the light of each other and viewed in the light of all the Bible teaches us concerning the Bible or the Word of God and its affect upon the human heart. When used as prescribed, first it brings conviction, awareness of our sins, confession of our sins, and the forsaking of them.

The following taken from **Peloubet's 1968 Notes,** Pages 231 and 232, seems worth reviewing here:

"By 'a heart of flesh' is not meant a

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STORIES

for our youth

FLY ABOVE THE EARTH

by Doris Harris

THE door slammed. Feet pounded down the hall. Excited voices shattered the stillness of the house.

"Mother, look what we found!" David and Debbie Randolph said at the same time. They each held something in the palms of their hands.

"Look what I found," said Debbie. She opened her cupped hands, and inside was a small brown caterpillar.

"I've got one, too!" David shouted.

The inch-long creatures moved across the small hands with a magic rhythm of easy movement.

"May we keep them, Mother, may we, please?" Debbie pleaded.

"Come on, I'll find each of you a jar," Mother said. She rummaged through the cupboard and found two empty jelly jars with screw lids. Then she took the can opener and made little holes in each lid.

"What are you doing?" Debbie asked.

"I'm putting holes in the lid so that you can keep your discoveries alive inside."

Carrying their jars, Debbie and David went out on the front lawn and put fresh grass and a small stick inside each jar. Then they rushed next door to show their friends their new pets.

"Rosalind, look what I have!" Debbie called.

"Kelly!" panted David. "Look! I can keep it."

It wasn't long before the good smells of supper came through the kitchen window. Then they heard Daddy's car pull into the driveway. They ran to meet their father.

"Hi, Daddy!" they shouted.

"Hi, Debbie Doll. How's my princess?" Mr. Randolph picked up his daughter and hugged her. "Hey, David," he said, and then he lifted David high above his head. "Whew! Either you're getting too big for that, or I'm getting too old!" He walked up the steps in a funny way, pretending to be as old as a grandfather.

"See what we found?" Debbie called as she held up the jar with her caterpillar inside.

"Mother gave us each a jar," David added. "L-o-o-o-k! My caterpillar looks like white cotton."

Just then Mother came to the door, wiping her hands on her apron. "It does look like cotton. Your caterpillar is going to make a cocoon," she said. "Let me see yours, Debbie. Why, it's doing the same thing. You'd better take them upstairs and put them on your dressers. Then go wash for supper."

Everyday David and Debbie watched the cocoons. Sometimes they lifted Babbie, their terrier puppy, to see; and sometimes they found Tim-o-Chin, the Siamese cat, on one of the dressers, staring at a cocoon. But after awhile, the children forgot to check the jars everyday.

It was a Sunday morning in May. After morning services, the family walked down to the lake where they took some pictures. When they got home, David and Debbie went to put on some play clothes. David had his tie in his hand when he glanced at his dresser and noticed something different.

"Look! Look at my cocoon!" he shouted.

Everyone rushed to the dresser. Instead of the soft, white mass of cotton, there was a small brown creature.

"It's turning into a moth or a butterfly. Let's watch it," Mr. Randolph said. He picked up the jar, and he carried it out to the front lawn beside the and very carefully let the tiny, gling object out of the jar. It lay c grass and struggled. The tiny wing frantically in the spring air. They a soft whirring sound.

Five minutes passed, then ten. forgot about his Sunday pants an down on his knees beside the strug moth. No one else seemed to be w about the knees of his pants either

"I feel sorry for it," he said.

"It will be all right. It's the wa planned it to be," his father answe

"Hello there!" a voice called as pulled up in front of the house.

Mother waved. "Why, it's the ders," she said. Mother and walked over to the car to talk. A minutes passed; then David stood u

"I just can't stand to see it stru It needs help. Where are the tiny sors?" he asked Debbie.

"In my desk," she answered.

David disappeared quickly into house and came out with a small pa scissors in his hand. He knelt down the struggling bit of life and car cut away the remainder of the co like garment. The moth stopped s gling.

A few minutes later Mr. and Randolph waved goodbye to their fr and came back to the steps.

"How's our moth?" David's father ed.

"It's out of the cocoon," Davic swered.

Daddy knelt down. "What's the ter with it?"

"It doesn't seem to be able to Mother said.

Daddy looked at his watch. "It sh be free and strong by now." Daddy ed up the scissors. "What are the he asked.

"It was having such a hard tim didn't like watching it struggle like so I helped it."

Daddy put his arm around Da shoulder. He looked at Debbie and "You, too, Princess, come here."

Daddy was serious. "David, De look at the little moth."

"It can't stand or fly or anyth gulped David.

"I know you were trying to hel but God's plan is that it has to s gle. All the struggling and the be of its wings are for a purpose. struggling makes the moth stron that it can fly."

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Joseph Ingram
rector-Treasurer

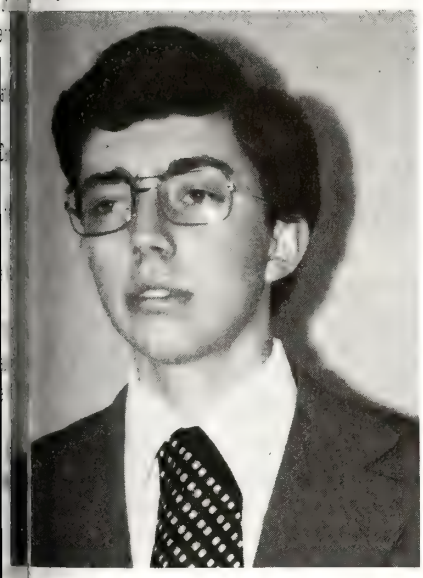
MISSIONS

ort from Church ension Department

by Taylor Hill

e following letter was received from y discouraged Free Will Baptist missionary on August 6, 1973. The concerns a proposed mobile unit e leased by the church extension . However, the board has been capped because of the lack of funds. urrently have less than $1,000 in reasury and are unable to make a payment on the proposed mobile Mr. Slaughter and the people of erson, North Carolina, are at present ng in homes.

ase! We need your help, **now!** Send donations to Free Will Baptist h Extension Department, the Rev. r Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fay- lle, North Carolina 28305.



Stanley W. Slaughter

August 6, 1973

Brother Hill,

m sorry to say that there has been ogress since I saw you last. The dance has been dropping off stead- nce the trailer did not come in. The e are all saying, "Let us know when ailer arrives and we will be there." eople seem to think I am telling tall to get them to church. It is very for me to prove otherwise.

We do have a very good offering each Sunday. We have a balance of $228.84 in the bank, counting a donation of $10 from the Barnes Hill church in Nashville, North Carolina.

I have not lost faith that there can be a church in Henderson by Free Will Baptists. I have talked it over with my parents, have prayed about it, and I want to do everything I can to help this mission.

If there can be a trailer placed on the lot that we have been given permission to use, and with the help of the people, I will be willing to go to school the fall semester at Mount Olive College and serve the mission on weekends. If necessary, I will skip the spring semester and work full time here. I could finish up in the fall of 1974. I would like to do all that I can to help.

School will start back August 27, and I will come home on weekends. I hope to be ordained at Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham in October. Please pray for me and let me know when we have our next meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley W. Slaughter

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On Baptizing Converts

by Z. I. Perocillo

I baptized 31 people in Hoyunhoyun and Tamnao, Quezon, last May 25 and 27 respectively.

Only God knows the feeling of the converts about this experience; but for the baptizer, I know that it was spirit lifting to an extent that one desires more of it. This means you become more determined to bring more people to the feet of the Master. Thus, should I have my wish, I would travel from one town receptive to the gospel to another, preach the message of salvation and baptize those who believe. Then some pastors could follow up through house-to-house visitation and pastor the flock.

Six young men among these newly baptized converts are good prospective church workers. Their courage and zeal to proclaim their new-found faith to the unbelievers are a good sign of their usefulness to the church. They are industrious young farmers, who to my estimate will easily become dedicated church workers. Should they be afforded a few months Bible training and personal evangelism they can easily win many souls to Christ.

While it is true that every church member is a missionary, I observe that this is more of an ideal than an actual fact. In the experience of the church, members who have a little training in Bible and personal evangelism are generally the ones who lead more souls to the Lord. All the different religious denominations which come to the Philippines multiply their members by this method of personal evangelism with the exception of some liberal Protestant groups who have abandoned this method and adopted a more specialized type of ministry for the sophisticated congregation of believers.

An on-going training program for church workers completes a cycle of work for a truly evangelical church. Only then will the desire of baptizing converts by the hundreds become a reality.

Baptizing converts should be every gospel minister's burden and every church's concern in order to be true to her commission. The only way to make every church stable is for every church to become a baptizing church. This should be the inherent nature of every church; to be otherwise is to deprive the church of its life.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 26

Redemptive Love in Action

Lesson Text: Mark 2:16, 17; Galatians 5:25—6:5

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:2

I. INTRODUCTION

The Lord Jesus, according to His own confession, came into the world for the purpose of saving the lost. In order to accomplish that purpose, it was necessary for Him to suffer humility and shame, suffering and death, and to know the disappointment which comes to those who are rejected by the very people whom they strive to help.

To assist Him in this work while on earth and to carry it on after His departure, the Lord separated devout and dedicated men from the world and imbued them with the power of His Spirit that they might serve as His witness to the world of dead and dying men.

It is well for us to note that Jesus, though detesting sin in any and all its various manifestations, nevertheless, loved the sinner and always showed Himself ready to render him help. The Scriptures are filled with examples of Jesus helping those whom the people of His day considered unworthy of help. He was able to see the need which existed in the hearts of men, and He was quick to inform them that He could and would supply that need to all who were willing to trust their lives into His hands.

We, as ministers and ambassadors of Christ, can be of great help to the world of our day by recognizing the need that exists and by showing a willingness to participate in the solving of the problems which beset the world.

Our lesson text for today is composed of Mark 2:16, 17, which deals with the manner in which Jesus justified the fact that He was in the company of publicans and sinners; and Galatians 5:25—6:5, in which Paul gives us some valuable instructions about how we should deal with those who have been overtaken by the temptations of sin.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show us that we have been directed of God to do all within our power to help men find purpose and direction for their lives.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If the church of Christ is a family, and the Bible teaches that it is, then members of the family are to be concerned about one another, and to help one another in every way possible.

B. Helping a brother does not mean that we belittle and embarrass him. So we must approach the task of helping a Christian brother with humility and meekness.

C. If we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, then the fruits of the Spirit will manifest themselves in our lives. Is it reasonable to conclude that those who do not manifest the fruits of the Spirit do not have the Spirit?

D. There is a way that no one can bear our burdens: They cannot bear the guilt for the sins that we have committed. They may admonish us, pray for us, encourage us; but each one will have to bear the burden of the guilt of his own sins.

E. It should be the desire of every Christian to let his life so conform to the life of Christ that others will see Christ in him. This is the best possible witness that anyone can give. In fact, if this is not true then our witness by word of mouth may be cancelled out.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "The love of God, how rich and pure; how measureless and strong. . . . It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell." It was love, God's infinite love, that sent Jesus down to earth. God so loved the world that He was willing to reach out His arms of love to all. It is easy to love certain people: yourself, your family, and those that are lovable. It is more difficult to love the unlovely. But Jesus gave us t supreme example of this love in His li and in His death.

Because God loves men so much, He not willing that any should perish. Goc love reaches down to the depth of s and shame to the unthankful, the ev and the worst of men with the messa that those who believe in Christ sh not perish.

God's love does not end here. It poin upward to the heights of eternal glo where the saved of earth may have everlasting home with God in heaven.

Thus the Cross of Christ emerges a symbol of the eternal love of God. was love's decree that sent Christ to t Cross that "the world through Him mig be saved."

God's love was active—He sent His S into the world. Christ's love was a tive—He "offered up Himself" as a sac fice for our sins. How about us? D we love as God and Christ loved us? A we concerned about the unsaved? A we willing to help bear the burdens our fellow Christians? If we say v love, our love must be seen in action it is no love at all.—**Standard Lesson Co mentary.**

B. Sam Walter Foss wrote a poem e titled, "House by the Side of the Road He began, "There are hermit souls th live withdrawn in the place of their se content; there are souls like stars th dwell apart, in a fellowless firmament He then explained that such a life w not for him, but his wish was to "li in my house by the side of the roa

In answer to Sam Walter Foss' poe someone stated, ". . . service is four where the race of men go by."
in its tenderest form when we walk wi the crowd in the road."—**The Advanc Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

C. Samuel Johnson paid a high, thou unintended, compliment to John Wesle "His conversation is good, but he is nev at leisure. He always has to go at a ce tain hour. This is very disagreeable a man who loves to fold his legs a have his talk out as I do." John Wesley legs were seldom folded for most of h ninety years. He had felt the Master passion for souls, and sought to save t lost.—**Free Churchman.**

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If it is painful for you to critici your friends, you are safe in doing But if you take pleasure in it, that's t time to hold your tongue.

oys' and Girls' Stories

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'You mean it was supposed to strug- and work so hard?" David asked.

'Yes, David. That's the only way it uld get the strength to fly above the th where it used to crawl. Remem- all those bumps and skinned knees had when you learned to ride your e? We all have to have trials and uggles. It's God's way," Mr. Ran- ph explained.

At supper David poked at his potatoes d gravy with his fork.

"Aren't you hungry, son?" his father ked.

"I guess not. Dad, what will happen the moth?"

"Because it can't fly, it will probably eaten by a bird or stepped on by meone."

David's lip quivered. He felt very sad. For the next few days David wouldn't en look at Debbie's cocoon. She watch- it very carefully. Then one evening e ran out to the porch. "Look! Look!"

Inside the jar, a small struggling ob- t was frantically beating its wings.

"David, why don't you slide it out of e glass."

The moth, still half-encased in its cot- ny covering, struggled for freedom, d the pathetic whirr of its wings broke e silence. The children sat on the top ep and watched. First five, then ten, en fifteen minutes of agonized whir- ng passed. It seemed as though the tle wings would be destroyed beating e still air. David turned his head. He uldn't stand to see it struggle.

"David! Look!" Debbie cried out.

He turned around just in time to see delicate brown moth lift its strong ings and fly over the fence to the neigh- or's flowers. David moved and leaned s head against his father's knee.

"It had to struggle like that, didn't ?" he asked quietly.

"Yes, son. We all do," his father an- wered.

"Why?" David asked, still puzzled.

"We all must face problems and hard sks. And like that little moth, if we dn't struggle, we'd never have the rength to live for the Lord in this orld."—**Gospel Herald.**

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When faced with a thorny problem, nagine the advice that you would give nother who might come to you with e same difficulty.

Questions & Answers

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carnal heart, in opposition to a spiritual one, but a heart impressionable and susceptible to the most delicate impulses of God's will, a heart ready to receive the seed of God's Word, in contrast to a heart of stone that would be adamant against any revelation and command of God. 'Writing to a friend, Robert M. M'Cheyne pleaded thus: "Learn much of your own heart; and when you have learned all you can, remember you have seen but a few yards into a pit that is unfathomable." It is such an acute sense of our sinfulness which makes us leap to such a promise as this, "A new heart also will I give you." Have you this prime prerequisite for the obtaining of this golden promise? a new heart can only come as **a divine gift.** "I will give you it," saith Jehovah. Well it is that **He** saith it, for none other can. We are shut up to faith in Him. Can any man renew his own heart? Let a host of poor disappointed attempters tell us their doleful story. Nay, let each of us recount his own pitiful endeavors. Who can renew a heart but God only? Nor priest, nor prophet, nor friend can effect this miraculous transformation. "A new heart also will **I** give you." Only He can bestow this ineffable gift. But He can! . . . When David was to be possessed of a clean heart he was inspired to pray "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10). No saint ever yet became a saint without supplication. God will not give Israel a new heart except Israel inquires for it. Is not that the reason why so many of us lack a new heart? The old stony heart would have vanished long ago had we made a request to God.'—Dinsdale T. Young."

All of us need to recognize what the Holy Spirit inspired Jeremiah to write. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:9, 10). Compare "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (James 3:5); "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (James 1:19, 20).

The evil or unregenerated heart causes him who possesses it to speak evil instead of well of a saint of God and at the same time such a person may be appearing differently when he is in the presence of such a child of God. Deception is one of the main attributes of Satan and all his angels (messengers). Jesus says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. . . ." (Matthew 7:16). We need to study with care and diligence all those who propagate any kind of false doctrine (teaching), whether it be a liberal, theologian, or a propagator of the doctrine of some false cult. These are legion in our day and first of all we who claim Jesus as our Master and Lord should walk circumspectly before a lost world lest we offend a real child of God. In order to do this we need to, like David, hate every false way with perfect hatred. We are told also to denounce these, and like Elijah at Mount Carmel, be in touch with God through His Word in a close enough relation so as to discern both good and evil so we shall not find it difficult to denounce the evil, the false way, and the false prophets and see the way of the Lord prosper in His way.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Dear Christian Friends:

Those of us who are members of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, are looking forward to having the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists convene with us on Wednesday and Thursday, September 12, 13, 1973. We have invited you to meet with us in honor of our church's twentieth anniversary—the church was organized on September 6, 1953. Much progress has been realized during these twenty years. As you share our church facilities we hope you will come with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving upon your hearts to God for His marvelous blessings. God is so wonderful!

Plans are for the regular sessions of the convention to be held in the church's sanctuary. The noon meal each day will be catered and served in the fellowship building. On Wednesday evening the State Mission Rally will be held at the Tarboro Senior High School Auditorium on East Johnston Street. (Johnston Street intersects Main Street between the church and downtown.) We are anticipating an attendance of at least 900 for this rally and hope you will be among them.

The church is located on the north side of town, one block west of Main Street, at 112 Hope Lodge Street. (Main Street is Business U. S. 64 through town.) To find the church please follow these directions. From the direction of Rocky Mount take Business U. S. 64 to the first stop light, turn right, and the church is one block on the left. If you are coming into town from other directions go north on Main Street to the last stop light, turn left, and the church is one block on the left. A Zip Mart is located on the corner of Hope Lodge and Main Streets.

For those of you who need to stay overnight there are two motels in Tarboro. The William Vance Motel is on Wilson Street between Main Street and the bypass. It is a nice motel with 40 units. Rates: single $9.36, double $12.48, including tax (phone: 823-4195). The Tarboro Inn is a newer motel with 90 units located on the bypass. Rates: single $11.50, double $16.50, plus tax (phone: 823-5021). In addition, there are many motel facilities in the area of Rocky Mount which is 16 miles from Tarboro.

We repeat, with great anticipation we await your arrival in Tarboro for the State Convention. If there is any way we may be of service to you, please feel free to write or call. Our phone numbers are: church, 823-4611; parsonage, 823-3964.

Sincerely yours,

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., **Minister**
Billy W. Trevathan, **Chairman**
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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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ister. "You think the key to your litt girl's casket is in the hands of the keep of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the k to your little girl's grave hangs at the gird of the Son of God, and He will come son morning and use it." Then the light brol through the man's tears, and he saw t glory of the Resurrection.—*Record of Chr tian Work.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No man-made key will unlock the do to heaven. Only God has the key, and on by His shed blood may we enter.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Scripture Reading—John 3:3, 7

WHAT THE OLD CLOCK NEEDED

A man owned a clock which he prize very highly, but one day it stopped, and l couldn't get it to go again. In order make it work he tried different things wit out success. First he tried heavier weight This, however, did not help but rather o pressed the machinery. Then he took aw the old face and put on a new one, b this made no difference. Still the clo would not go. Then he tried new hand but this, too, failed to induce the clock go. The owner's little boy had been interested spectator of his father's effor to make the clock go. At last the litt boy said, "Daddy, I think the poor clo needs a new inside."

I wonder if any of you have been makir good resolutions finding you cannot kee them, trying to do good, but somehow other you have failed. Stop trying.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many Christians are like the clock—th have a good outside appearance but nee a new inside. Could this be true with yo

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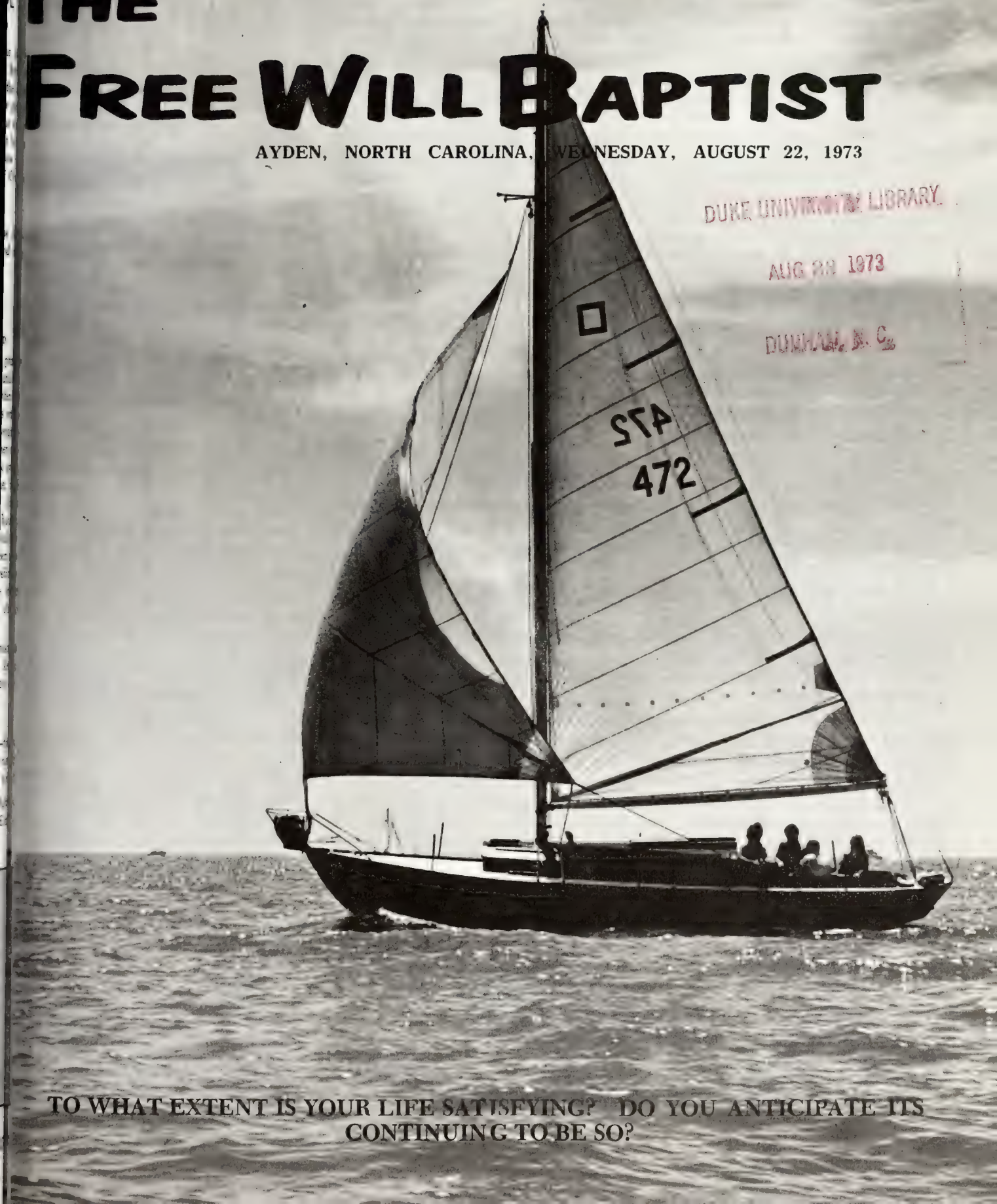

TO WHAT EXTENT IS YOUR LIFE SATISFYING? DO YOU ANTICIPATE ITS CONTINUING TO BE SO?

EDITORIAL...

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TO WHAT EXTENT?

Some people live as though they have a guarantee on today and a premium on tomorrow. They drive high-speed cars, bragging about their oversized this or that, their big motors, their increased horsepower, their quick pickup on takeoff.

Some who are fortunate enough to own them, or are able to rent or borrow them, race across lakes, down rivers, and cut the ocean waves with lightning-fast speedboats and are thrilled into ecstasy when these boats leap into the air or accelerate in such a way as to travel in an almost vertical position with their bows high in the air, pointing, as it were, toward heaven.

Reckless, inadvisable traveling for fun or dangerous thrills? Taking one's life so lightly that one feels that he has nothing to worry about or owes no one any consideration? Ignoring the possibility of harming another at the risk of satisfying one's own ego or fulfilling some void or inadequacy? Pointing toward heaven? Most of us prefer to be "pointed" toward heaven in another way. . . .

We are made to wonder sometimes to what extent man can tempt the hands of fate before they squeeze all of his blood or his breath out of him. We are made to wonder just how long man thinks he can ignore serious living, for after all the frolic there has to be a resting spell. To what extent, then, can one "fun and frolic" before he is unable to look upon the serious nature of things and accept sobriety? Though we have no "beef" with those who drive fast cars and boats (if their indulgence in this type of activity doesn't harm another), we cannot help but be prompted to ponder some other thoughts.

Consider the following:

To what extent can one hate before he is unable to love anymore?

To what extent can one fight before he is unable to crave peace?

To what extent can one say unkind things about another before he is unable to say anything good about anybody?

To what extent can one close his ears to the truth before he is unable to recognize falsehood?

To what extent can one wrong his neighbor before he is unable to make things right?

To what extent can one try another's patience before he is unable to compel his sympathy?

To what extent can one act above his station before he is unable to walk among his peers?

To what extent can one exercise pride before he is unable to display humility?

To what extent can one wallow in the mire before he is unable to wash himself of the mud?

To what extent can one hide from himself before he is unable to know who he really is?

To what extent can one become a slave to evil habits before he is unable to free himself of their chains?

To what extent can one deny reality before he is unable to determine fantasy?

To what extent can one dream fancy dreams and build air castles before he is unable to get back down to earth?

To what extent can one become so partisan before he is unable to view another's ideas objectively?

To what extent can one run from his God before he has run too far?

You examine the situation and decide for yourself. Do you have a guarantee on today or a premium on tomorrow? Do you feel comfortable in your present attitude? Is your life satisfying?

To what extent?

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Im Going to Church--Isn't That Enough?

by
(M. D. R.)

ODAY I am writing to you in great concern for the young adult couples our churches. At this stage in your es, it is very easy to get caught up in e processes of living in this world. You e just starting married life together. u are beginning to raise your families, ild your homes, and develop the ideals which you will live. It is very diffi-lt to live in two worlds during these ars. And yet, these can be the most portant years of your lives, spiritually.

You need to be close to God—to let m guide you safely along life's uneven ad. The surest way to do this is by aking God the center of your family e; and to help you keep Him there, ke an active part in your church. It ill charge the very batteries of your ul!

There are many young couples who at-nd Sunday school or church and take eir bodies along with them; but, they ave the rest of themselves at home or aiting in the car. There are so many utside interests and diversions that they on't get as involved in spiritual things s they should. They are there, but that about all. I always have the feeling hat if they were called on for prayer, hey would fall dead in the church aisle.

Churches are not made up of ministers nd God alone. They are made up of peo-le—normal, everyday Christian people. hey aren't any stronger or greater or etter than anyone else. They just love he heavenly Father and want to serve im out of that love. The young adults n our churches have the same right to peak out and to take a part in what is oing on as anyone else. All you have o do is be willing to serve. You are the uture rulers of your church. You will e the backbone of it in a few years. The direction in which it is led will be up to you. That is why it is so vital for you to become active in it now, so that you will have time to grow in God's grace and learn.

The way you serve your church will not only determine the kind of church you have; it will also be seen in your children, your friends, and your community. When God lives in a community, there is a lovely light that shines over the whole area. There is a serenity and peace that can be found nowhere else on earth.

Young adults, please put God in your lives and take part in your church work. You'll find it a very rewarding experience. God needs your service to help inspire others to trust in Him. It won't be easy, but God never said that it would be. He did say, however, that if we believe on Jesus Christ, and keep His laws, we will have everlasting life.

Moments for Forever

by Joyce Proctor Beaman

"Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill,
With false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

The lines above, from a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, are in my scrapbook. I think about them often: albums of time, pages of our years, meaningful moments. For most of us women, life is filled with many things—ironing, cooking, washing, housekeeping, tending the children, helping with the farm chores. Important things? Yes. But then there are outstanding interludes—occasional moments of beauty or realization. . . . We pause to savor such a moment, knowing that this particular interlude is unique; it will never come again.

We listen to the words of a wedding service we'll never forget: "Entreat me not to leave thee. . . . Whom God hath joined together, . . ." and sharing that moment, we know that life offers supreme joy.

We look into the tiny, puckered face of a newborn, and we know that God plans a tomorrow. We say sincerely to a husband when he least expects it: "You are wonderful; I am proud of you." Sometimes the appreciation comes **from** the head of the house. Either way, a universal hunger is satisfied—the hunger in every human being to know that someone cares.

We pat a little leaguer on the back, and he grows taller before our lives. A friend achieves an honor, and we clip the newspaper account and send it to him; we rejoice in his triumph. Or perhaps we hear a compliment about someone we know, and we hurry to spread the good word to that person.

We pause in a church, in the quietness when no one knows we are there, and somehow life takes on new meaning, a deeper significance, and a stronger purpose.

We attend a funeral and we sorrow with those who mourn, even though we know—we **know**—that life and time extend infinitely beyond this grievous moment.

Also in my scrapbook, to stimulate reflection: "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial; . . ."

Somewhere between the sunrise and the sunset, we take time, or it takes us. Duties, responsibilities, work—such privileges are the essence of our days. Birth, growing, marriage, parenthood, death, joys and troubles shared with others, spontaneous prayer: these are our moments in time—moments to hold forever.

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The only difference between the man who has one million dollars and six children and the man who has one million dollars, is that the man with one million dollars wants more.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:7, 8

A Starling Which Talked

A lawyer had a caged starling in his office. The starling had learned to answer when he was called. One morning a boy named Charlie entered the office. The lawyer went out for a few minutes, and when he returned the cage was empty.

"Where is the bird?" he asked the boy. The boy answered that he didn't know. "Sonny, that bird was in the cage when I went out. Where has it gone?"

Charlie repeated that he did not know anything about the bird; that probably the door of the cage was open and the bird had flown away. At that the lawyer called out, "Starling, where are you?"

"Here I am," answered the starling, and the voice came from the boy's pocket.

Imagine Charlie's situation. He had stolen the bird and hidden it in what he thought was a safe place. To hide his guilt he had lied twice; then the voice came from his pocket to betray him. There was no way he could deny that testimony. Not a word could he say. The bird was a living witness of his guilt, of his theft and of his lie.

That is what will happen when a world of guilty sinners who have tried to hide from God are hauled before the last high judgment bar. Every mouth will be stopped and all will be found guilty before God. —Missionary Norman Lewis, in *The Sword of the Lord.*

Prayer Thought

It is possible for one to sin without his fellowman's knowledge; but remember, there's an "all-seeing eye" watching everything we do. You cannot hide from God!

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:3-17

Wrong Orders

Some years ago a passenger train was rushing into New York as another train was emerging. There was a head-on collision. Fifty lives were lost. An engineer was pinned under his engine, frightfully injured, and tears were running down his cheeks. In his dying agonies he held a piece of yellow paper crushed in his hand, and said: "Take this. This will show you that someone gave me the wrong orders."

Unregenerate men and women will stand before the Great White Throne and point to their Modernist preachers, saying, "Someone gave me the wrong orders!"—Selected.

Prayer Thought

From whom do you take orders? When you follow orders, be sure they are correct. There are no rules of order more correct than those given in the Bible.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:18-20

Waiting

Bishop Taylor tells of a village in Africa where he called for a day with his little missionary boat, but was not able to remain or leave a missionary with them. They were bitterly disappointed and long entreated him to alter his purpose and leave a teacher among them. But it was beyond his power, and he sorrowfully left them. As he sailed up the river he saw them standing on the bank beckoning to him with eager entreaty. Two days later he returned, sailing down the stream. As they passed the village, the natives were still upon the banks watching for him. As they saw that he did not intend to land, they became wild in their gesticulation and cries, waving their arms, leaping high in the air, shouting and trying in every way to attract his attention. He felt the appeal in every fiber of his being, but he could do nothing. He had no one to leave, and as he sailed down the river his heart was broken with the sight.—*The Missionary Worker.*

Prayer Thought

Does your heart cry out for the unsaved? God commanded us to carry the gospel to all nations. Do you really support our missionaries?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Scripture Reading—Psalm 65:2, 3

"The Sorest Sense of Loss"

Once I suddenly opened the door of my mother's room, and saw her on her knees beside her chair, and heard her speak my name in prayer. I quickly and quietly withdrew, with a feeling of awe and reverence in my heart. Soon I went away from home to school, then to college, then into life's sterner duties. But I never forgot that one glimpse of my mother at prayer, nor the one word—my name—which I heard her utter. Well did I know what I had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on everyday in that sacred closet of prayer and the consciousness strengthened me a thousand times in duty, in danger, and in struggle. And when death came, at length, and sealed those lips, the sorest sense of loss that I felt was the knowledge that no more would my mother be praying for me.—Dr. J. R. Miller.

Prayer Thought

One of our greatest losses is when Mother no longer prays for us. May we never get the fervent prayers of our dear mot

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:1-13

"Coming?"

There was an old turnpike man o quiet country road, whose habit was to s his gate at night and take a nap. dark, wet midnight a stranger knocked his door crying, "Gate! Gate!" "Comin said the voice of the old man. Then man knocked again, and once more voice replied, "Coming." He went on some time, till at length the stranger gr quite angry, and jumping off his ho opened the door and demanded to kn why the old man cried "Coming!" twenty minutes, but never came. "Wh there?" asked the old man in a sleepy voi rubbing his eyes. "What d'ye want, si Then, awakening, "Bless ye, sir, and pardon; I was asleep, and take no m notice about it." So it is with too ma hearers of the gospel, who hear by hab and answer God by habit, and at leng die with their souls asleep.—*Sunday Sch Chronicle.*

Prayer Thought

Do we often find ourself sleeping on t job? May we not be as the foolish virgi but have our lamps burning bright wh the Lord returns.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture Reading—1 John 3:21-24

A Deep Lesson

A lady who had been a Christian work told Dr. Torrey that she could no long believe in God, because when her husbar was ill she prayed for his recovery, ar God had failed her. Dr. Torrey pointe her up 1 John 3:22, and asked if she we obeying the conditions laid down.

"I am afraid I was not," she admitted.

"Then God has not failed you, but yo have failed God," said Dr. Torrey.

So completely did the cloud over he life roll away that when the evangelis said, "Let us pray," she was ready to kne with him and take the whole matter to th Lord.

The great lesson of life is to be subdue before God.—Rev. John Macbeath.

Prayer Thought

Often we feel that God has failed u when things do not go as we wish. If w were more submissive to God we woul realize that He never fails.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:13, 14

A Plea to Parents

Dr. W. Leon Tucker told this amazing incident: Dr. Percival, a busy surgeon was a Christian. He had one daughter Kitty, whom he loved devotedly. One day she came to her father and told him she was going as a missionary to China. He

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

ALUMNI VISIT COLLEGE

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Overman (left) both natives of Pikeville, North Carolina, and alumni of Mount Olive College, are shown with College Chaplain Frank R. Harrison, also an alumnus of the College, who gave the Overmans a guided tour of the campus. Harrison and Dr. Overman were students together at Mount Olive.

Recent visitors to Mount Olive College included two alumni from Wayne County who saw the new campus for the first time. "It is unbelievable what has happened since we were last here more than ten years ago," Dr. Alan Ray Overman remarked as he and Mrs. Overman walked across the beautiful 100-acre new campus of Mount Olive College. "What we see today is a far cry from the old elementary school building which housed the College when we were students here."

Following his stay at Mount Olive College in 1958, Dr. Overman transferred to North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, from which he earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Engineering, and later he did postdoctoral studies at the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Overman, the former Deanye Lee, graduated from Mount Olive College in 1961 and earned her B.S. from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. She has also received a M.Ed. degree from University of Illinois.

Since 1969 Dr. Overman has been on the faculty of the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he is assistant professor of engineering. The Overmans have two children, Max, age 7 and Karen, age 5.

Although this was their first visit to the new campus, the Overmans have been active in support of the College through the Alumni Association. Prior to leaving North Carolina, they were both members of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Nahunta in Wayne County.

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The New Academic Year at Mount Olive College

The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr., Lieutenant Governor, State of North Carolina, will participate in launching the new academic year at Mount Olive College. The schedule of student orientation and registration begins on Wednesday, August 22, and ends on Sunday, August 26, with the fall Convocation at 4:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Mount Olive, and the speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Hunt.

The new academic year resumes with new emphasis on the development of the whole student and the advancement of the total College. The small enrollment of the College along with its philosophy of education contributes to the distinction that characterizes Mount Olive College, where the academic programs and student life complement each other in meeting the students' various needs. Furthermore, the new academic year is marked with commitment to long-range planning and involvement of the College family for the advancement of the total College.

The orientation schedule is designed to give the students an opportunity to be introduced to college life. The schedule calls for involving administrative officers, faculty members, and returning students in helping the new students to learn and adjust to the college experience. The orientation activities include lectures, small groups discussion, movie, musical drama, and recreation. The program also includes a parents' session based on the College's emphasis of open communication with parents. They are invited to meet with administrative officers and faculty to discuss topics of interest pertaining to the College.

The new programs include students exchange with Bir Zeit College in the

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cragmont Treasurer's Report For July, 1973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of July, 1973:

Balance July 1, 1973		$8,065.65
Receipts		
Churches	$1,554.06	
Sunday Schools	331.99	
Gifts	10.00	
YFA	25.00	
Total Receipts		1,921.05
Total to Account For		$9,986.70
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 82.78	
C. Cliff Meyer (Contractor)	6,331.57	
Total Disbursements		6,414.35
Balance August 1, 1973		$3,572.35
Balance in Checking Account		$3,572.35
Savings (Earmarked Funds)		2,447.98
Grand Total		$6,020.33

Wilson Church Host To Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship of the Western District will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, Saturday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. All the youth of the district as well as adults and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

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Central Layman's League Gum Swamp Church

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will convene with the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina, Monday evening, September 3, at eight o'clock, announces the secretary, Mr. Henry Beaman. All Layman's League members of the district as well as visitors are extended a cordial invitation to attend this fellowship.

Coming Events . . .

September 3—Central Conference La man's League Fellowship, Gum Swar Free Will Baptist Church, Route Greenville, North Carolina, 8 p.m.

September 12, 13—North Carolina Sta Convention of Original Free Will Ba tists, First Free Will Baptist Churc Tarboro

our Church Auxiliaries

ATTENTION YOUTH!

This is a reminder of the upcoming Central Conference Youth Convention to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 25. It is vital that **you** the youth attend, for at this meeting important recommendations concerning **your** convention will be presented by the executive committee. A newsletter explaining these recommendations has been sent to each of the AFC and YFA youth groups representing the 50 churches of our conference. Yes! there are **fifty** churches in our conference but hardly more than 10 percent actively participate in our youth convention. We extend a warm invitation to those groups previously inactive to attend and to see what you're missing! Let's all put some spirit and inspiration in the fellowship and work for our Lord.

Our host church will be the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church on the corner of Depot and Chapman Streets in Winterville, North Carolina.

—Dawn Branch, Reporter.

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Wilson "Woman of The Year" Honored

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, in its August meeting presented the "Woman of the Year" award Cleo Corbett. Mrs. Corbett has served president of the auxiliary during the pa year. The award was a silver bowl whic was given to the auxiliary by Nancy Ma thews.

Nelda Futrell presenting "Woman of tl Year" award to Cleo Corbett. Also picture is Blanche Cook, member of Rules Commi tee.

Perfect attendance during the past yea (left to right): Muriel Tomlinson, Do Suggs, Selma Bass, Cleo Corbett, and Edn Parsons.

Also receiving honors during the Au gust meeting were five auxiliary mem bers pictured above who have had per fect attendance during the past year They are Muriel Tomlinson, Dot Suggs Selma Bass, Cleo Corbett, and Edna Par sons.

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Crooked politicians get into office be cause honest men fail to do their duty

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Holy Land. The exchange program was arranged last spring by Dr. W. Burkette Culpepper, College president, during his tour of Europe and the Middle East. After registering at Mount Olive College the student will spend a semester in the Holy Land with all the academic and financial details handled directly by the two colleges.

An addition of noted significance to student life is Eagles Nest Conference Center. The various facilities at the center, including the five-acre lake, afford the students rich recreational and educational opportunities.

Registration for the fall semester will remain open through August 29 and applications for admission will be accepted through this date.

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Mount Olive College Announces Planning Meeting for Dinners

Under the theme, **For the Advancement of Mount Olive College—Now,** the College is making plans for its annual dinners for Free Will Baptists throughout North Carolina. More than 2,000 people attend these dinners each year for the purpose of learning more about the College contributing to its advancement.

Each church is asked to appoint a "Mount Olive College Committee" which will attend the dinner planning session in their county. Pastors are also encouraged to attend.

Below is the schedule of meetings at which the 1973 dinners will be planned. Information and literature will be given at these sessions. All meetings will be held at 8 p.m.

Lenoir County, Thursday, August 30, First church, Kinston, the Rev. W. E. Futch, host pastor.

Onslow and New Hanover Counties, Friday, August 31, Verona church, the Rev. Frank Harrison, host pastor.

Johnston and Wake Counties, Tuesday, September 4, Selma church, the Rev. Ray Wells, host pastor.

Pamlico County, Thursday, September 6, Mount Zion church, the Rev. E. E. Edwards, host pastor.

Carteret County, Saturday, September 8, Crab Point church, the Rev. Lloyd Gore, host pastor.

Greene County, Monday, September 10, Hull Road church, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., host pastor.

Pitt County, Tuesday, September 11, Reedy Branch church, the Rev. Willis Wilson, host pastor.

Jones County, Friday, September 14, Whaley's Chapel church, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, host pastor.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Monday, September 17, Oak Grove church, the Rev. Felton Godwin, host pastor.

Craven County, Tuesday, September 18, Saint Mary's church, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, host pastor.

Wayne County, Thursday, September 20, First church, Goldsboro, the Rev. Earl Glenn, host pastor.

Wilson County, Friday, September 21, Daniels Chapel church, the Rev. F. B. Cherry, host pastor. (Institute on Tuesday and Thursday.)

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, September 24, Mount Tabor church, the Rev. William Littleton, host pastor.

Beaufort and Nash Counties, Tuesday, September 25, Free Union church, the Rev. Robert Rollins, host pastor.

Duplin County, Thursday, September 27, Cabin church, the Rev. Jimmy Webster, host pastor.

Edgecombe and Halifax Counties, Monday, October 1, First church, Tarboro, the Rev. C. D. Pierce Jr., host pastor.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Jack Mayo would like to announce a change of address. His old address was Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; telephone 758-4356. His new address is P. O. Box 817, Winterville, North Carolina 28590; telephone 756-0520. His friends and correspondents are asked to make a note of the change. Mr. Mayo has accepted the pastorate of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church.

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TO THE CHURCH CLERKS AND-OR PASTORS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Dear Co-Laborers:

The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will meet in its annual session on September 12, 13, 1973, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 112 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina. (For the location of the church and directions, please refer to the August 15, 1973, issue of **The Free Will Baptist.)**

Report blanks have been mailed to all churches which were represented at the 1972 annual session of the convention. If, by chance, your church has not received the report blanks, please use the ones printed in this issue of the "Baptist." These blanks include the Annual Church Letter, the Commission on Scouting, and the Layman's League reports. These should be mailed to the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., secretary, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina 27886. Please remember your church can represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof.

On Wednesday evening, at 7:30, the State Mission Rally will be held at the Tarboro Senior High School Auditorium, East Johnston Street, under the direction of the State Mission Board. Churches are urged to make a special contribution of at least $100 to missions during this service.

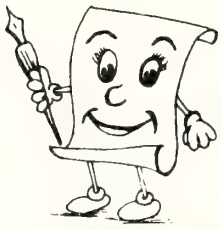
The convention requests that each church send at least a $10 contribution to the Paul Palmer Endowment Fund. This fund is used to help underwrite the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College. Also, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home is requesting $100 from each church to be brought to the convention. All of your checks may be returned along with your report blanks if you wish.

Minutes of the 1972 annual session were mailed out several months ago. If you did not receive your copies or if you need additional ones, please write the secretary at the above address, giving your name, address, and church along with the number you need and we will be happy to send them to you. If your State Convention may be of service to you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Secretary

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Your house is wired for electricity. The current, or power, is always available. Jesus is the Christian's power-source.

Your bulb has to contact the curr to give light. The bulb, a "transduce changes the heat (energy) of electri into another form of heat (light). are a bulb.

The brightest light is the arc la used in spotlights and movie projecto Its brilliance can damage the sensit nerves of the retina. Think of Mo after he had been in God's presence.

The ordinary household bulb is the candescent lamp. Its filament connec to two lead-in wires gets very hot. prevent burning out, it may be fil with nitrogen or argon. The life c nected to Christ through Scripture a prayer and filled with the Holy Spi produces a dedicated, dynamic witne and nothing interferes with service God.

The fluorescent tube is preferred many because its light is closer

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Information for the Layman's League Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

Dear Co-Laborers:

The Layman's League Board is seeking better to serve the churches of the Nort Carolina State Convention. Please read carefully and supply the following informatic for the board. This form should be returned with your regular report to the secretai of the convention.

1. Name of Church _____

   Address _____

   _____

   Conference or Association _____

   County _____

   Church Clerk _____

   Address _____

2. Does your church have a Layman's League? yes_____; no_____

   President's Name _____

   Address _____

   Secretary's Name _____

   Address _____

3. With guidance from the Layman's League Board would there be a possibility of organizing a Layman's League in your church? yes_____; no_____. Please supply the board with the name and address of a good layman to serve as contact person in your church.

   Name _____

   Address _____

Thank you for your cooperation!

YOUR LAYMAN'S LEAGUE BOARD

COMMISSION ON SCOUTING

North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists

The following information is necessary in order for the Commission to keep a rd of the number of boys and girls, scout troops, cub packs, etc., within the scout- program in Original Free Will Baptist churches.

Notice: This form is to be returned to the Convention secretary along with your vention report.

Please answer the following questions:

Do you have a Girl Scout program? _____

Underline the group which applies: Senior, Cadette, Junior, Brownie.

Total number of girls within troops _____.

Do you have a Boy Scout Program? _____

Underline the group which applies: Cub Pack, Boy Scout, Explorer.

Total number of boys within troops _____.

Designate whether your church partially or totally sponsors troops _____

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Are any of the above troops meeting in your church facilities? If so, explain ___

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How many boys in your church have received the God and Country Award? ___

How many are now working on the God and Country Award? _____

Name and Address of Church _____

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Name and Address of Clerk _____

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Name and Address of all Scout Leaders _____

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YOUR SCOUTING COMMISSION

tural daylight. It contains mercury por, and may be 70 percent cooler an an incandescent bulb. Here is the nventional Christian: steady, reliable, t as energetic as some. Mercury vapor poisonous, and may represent things his life which cool his Christian en- usiasm.

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If all Christians glowed together, how great would the light be? It would truly light the whole world!

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All men suffer; but it is our attitude toward that suffering that makes the difference.

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Wouldn't your family enjoy fresh flowers from your garden on the dinner table tonight?

WE BELIEVE:

1. That there is only one God who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; that His eternal existence is in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that all three are equal, but distinct persons. They are the divine Trinity.

2. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God; that He was born of the Virgin Mary; that He died for man's redemption; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor.

3. That both, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the infallible rule of faith and practice.

4. That man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation and stands guilty before God and separate from Him.

5. That it is the privilege of all men to be saved; that God desires the salvation of all; that the gospel invites everyone; that the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

6. That the human will is free and self-controlled; that it is possible for a person who has been saved by divine grace to make shipwreck of his faith and become lost. The person (believer) who through grace perseveres unto the end of life has promise of eternal salvation.

7. That sanctification is initial at regeneration and continues progressively through the Christian experience, becoming final and complete in heaven.

8. That there are three gospel ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel teaching: baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet.

9. That tithing is God's financial plan for supporting the work of the church here on earth.

10. That our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again; that there will be a resurrection of all men, each in its own order; that they which are saved will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they which are lost unto the resurrection of damnation; that the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the final judgment.

ANNUAL CHURCH LETTER

To The North Carolina State Convention Of Free Will Bapti

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, _____

Name of Church _____

Address of Church _____ ZIP _____

County _____ Conference or Association _____

Delegate _____ Convention Contribution enclosed $ _____

Contribution to Mount Olive College Endowment Fund enclosed $ _____

WE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Total Number of Church Members _____

Number Members: Sunday School _____ Leagues _____ Auxiliaries _____

Number of Sunday School Rooms _____ Do You Have A Parsonage? _____

Value of Parsonage $ _____ Value of Other Church Property $ _____

Value of All Church Property $ _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS RECEIVED THIS YEAR:

Baptism _____ Letter _____ Restoration _____ Total _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS LOST THIS YEAR:

Death _____ Letter _____ Expulsion _____ Total _____

(List below the total amounts of money paid to the following, by the church and all the auxiliaries of the church

AMOUNT USED LOCALLY		UNITED PROGRAM FUNDS (List only the amount sent to these causes.)	
Pastor's Salary _____	$ _____		
Evangelistic Service _____	$ _____	Cragmont _____	$ _____
Repairs and Improvement _____	$ _____	Missions _____	$ _____
Fuel, Lights, Janitor, etc. _____	$ _____	Orphanage _____	$ _____
Conferences, Unions, etc. _____	$ _____	Christian Education _____	$ _____
Literature and Supplies _____	$ _____	N. C. Promotional Work _____	$ _____
Local Charity, etc. _____	$ _____	Church Finance Association _____	$ _____
Other Miscellaneous Items (Local) _____	$ _____	Superannuation _____	$ _____
Total Used Locally _____	$ _____	Total Sent U. P. Funds _____	$ _____

Amount Contributed to Causes Not Listed Above $ _____

Amount Given for the Office and Work of General Secretary $ _____

Total Amount Paid Out for All Purposes During the Year $ _____

Please list below the amount of the above that was given by the church, and that given by the different auxiliari

The Church _____ $ _____ The Auxiliaries _____ $ _____

The Sunday School _____ $ _____ The Leagues _____ $ _____

Pastor's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Clerk's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

S. S. Superintendent's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

W. A. President's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

League Director's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Please explain, "This I say n, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not l the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5: What is meant by walking in the it?

nswer: It means keeping in step with Spirit for those of us who profess to e been born of the Spirit as is sug- ted by John 3:3 and 5. In these ses Christ's own words are saying t only those born of the Holy Spirit d expect to even see the kingdom of , much less ever entering therein. We another verse in Galatians that ches about the same as that taught in 6: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also k in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). se verses place out in full view before in sufficient detail some of the move- nts of the Spirit-filled life. We are keep rank with God, or if you like it ter expressed in other words, keep r and open operative and ever active communion with God the Spirit (see Thessalonians 5:17). The Holy Spirit om Jesus said in John 15:26 He would d was, of course, to the apostles and er disciples then with Him. But ac- ding to John 17:20 the Spirit was t to us who should believe through testimony given by that group who t heard, spoke forth, and then wrote good tidings of great joy that we now turn have the opportunity of speak- forth according to Acts 1:8; Matthew 18-20, etc. Yes, the opportunity and nd privilege, but also the grave re- nsibility is now ours.

Then Jesus was here, instead of ac- mmodating certain villagers and re- ining permanently with them, He ust needs go to others." So instead choosing a nice cozy church parson- e and fat salary we "must needs" go the Spirit's biddings. Paul said, ". . . e is unto me, if I preach not the gos- l!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Walking in e Spirit meant to Paul, among other ngs, preaching the gospel to the Gen- es. This included preaching it to hostile hearers that beat him, stoned him, imprisoned him, falsely accused him, and beheaded him. It may just mean that to you and me if we dare to walk in the same degree of close communion and obedience to His bidding as Paul did.

Paul in his obedient life took one step at a time. When he left Derbe to go to Jerusalem on a God-appointed mission, taking funds that his Gentile converts were sending poor persecuted Jews in Judea, some of whom mistreated him in an earlier visit, he was warned not to go and if he did, the Jews would apprehend him and probably kill him. He told these wonderful prophets whose kindness and love influenced them to so warn him that the Spirit had already testified to him of bonds and imprisonment. The Spirit told him that he need not to fear. In spite of such bonds Paul, walking in the Spirit, went to Rome. There he had the privilege of witnessing to Felix and Festus and was allowed to testify in Rome and Caesar's court. How wonderfully striking the words of the Holy Ghost influenced him to write in Romans 11:33!

We must agree with God the Spirit who wrote the Bible if we are to walk with Him. The Bible teaches that two, who do not agree, may not walk together. (See Amos 3:3, 7.) We have to agree with Him as to the path or course we are to take in order to reach our destination. Only those en route to heaven may so walk; and only those in Christ may thus walk. Christ told us before He was crucified that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom He would send, would glorify Christ rather than His own person. Jesus and the apostles also taught that He and He alone was the way Christians must take. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6); "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:28).

Our position in Him and on agreement with Him will lead us to obey Him. It is not ours to choose, but to do and to die if needs be. This means that we are to obey God in the small as also in the great matters. Only to the degree in which we find ourselves obedient to that degree and that alone shall we be aware of walking with Him. He is the light of the world and tells us, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). A perfect agreement with God and His will in our soul makes it probable and feasible that Jehovah's promises be fulfilled in the life of each believer.

To walk in the Spirit would assure us that the ninefold fruit of the Spirit will be manifested through us in our daily activities: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22, 23). Love is placed at the head of this list which is in keeping with the order in the Ten Commandments. So like love is basic in all the commandments, it has that position here among the fruits of the Spirit. God is love, so each must love in order that he live and conform.

In an article on Page 5 of April, 1973, **Christian Victory,** Dr. Maurice Dametz says: ". . . Joy is love exulting. Peace is love reposing. Longsuffering is love untiring. Gentleness is love enduring. Goodness is love in action. Faith is love on the battlefield. Meekness is love under discipline, and temperance is love in training."

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Corinthians 6:16). This is a provoking and sobering thought. For us sinful beings? Yes, but the sinful beings that were created in the image and after the likeness of our Maker, but voluntarily departed His wonderful fellowship as a result of God's and our enemy's advice, but were made nigh by the precious blood of His Son and our Saviour. So now by that same blood, or because of the efficacious virtue of that blood once and for all time shed for the remission of our sin, we have been made nigh.

"Near oh so very near, nearer to
Him I could not be, for in the

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STORIES

for our youth

GIRL WITH TALENT

Maude M. Walling

THE new girl, Nita, created a sensation in the sixth grade. First, she arrived in the middle of the year; second, she came from faraway Texas; and third, she could play the guitar and sing funny, little Spanish songs.

The class found out about the guitar and the Spanish songs on the first Friday after she had entered school. The class had a talent show, and Nita was voted the "most talented." When she translated the songs, everyone laughed—that is, everyone except Linda.

"Let's ask Nita to join our Just-for-Fun Club," Ellen proposed that same afternoon.

"Oh, let's do," Jan enthusiastically agreed. "She's so friendly and cute. She says that people in Texas don't talk the way people from the deep South do; but I think her accent is interesting, don't you Linda?"

Linda shrugged. "Well, I'd say she's Miss Showoff Number One! I don't think she'd be much fun. I've never heard anything as stupid as a song about little 'barefoot angels.' "

"She said that it was a lullaby, Linda," said Ellen defensively. "I thought it was sweet. Anyway, Miss Ellison asked her to bring her guitar and enter the talent show."

"She certainly didn't wait for a second invitation! And that silly smile of hers!" Linda flounced up the walk to her house without saying goodbye.

Ellen started to follow Linda, but Jan pulled her back. "Let her alone. She's just jealous because it's the first time she didn't receive first place in the talent show. Linda just can't forget that she's Miss Houston's star piano pupil—you know—'the girl with talent.' "

"But Linda is a good musician," Ellen spoke quickly. "Miss Houston said that she has never taught a pupil who played as well as Linda did in the last recital."

"Oh, she plays well enough," Jan agreed, "but you would have thought that she was Queen Elizabeth or somebody the way she waltzed onto the stage. Then she bowed in all directions and arranged herself at the piano." Jan pretended to do all the things she was mentioning. "Ugh! And she called Nita a showoff!"

"Well, let's wait a little while to ask Nita to join our club. Linda will change her mind. I know she will," Ellen said hopefully.

But Linda didn't change her mind. She continued to refer to Nita as "Miss Showoff" and never spoke to her directly when she could avoid it.

Nita couldn't help noticing that Linda ignored her. "I wish Linda liked me, Mother." Nita was almost in tears one afternoon. "She calls me a showoff, and she makes me feel so—so miserable."

"Have you done anything to give her a reason to like you?" Nita's mother asked.

"I haven't had a chance; she won't talk to me."

"Then look for a chance, Nita. Friendship is a two-way street."

She hasn't tried to make me like her, either, Nita thought, but aloud she said, "It wouldn't do any good."

More and more Linda found herself walking home from school alone. She and Nita lived on different streets that were in the same direction from school, and the girls enjoyed walking home with Nita rather than going by Linda's house.

"Who taught you to play the guitar, Nita?" Jan asked one afternoon as were all leaving school.

"My daddy did. Daddy and I sing play our guitars, and Mother someti plays the piano for us. I hope we here long enough so that I can take p lessons. I love piano music; but Da has to travel, and he likes for Mo and me to go with him whenever can."

"H'm," Linda said as she walked in time to hear the last remark. certainly does brag, doesn't she?" addressed herself to Ellen as the o two girls walked on.

"Oh, she was just telling us about family."

Linda ignored the explanation.

"Why don't you walk down to Ni house with us this afternoon?" Ellen gested.

"Oh, I have to practice for the sp recital," Linda said, as she tossed head. "I don't have time to waste."

"But you don't have to practice all time, Linda," Ellen pleaded. "I'm in recital, too, and I'm going to prac when I get home. Come on and li to Nita's mother play the piano; she p beautifully."

But Linda's curt, "Is she a show too?" silenced Ellen.

The next few weeks passed quic and soon it was the evening of the cital. All the sixth-grade girls went hear Linda and Ellen play. The stu concert room was filled with cha which were filling rapidly. Jan and chose two chairs near the stage.

Jan leaned forward and looked at program. "My sister is second, and glad she'll get through in a hurry," giggled. "I told her that she sounds a broken record when she plays. keeps on making the same mistake!"

"I'm sure she'll play well," Nita as she, too, looked over her progr "I don't recognize the selection that len is going to play, but the last num will be 'Moonlight Sonata.' I love t Mother plays it. Oh," she added, "Li will be playing it."

Jan grinned when her sister pla without an error. Later, she and applauded loudly as Ellen finished p ing.

When Linda appeared on the sta there was a ripple of applause that thought started with Linda's mother, she couldn't be sure because others j ed in. Linda smiled and bowed sev times before seating herself carefully the piano.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

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unior, Jeff, Sandra, and Ricky Eason

Welcome Junior, Jeff, Ricky, and San- d Eason to the Children's Home family. T Eason children are formerly from S ma, North Carolina, and came to live w h us the first week in August. San- d lives in Smith Cottage and she is a en years old. The boys live in Albe- rle I Cottage. Junior is eleven, Jeff nine, and Ricky is five. The children h e adjusted very well.

We invite everyone to come and meet children. If your church is looking a child to sponsor, one of these chil- n would be a wonderful opportunity you. Pray that the Lord will bless m as they get used to a new home a a new life.

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CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

by Sammy Weeks, Superintendent

or many years now a special love of- ing has been received for the Chil- n's Home at the State Convention. I s pose one might say that it has been e so long that it is now considered a tradition throughout our denomination. The Children's Home today stands as the first statewide project accepted by our State Convention which was formed in 1913. We make that claim proudly, but at the same time in a humble spirit. The Children's Home is not just a place provided by our denomination where children receive food, shelter, and clothing; it is more than that because it is a missionary effort in the purest sense. It is a place where Christ can be witnessed to those that are lost and in dire need of a true meaning and purpose in this life. The children that come here have had their faith fully shattered and need to be restored to God, to humanity, and oftentimes, to themselves. Many of the children that have been reared here over the period of years have been successful in life as productive citizens and many are now active leaders in our denomination. We're proud of this fact and know that our record should be held in high esteem. All these accomplishments have been made possible by trusting in God, by the dedicated workers that have served so well in the past, and by the faithful support of the Free Will Baptist denomination through your prayers and contributions.

Once again, this year at the State Convention a special love offering will be received for the Children's Home. Letters have been mailed out to the church pastors and clerks asking each church to **send** or **bring** a $100 love offering for us to the convention. If each church will only honor this request, then, it will help so much and each of us at the Home will be eternally grateful to you.

In 1971 the convention offering for the Home totaled $11,834.74. In 1972 it dropped to its lowest in several years when it came to $1,792. In anticipation of the continued rise in food prices and, generally speaking, the cost of living, one can readily understand that the 1973 convention offering needs to be the highest in history to get us through the winter months. I am fully confident that God will supply our needs through His people in each of our Free Will Baptist churches. Please remember us and do your part!

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WELCOME ABOARD–HANSLEYS

Shown in the picture are the Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Hansley being greeted to the Children's Home by Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. Mr. Hansley will become the pastor of Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the Home the first of September. In addition to being the church pastor, he will serve on the staff of the Children's Home as religious director, guidance counselor, and historian. Mrs. Hansley (Ma) became the education counselor on August 20, 1973. The title education counselor replaces the title of school liaison coordinator, a position filled in the past by Mrs. Judy Ball who resigned as of the end of the last school year.

The Hansleys will reside on campus in the one-bedroom apartment located in the Dawson house. All the staff and children eagerly await their arrival. We're very thankful that they are coming our way and we all look forward to numerous accomplishments from their endeavors at the Home.

The superintendent considers the Home to be very fortunate to have such highly qualified, competent people such as the Hansleys as members of the staff. For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Hansley have served God and the Free Will Baptist denomination well and their coming to the Home is a continuation of this service. Both have had years of experience working with young people throughout the state, gaining tremendous experience, which can be applied at the Home. Both of the Hansleys have served in a leader-

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 2

Paul Speaks to a Divided Church

Printed Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-15; 2 Corinthians 12:19-21

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:4

I. INTRODUCTION

The general topic for this quarter's lessons is "The Gospel According to Paul," and is designed to set forth the good news as Paul saw it. His view of the gospel was, of course, the same as that of Christ, but we intend to look at some basic truths of the gospel in the light of today's pressing needs.

The thirteen lessons are divided into three units. The first unit of four lessons tells us something about the Corinthian church and from it we will gain an insight into Paul's suggested remedies for this particular divided church.

The second unit of five lessons goes into some of Paul's doctrinal teachings concerning the gospel and takes us into the marvelous first eight chapters of Romans.

The third unit of four lessons discusses the relevance and importance of the gospel to man's life today and points up the glorious hope that Paul had, and which is also ours, for eternal things.

In today's lesson we begin the study of the Corinthian church, and we see from the very beginning the things which brought anguish and deep concern to Paul. What he saw in this church should never be seen in any church, but it is often seen in most churches. As we examine these facts, let us keep in mind that a spirit of divisiveness can exist in any organization made up of human beings, not just in the church alone. While this is no justification for our continued divisiveness, it should help us to see that we are not always alone in the matters that are extremely alien to the spirit of Christ.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Are there still people in the church who show a greater loyalty to the preacher than to Christ? It appears that the Corinthian church still had some around. God, help us as preachers and people to put Christ first in our lives and let our loyalty to Him exceed our loyalty to anything else.

B. One of the most difficult situations with which to deal in a church is people who feel that they are Christians and that they are right, because they read the Bible and pray, and everyone else who does not agree with them is wrong. If the preacher or anyone else tries to point out their error to them, they usually get angry and say that he is not Christian or that he is prejudiced against them. How does one deal with a situation like this?

C. Which is more important, the feelings of the pastor or the growth and well-being of the church? Think about this carefully and prayerfully.

D. One of the first things that church members should remember about their pastor is that he is human. He may be called of God, but he is still a human being. He may have great training for the ministry, but he is still human.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Let's compare Paul to a skilled physician who examines a patient and discovers that the patient is seriously ill. Please keep in mind that the Corinthian church, divided into warring camps, was seriously ill, spiritually speaking.

Paul found several symptoms that were associated with the sickness of the Corinthian Christians. "I fear that when I come I may perhaps find you different from what I wish you to be, and that you may find me also different from what you wish. I fear I may find quarrelling and jealousy, angry tempers and personal rivalries, backbiting and gossip, arrogance and general disorder" (2 Corinthians 12:20—**The New English Bible).**

What a pathetic condition this was for those who called themselves a part of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Do these symptoms exist in any p of the Lord's body today? If so, t speak of an illness that is so serious could become fatal. Is there any rem for so serious an illness?

The only remedy is a good dose Christian love taken regularly. T medicine may not always taste good, it may be hard for some to swallow, it is the only remedy.—Adapted from **Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. Do you remember the story po of the six blind men of Indostan w went to see an elephant so that they, their own observation, might disco what the creature was like? Each them, touching the elephant at a diff ent place, came away fully convinced t he knew exactly what it was like. course, each of them, while he was pa ly in the right, was also badly wrong; it is with everyone whose conception Christ is based on his own limited po ers of observations and not upon a p sonal experience with Him and a co plete dedication to Him and His will. is these partial and limited conceptio of Christ and His church that cause much discord and confusion in chu groups and prevent harmony and ur from prevailing.—**The Intermediate Qu terly (F.W.B.).**

C. Paul had many wonderful things say to his people; they always looked some special message from God throu the apostle. A man asked the gr Spurgeon why it was that a mutual m ister-friend always seemed to have so new and wonderful thing to say in sermons. The great man replied, ' lives so close to the gates of heaven t he hears a great many things that don't get near enough to hear anyth about."—The Rev. C. F. Bowen.

D. **What makes a church great?**

Not soft seats and subdued lights, strong courageous leaders.

Not the sweet tones of the organ, sweet personalities that somehow refl Jesus.

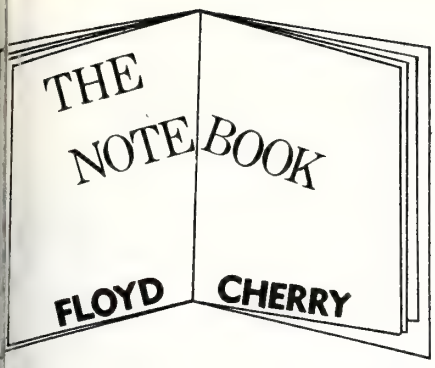
Not the tall towers with the chim and bell, but the lofty vision of its p ple.

Not a big budget, but big hearts the lives of the believers.

Not the amount of money received, the amount of service rendered in Jes name.

Not the large membership, but m bers directed by the power and Spirit God.

Not what was done in the past, what is being done now and will be d in the future.—Selected.



n the June 30 issue of the **Biblical** **order,** pastor D. E. Parkerson of Wil-ngton has an article in which he uses names of a number of our popular nns, and then shows that often we do mean the words that we sing. Al-ugh we are not quoting the entire ar-e, the following is taken from this icle in the **Biblical Recorder.**

"Anywhere with Jesus—unless it's go- to Sunday school and morning wor-p when it's raining or to prayer meet- whether it's raining or not.

"I Love to Tell the Story—and I love to ar my preacher tell it, but he had bet- not take more than 20 minutes doing

"O Jesus, I Have Promised—but surely e Lord does not expect me to live up commitments I made when I was un-r emotional stress. Surely He under-nds the difficulties of living a Chris-n life in our present world.

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship—d to talk about last Friday night's foot-ll game, laugh at a certain lady's hat, ticize the anthem, and get a 30-minute p.

"Nothing Between My Soul and the viour—except my job, my language, my bits, my hypocrisy, my selfishness, my saved friends, company on Sunday, and eekend trips and vacation.

"Lead Me to Some Soul Today—I'm nna witness to somebody someday. en though 'gonna' is not in the diction-y, 'somebody' is not in the phonebook, d 'someday' is not on the calendar.

"I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger—be-use nobody spoke to me at church. Of urse, I didn't speak to anyone either, t that's no excuse. At least 30 to 40 ople should have spoken to me any-ay.

"I Need Thee Every Hour—except this ur. Things are going my way right w, so 'maybe I'll need you later, Lord.'

"If Jesus Goes with Me—it could be nbarrassing for both of us."

CHILDREN'S HOME

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ship role in several of our denominational enterprise efforts.

Again, we say with all sincerity, "Welcome aboard, Hansleys," and we say it in the presence of God and in the presence of our Free Will Baptist denomination through the means of this article.

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A small boy was told that when visitors came to the house it was his duty to pay them some attention.

Shortly afterwards a Mrs. Daniel called, and the small boy shook hands with her politely and exclaimed in his best drawing-room manner:

"How do you do, Mrs. Daniel? I've just been reading about your husband in the den of lions."

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One father said, "When it comes to being a godly Christian counselor to my boy, I either skid or skidoo."

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Jan shook her head. " 'Miss Star Performer' in person! 'Miss Showoff' herself," she said in a whisper, but her words were carried distinctly to the girl at the piano. Linda looked up quickly, hesitated, raised her hands to the keyboard, then dropped them in her lap.

Jan's face was scarlet. She hadn't intended for Linda to hear. Now she knows how it feels to be called names, she thought, but I didn't mean to make her forget her music. Apparently only Linda and Nita had heard Jan's remark.

Nita was puzzled. She had heard so much about Linda's excellence. She isn't so good after all, she thought with almost a twinge of satisfaction. But the silence continued, and Linda looked so bewildered that Nita became uncomfortable. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered softly, "Play, Linda, play! It goes like this," and she softly hummed the opening notes of the sonata.

The sound of the melody seemed to activate Linda's memory. Her fingers responded to the long weeks of practice. There were no sidelong glances asking for approval, no affected smiles, just music that rolled out in sweet, mellow tones as Linda's fingers rippled over the keys. When the final note was played, she rose, bowed quickly, and left the stage.

Miss Houston stopped her with a hug. "You played beautifully, my dear, but what happened at the beginning?"

Linda just murmured, "Thank you," and pulled away. Before she reached the door, Ellen and Nita rushed in, followed by an embarrassed Jan.

"You never played better!" Ellen gave her a hug.

"Oh, you play so beautifully," Nita enthusiastically exclaimed.

"How can you say that? I couldn't even get started. My mind just went blank," Linda stammered.

Jan, who had been silent up to now, spoke up. "I shouldn't have said what I did, Linda. I—I'm sorry."

It was Linda's turn to be embarrassed. "I—I've been a—," she glanced at Nita, then back at Jan. "I—let's forget—let's just forget—"

Ellen, Nita, and Jan were silent. Linda caught Jan and Nita by the hands as she said, "I want all three of you to come to my house for supper. Mamma said that I could invite anybody I want."

Ellen could not understand Linda's sudden change of heart, but she was too happy to question it. Jan seemed reluctant to accept the invitation but nodded when Linda insisted.

"Oh, Linda, we'll all have a lot of fun," Nita said, ready to celebrate.

"Then run quickly and tell your mothers that you're coming to my house. And —and—Nita—," she hesitated and then spoke quickly, "will you bring your guitar? When we teach you the Just-for-Fun Club song, you can accompany us on your guitar!"—**My Pleasure.**

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Questions & Answers

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person of His Son I am as near as He.

"Dear oh so very dear, dearer to Him I could not be, for in the person of His Son I am as dear as He."—Author Unknown.

God promises to be our God and we through Christ may be His people. By His Spirit He now energizes us, and if and when we allow Him or subject our own will He fills us and in this condition works through us to completely bring about His will in our life, controlling all its motions, we then move to this glorious end. God illuminates and directs through His Word and the presence of His Holy Spirit, whom He sent and who is now present with all Christians, some of whom obey and are filled with and walk in the Spirit. Others, sad to say, like Peter on the night of Jesus' false arrest and trial, have boasted of their salvation and their loyalty, but follow "afar off" and "warm" hands at the enemy's fire. Such is disastrous to that blessed walk in the Spirit of which the Bible speaks and invites our participating.

If we want to be fruitful, if we want to grow in grace, if we want to be filled with His knowledge and His light, let us do what is suggested in the word concerning the "beggarly" things of t world system and take Christ at Word as expressed in, "Then said Je unto his disciples, If any man will co after me, let him deny himself, and ta up his cross, and follow me" (Matth 16:24). This requires walking in t Spirit.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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said, "Kitty, I forbid you ever to go out my sight." At last she gave up plans going, and married. She had two darli children. I lived next door to Doctor P cival. One day he told me that he had give up his surgeon's license because the condition of his eyes. Later he had have an operation on his eyes. When t bandages were taken from them, his doc said, "In two weeks you will be tota blind."

Dr. Percival sent for Kitty and the bab to come. He carefully felt their faces a seemed to get a mental picture of them his finger-tips. He took me out into t light and "looked at his pastor." It was sad day in our block, and everyone w weeping.

Months later I went out to lunch w Dr. Percival. I had to help feed him. he walked home I could see that he want to say something. "Say it, Doctor," I sa "Doctor Tucker," he said, "do you thi that God is retributive?" I told him I c not believe it. He said, "Tucker, I t Kitty that she could never go out of sight, but God has taken her from sight. Wherever you go, plead with pare to keep out of the way when God calls th children into His service."—*Wesleyan Me odist.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God has a job for everyone. Parer when God calls your child for a task, ple do not be a stumbling block. Someday may regret it.

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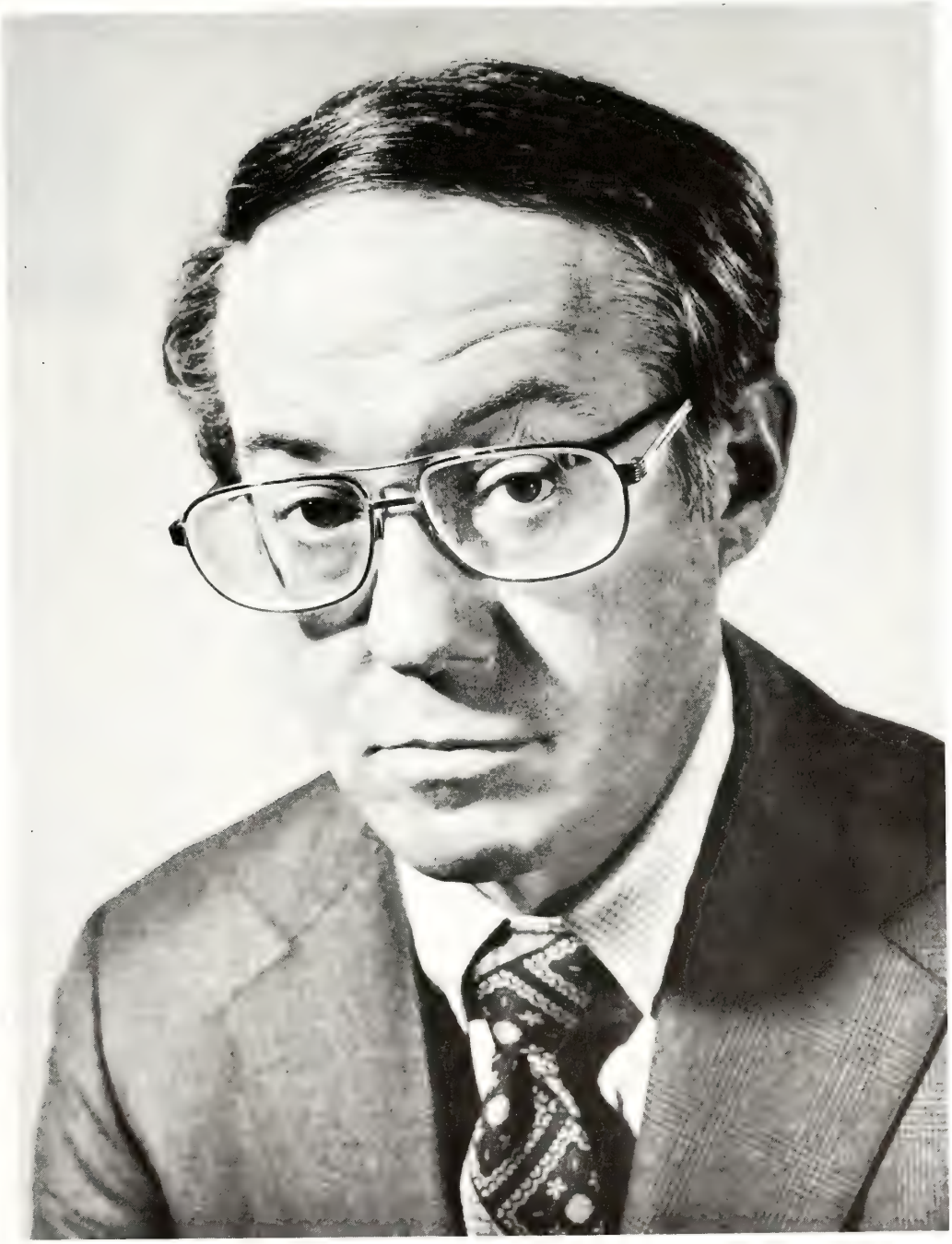

DO YOU HAVE A "BUTTERFLY COMPLEX"?

THE BUTTERFLY COMPLEX

Described by many admirers as the most beautiful and graceful of the insects, the butterfly starts out his life as an egg laid by the adult on a plant which will serve as food for the young. A sticky substance provided by nature and laid with the eggs causes them to adhere to the plant.

Caterpillars usually begin to form a few days after the eggs have been laid, and soon the worm breaks out of his shell and begins to spend the greater portion of his life eating and growing. First of all, the caterpillar eats his own eggshell; then, he eats leaves or other kinds of food to his liking, until he has grown to full size and has shed his shell-like skin four or five times.

Protruding from the mouth of the caterpillar is a short structure called the spinneret which is used by the caterpillar to squeeze out a thin stream of liquid which hardens quickly and becomes a silken thread which aids the caterpillar in attaching himself to branches, leaves, or whatever. This spinneret is also used by the caterpillar to attach himself to his resting place before he begins spinning his cocoon. He will choose the underside of a leaf or a twig for his "sleep," or pupa stage. The pupa, having already formed inside the caterpillar's body, will split the caterpillar's skin until the pupa is completely bare. A hard shell immediately forms, and the pupa hangs inactive to the twig or leaf for a period of ten days or more, during which time the structures of the caterpillar change to those of the butterfly. Many kinds of butterflies spend the whole winter in the cocoon to emerge in the spring. About thirty minutes after he leaves his pupal shell, the adult butterfly is ready to fly; and, the whole process begins again.

Butterflies vary in color and have been admired for their beauty for centuries. Called by poets "winged flowers" and "flying gems," they appear to be just that as they flit about from flower to flower pollinating them. Just why they are called butterflies is not known; however, it is speculated that their name was derived from the bright yellow color with which so many are marked.

If one is inclined to collect butterflies, there may be a future in it for him—especially if he is able to capture rare kinds and mount them properly. We have learned that the U. S. government on one occasion paid $50,000 for a single private collection which now is housed in the National Museum in Washington, D. C. A bunch of dead butterflies worth $50,000! Can you imagine that?

You are wondering, no doubt, what all this butterfly business has to do with anything! What possible significance could there be in the discussion of the metamorphosis of the butterfly and just what kind of parallel could be drawn relative to human beings? Well, consider this:

Are not many people just like the adult butterfly? As the butterfly flits from flower to flower to get its nectar, don't many individuals "flit" from church to church because they have found that some churches don't have enough "nectar" to satisfy their hunger? Isn't it often the minister's fault that he doesn't supply enough food? On the other hand, isn't it plausible to believe that it is the "butterfly's" fault that he didn't drink or eat deeply enough to get the nourishment desired and needed? When real butterflies flit from flower to flower, they do what nature intended, as the pollen from one flower sticks to their legs and bodies and they pollinate another flower when they light upon it. Can we say that their human counterparts, people who go from church to church, benefit any church program? Do they "pollinate" or make more productive the particular church where they happen to "light"? Sometimes yes, and sometimes no. . . .

There are some Christian "butterflies" who are so proud of their beauty that they don't want to mingle with the lowly "skippers," or the small, unpretentious members of the family group; therefore, they seek others of comparable "beauty," making sure in the seeking that they still stand out as the most superb and the most desirable. They are the "out-front" specimens who glory in self-esteem and pride themselves in the fact that few, if any, are their equal.

Sometimes butterflies fly between us and the sunset; and because of the glorious colors on the painted clouds, the butterflies, no matter how beautiful, become lost in the grandeur of the setting sun. Too, Christians of like caliber often fly between us and Christ and become lost in His brightness.

We may very well be "butterfly proud," but in the end we must remember—and remind ourselves, if need be—that a butterfly is merely a glorified worm. And, many jewel-bedecked, fancy-dressed, know-it-all, arrogant, would-be Christians are merely overdressed nobodies who amount to nothing when they stand close to the light of **real** Christianity.

Advice: Okay, butterfly, be careful where you fly; and "Christian," be careful lest you fry!

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"Shelter in the Time of Storm"

by
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HE sky has looked threatening all af- ternoon long. The clouds have been lling in since lunchtime, and occasion- ly I've heard an indistinct but ominous mble. Suddenly it thunders in earnest, e raindrops fall like overripe apples, nd I have a lapful of dog—thirty-five ounds of terrified, shivering cocker paniel. Earlier in the day, when I of- red to play ball, he preferred to sleep n the sofa, snoring louder than my ather ever dared. His lunch is untouch- d and I've had some dirty looks because bought a cheaper brand of dog food ather than his favorite. When he rais- d his voice in protest against two kit- ens staging a purr-in in **his** front yard, y pleas for peace and quiet were ig- ored. Even after the love pats with esterday's newspaper, he slinked off nto a corner whuffing **sotto voce;** why hould he quit just because I told him to?

All has changed now. The storm has roken and he's scared. I'm the only ne to protect him from the loud flashes nd convulsive tree branches. I don't eally mean much to him unless he wants omething—then it's **instant love.**

Why am I griping? I treat my Master he same way.

Didn't I do my hardest praying last

"Corky Joe"

month while driving through such a hard rain that I had to open a window to make sure I was on the road? What about the other days? It's either the radio or criticism of other drivers that occupies my time.

How about the fight I put up when He said, "I want you to work for me. Choose church music as a career"? I had other plans, myself. "No, thank you, God. I'd rather be a concert pianist or a piano teacher or a newspaper reporter or **anything** but an organist and choir director!" Luckily, when He wants to play ball, He doesn't let a reluctant partner change His mind. At least now I have a point in my favor when Satan throws up a roadblock: "Jesus, this thing was your idea. You know me—if I don't get help fast, I'll back out." Help is on the way before I say, "Amen."

Don't I bark too much, too? If I'm not criticizing the people who really try harder than I do, I'm criticizing my job and the unpleasant side effects. "Three for choir rehearsal five weeks in a row! Don't they know church goes on in the summertime, too?" Or, "How will I ever do a junior choir? Children **hate** me, and they're always two steps ahead of whatever I've planned!"

What about my reaction when my brand of church job didn't match what He had chosen for me? "I want to stay in my denomination, Jesus, since I'm already familiar with the teachings and with most of the people. I'd also like to work in a large church. That way I'll have a wider selection of voices to choose my choir from, and I'll also stand a better chance of finding audiences receptive to my musical preferences." His first selection was a tiny church of another denomination, with a choir that will never have more than ten members and a congregation that prefers familiar hymns. His second choice is a very large church whose services are full of musical requirements, with a congregation used to a college professor's direction, and responsibilities that leave me feeling humbly inadequate. Fortunately, with both positions came the reality that we are all brothers together in Christ, and a burning desire to prove myself worthy of my calling. Now I would gladly work anywhere. The brand doesn't matter.

Sometimes I wonder why my Master bothers to keep me at all. But then why do I keep my dog? Despite his bad habits and bad breath, his male chauvinism and mail chewing, I still love him. He really loves me too, though I'm not supposed to know it. Sometimes, when I feel that if I died I would be mourned only because there was one less person to pick on, when I can't cry because I've run out of Kleenex, Corky Joe pitty-pats up to my chair and blinks his chocolate eyes. Then he climbs up beside me, puts his head on my knee, and says through doggy ESP, "For what it's worth, kid, you're special to me."

Maybe that's why God keeps me—and all of us—around. Not that He needs our pity, of course. But maybe He gets a special pleasure when one of us steals up to His throne and says, "Believe it or not, I'm not here to ask for anything. I just wanted you to know how much I love you."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Matthew 13:3-9

A Teacher's Reconsecration

Canon Hague tells of a chaplain who was ministering to a dying boy in the last war. He asked him if he had any message for his mother. "Yes," he said, "tell her I'm dying happy." "Anything else?" "Yes, write to my Sunday school teacher." "What shall I say?" "Tell her I died a Christian, and I have never forgotten her teaching." A few weeks later the chaplain received a letter from this Sunday school teacher. It went something like this: "God have mercy upon me. Only last month I resigned from my Sunday school class, for I felt that my teaching was doing no good; and scarcely had I, through my cowardly, faithless heart, given up my appointed work than I got your letter telling me that my teaching had been the means of winning a soul to Christ. I am going back to my rector at once to tell him that I will try again in Christ's name, and I will be faithful to the end."—*Moody Monthly.*

Prayer Thought

Are we ready to throw up our hands and quit because we do not see any results in our work? You never know who might be reaping benefits from what you do, so please do the right thing.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:23, 24

Why Revival Was Blocked

I remember one town that Mr. Sankey and myself visited. For a week it seemed as if we were beating the air; there was no power in the meetings. At last, one day, I said that perhaps there was someone cultivating the unforgiving spirit. The chairman of our committee, who was sitting next to me, got up and left the meeting right in view of the audience. The arrow had hit the mark, and gone home to the heart of the chairman of the committee. He had had trouble with someone for about six months. He at once hunted up this man and asked him to forgive him. He came to me with tears in his eyes, and said: "I thank God you ever came here." That night the inquiry room was thronged. The chairman became one of the best workers I have ever known, and he has been active in Christian service ever since.—D. L. Moody, in *Prevailing Prayer.*

Prayer Thought

We cannot expect God's full blessings as long as we have ought with our fellowman. Get right with God and the other things will take care of themselves!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 30:21

The True God

A man started out through a forest so thickly covered with trees that one day he could not see the sun or sky. After traveling for a long time, he started for what he thought was home. He was so certain that his direction was right that he did not look at his compass. But when he did look at it, he was surprised to find that he was going west when he thought he was going east. He was so sure he was right that he started to throw his compass away. Then he thought, "You have never told me an untruth, and I'll trust you now." He followed the compass and came out right.

We, too, have a compass that will never tell us an untruth. It is God's Word—the Bible. If we always follow it we will be safe. Even though we think we are right, if it tells us something different then let us follow what it says for that is the only safe thing.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

We are all lost in this sinful world unless we have God's Word as our guide and compass. So, when you are traveling, don't forget your compass—God's Word, the Bible.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—John 3:30, 31

Keeping Yourself Out of Sight

A little country boy was out fishing with only a switch for a pole and a bent pin for a hook, but he was catching many fish. A city fellow who had spent much time fishing without any success, though he had the best of fishing outfit, came across the boy with his long string of fish, and he asked the boy the reason of his success. The boy said, "The secret of it all is that I keep myself out of sight." We must keep ourselves out of sight if we desire to be a blessing to others.

John the Baptist kept himself out of sight. He said of the Lord, "He must increase, but I must decrease." He went before the Lord and paved the way for Him and then he stepped aside and let the Lord receive the glory. What a wonderful picture!—*Junior Challenge.*

Prayer Thought

It is only natural to want praise for what we have done, but the greatest praise should be given to God. We should never exalt ourself above God.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:8

If Virtue Walked the Earth

Once, it is said, a Scottish preacher the modern school closed a sermon w these words, "Virtue is so attractive th if she were to become incarnate, and w the world in human form, men would f down and worship her." The pulpit of t church was occupied the same evening a different type of preacher, a huml evangelical man, who loved the gospel a crucified Redeemer. He preached Chr crucified, and at the close of his discou reminded the congregation of the sta ment made in the morning by the sen preacher, and then added, "I am sorry say that Virtue did once walk the world human form, in the person of the Lo Jesus Christ, and men, instead of falli down and worshiping Him, crucified a nailed Him to a tree."—*Heart and L Magazine.*

Prayer Thought

Are we guilty of helping crucifying J sus Christ? or do we fall down and wo ship Him? May we so live that others u be able to answer these questions and rea a favorable conclusion.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Malachi 4:2, 3

"My Sun!"

One windy day, I visited a girl, kept home by a lame hip. Her room was on t north side of a bleak house. "Poor girl," thought, "what a cheerless life is yours."

"You never have any sun," I said; "n a ray comes in at these windows. Sunshi is everything. I love it!"

"Oh," she answered, with the sweete of smiles, "my sun pours in at every windo and through every crack."

I looked surprised.

"The Sun of Righteousness," she sa softly. "Jesus—He shines in here, a makes everything bright to me."—*Selecte*

Prayer Thought

Though we may have handicaps we c see the light throw the "Sun of Righteou ness," Jesus Christ our Lord.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:36-45

A Father's Neglect

A father took his little child out into t field one Lord's Day, and, it being a h day, he lay down under a beautiful shad tree. The little child ran about gatherin wild flowers and little blades of grass, a coming to its father and saying:

"Pretty! Pretty!"

At last the father fell asleep, and whi he was sleeping the little child wandere away. When he awoke, his first thoug was:

"Where is my child?"

He looked all around, but he could n see him. He shouted at the top of h voice, but all he heard was the echo. Ru ning to a little hill, he looked around a

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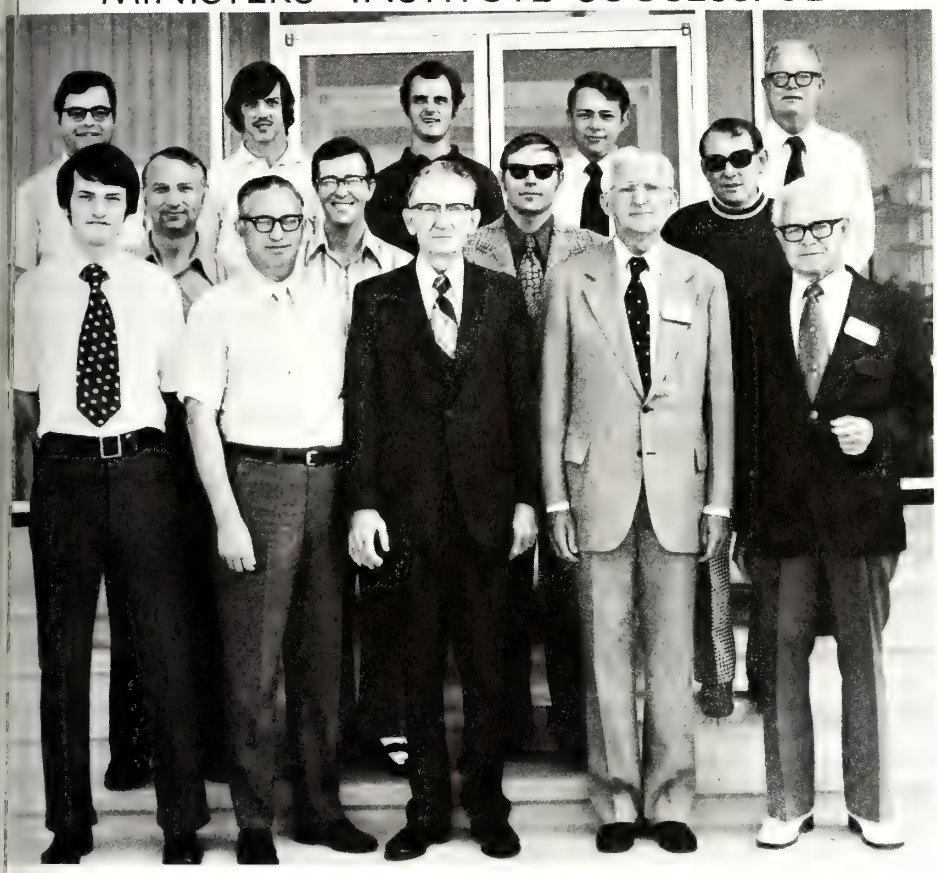
Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE SUCCESSFUL



The Ministers' Institute held at Mount Olive College by the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists, August 6-10, 1973, was a successful and enjoyable experience by all who attended. The theme of the institute was on preaching and its relevance to meeting human needs. Dr. John W. Carlton, professor of homiletics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, lectured each day on the significance and purpose of preaching, with particular attention given to the preparation and delivery of sermons. Dr. Carlton also preached each night of the institute.

Pictured are the participants with the exception of Dr. Michael Pelt and the Rev. Ray Wells, who were not present when the picture was made. First row (left to right): the Revs. Marvin Waters, Robert Rollins, Carol Hansley, Dr. John W. Carlton, and R. P. Harris. Second row: the Rev. Frank Harrison, Dee Hillyer, Joe Barrow, and Sheldon Howard. Third row: the Revs. Carlton Lucas, Frank Grubbs, Harry Grubbs, De Wayne Eakes, and Eddie Edwards.

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NIGHT COURSES IN RELIGION

As a service to churches, it is the policy of Mount Olive College to make a special provision for Christian workers to enroll in night courses in religion. For those who wish to enroll in these courses, there is a special rate of $10 per course whether taken for credit or audit.

There will be two night courses in religion during the fall semester:

Monday Nights: "Preaching and Pastoral Care" taught by the Rev. Frank Harrison (7 p.m., Henderson Building, room 115). Registration will remain open through September 10. (Class will not meet Labor Day, September 3.)

Thursday Nights: "Introduction to the Old Testament" taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard (7 p.m., Henderson Building, room 209). Registration will remain open through September 6.

Interested persons may enroll at the regular class period.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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shouted again. No response! Then going to a precipice at some distance, he looked down, and there, upon the rocks and briars, he saw the mangled form of his loved child. He rushed to the spot, took up the lifeless corpse, and hugged it to his bosom, and accused himself of being the murderer of his child. While he was sleeping his child had wandered over the precipice.

I thought as I read that, what a picture of the church of God! How many fathers and mothers, how many Christian men and women, are sleeping now while their children wander over the terrible precipice right into the bottomless pit!—D. L. Moody.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do not be guilty of sleeping or wasting away your time while the youth of our country is being engulfed by the evils of this world.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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Public opinion is just private opinion that makes enough noise to attract attention.

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Are you behind on your correspondence? Find the time to write one letter a day; who knows what cheer you may bring?

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Jackson Heights Church Revival and Homecoming

The Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, announces fall revival services for the week of September 10-15, beginning each evening at 7:30. The guest minister will be the Rev. Rudy Shepard, Cove City, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Flowers, will assist in these services.

On Sunday, September 16, following the revival, the church will observe its annual homecoming. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend both the revival and homecoming and enjoy a week of Christian fellowship together.

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Church Extension Department Financial Report

The Rev. Taylor Hill, secretary-treasurer of the Church Extension Department of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, gives the following financial report through July, 1973:

Receipts

Aspen Grove Church	$ 55.17
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries	563.97
Bethany Church	57.93
Black Jack Church	591.92
Hubert Burress	10.00
Crab Point Church	50.00
Conners Homes (Ref.)	150.00
Eastwood Church	550.00
Elm Grove Church	150.00
Everett's Chapel Sunday School	200.00
Fifth Union Meeting	15.00
Free Union Church	157.26
J. M. Furlough Jr.	25.00
First Church, Greenville	300.00
Gum Neck Sunday School	25.00
Cora Mitchell Sunday School Class	25.00
Hickory Chapel Church	105.39
Holly Springs Church	707.31
North Carolina Missions	487.28
Pleasant Hill Church	80.00
Pleasant Plain Church	75.00
Piedmont Conference	100.00
Powhatan Church	50.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	45.00
East Rockingham Church	50.00
Mrs. Ada Sasser	20.00
St. Mary's Church (Kenly)	175.13
Grayson Spencer	20.00
Floyd Smith	20.00
First Church, Tarboro	111.35
Tee's Chapel Church	50.00
Victory Mission	25.00
Virginia Beach Church	50.00
Wooten's Chapel Church	138.16
Total Receipts	5,255.87
Expenditures	4,573.10
Balance on Hand	$ 682.77

Please send all contributions for Church Extension to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305 (Phone 485-3980).

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Smyrna Church Announces Homecoming and Revival

Sunday, September 2, the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming with the pastor, the Rev. David A. Stilley, bringing the homecoming message. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served by the church. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a service of worship and fellowship together.

Following homecoming, Smyrna church will begin its fall revival on Monc evening, September 3, and contir throughout the week. Services will gin each evening at 7:45 with the R Rudy Shepard, Cove City, North Caroli as the visiting evangelist. He will assisted each evening by the past Along with good preaching, special n sic will be rendered each evening wit special invitation for visiting singers attend and participate in the service

The pastor and the church congre tion extend to everyone a cordial invi tion to attend all these services th possibly can.

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N. C. State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Tarboro Church

The sixty-first session of the Nor Carolina State Convention of Origin Free Will Baptists will convene with t First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarbor North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursda September 12, 13, 1973. The schedul program is as follows:

Wednesday, September 12

Morning Session

8:30—Registration of Ministers a Delegates

9:30—Convention Called to Order, t Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr., Secretary

—Congregational Singing, the Re J. B. Starnes, Director

—Scripture and Prayer, the Re Ray Wells

9:50—Address of Welcome, Dr. E. Roberson, Mayor of Tarboro, an Mr. Billy W. Trevathan, Chairma of Tarboro Church Board

—Response, Mr. Sam Weeks

9:55—Partial Report of Credential Committee

—Recognition of Visitors

—Appointment of Committees

Coming Events . . .

September 3—Central Conference Lay man's League Fellowship, Gum Swam Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6 Greenville, North Carolina, 8 p.m.

September 12, 13—North Carolina Stat Convention of Original Free Will Bap tists, First Free Will Baptist Church Tarboro

September 20—Eastern District Woman' Auxiliary Convention, Smith's Nev Home Church, Deep Run, North Caro lina

September 22—Eastern District Youl Convention, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church New Bern, North Carolina

:05—President's Message, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry
:20—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
:30—Report of State Sunday School Convention
:40—Report of Mount Olive College
:00—Morning Worship Service:
Congregation Singing
Special Music
Offering for Mount Olive College
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison
:00—Noon Recess

Afternoon Session

:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Davie Brinson
:15—Representative from the Christian Action League
:30—Representative from General Baptists
:45—Report from General Conference, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
:00—Business Session:
Report of Executive Committee
Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Report of North Carolina Ministerial Association
Report of the State League Convention
Report of State Mission Board
Report of Church Extension Board
Report of State Superannuation Board
Report of Chaplain's Commission
Report of Church Finance Association

Evening Session

7:30—Missionary Rally, Under Direction of Mission Board

Thursday, September 13

Morning Session

9:30—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Gary Bailey
9:45—Business Session:
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Cragmont Assembly
Report of Layman's League Board
Report of Historical Commission
0:45—Miscellaneous Business
1:00—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home
1:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Offering for Children's Home
Special Appreciation Service for Former Officers of the Convention
12:00—Noon Recess

Afternoon Session

1:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
1:45—Business Session:
Report of Committee on Scouting
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Nominating Committee
Report of Treasurer
Miscellaneous Business
3:15—Adjournment and Benediction

Song Leader: the Rev. J. B. Starnes
Pianist: the Rev. Clyde Cox
Organist: Mr. Tommy Manning

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Pleasant Plain Sunday School Elects Officers and Teachers

The Sunday School of Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, elected the following officers and teachers in a recent election. They are to serve for the coming school year.

Superintendent, Derward Jones; Assistant, Treat Brown
Secretary, Edith Brown; Assistant, Hazel Hatcher
Pianist, Laylen Boykin; Organist, Joy Foster
Junior Choir Leader, Derward Jones; Assistant, Shelby Jones
Song Leader, Charles Brown
Beginner Teacher, Joyce Foster; Assistant, Nellie Foster
Junior Teachers (Alternate), Peggy Jones and Laylen Boykin
Intermediate Teacher, Eleanor Creech; Assistant, Hilda Pace
Teen-Age Teacher, Nancy Foster; Assistant, Roland Hatcher
Young Adult Teachers (Alternate) Ruby Griffin, Lola Brown, Gladys Hartley, and Odell Foster
Bible Class Teacher, Annie Taylor; Assistant, Eddie Brown

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Homecoming and Singspiration At Hillsberry Church

Homecoming services will be observed by the Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, Sunday, September 2. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the worship hour by the pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker. A picnic lunch will be served by the church at the noon hour.

In the afternoon a songfest has been planned featuring "The Countrymen." The pastor and the congregation extend a warm invitation to everyone to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Martin To Be Honored at Reception

The Rev. W. A. Martin, pastor of Smyrna Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina, and Mrs. Martin will be honored at a reception at the church on Sunday, September 2, at five o'clock. The church is located on Highway 96, east of Meadow. The occasion will mark the 20th anniversary of Mr. Martin's pastorate of the church. The church membership cordially invites the public to attend this special occasion.

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Homecoming and Revival Scheduled For Sts. Delight Church

The Sts. Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Aurora Road, just outside the city limits of Bridgeton, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 2, to be followed with revival services starting September 3, and continuing through September 8. The guest evangelist for the revival will be the Rev. Lloyd Gore, pastor of Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, assisting. The church membership wish to extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend both the homecoming and the revival services. The revival promises to be a success with good gospel preaching each evening along with special music.

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Spring Branch Church Announces Fall Revival

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina, announces fall revival services for the week of September 3-8, with the Rev. David C. Hansley as the guest minister. Special singing will be a feature of each service by visiting choirs and special groups. The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, will assist in the services which begin nightly at 7:45. He and the church membership cordially invite the public to attend and enjoy the good singing and the old-time preaching.

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Free Union Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Spring Hope, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of September 3-8. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Lester Duncan, will

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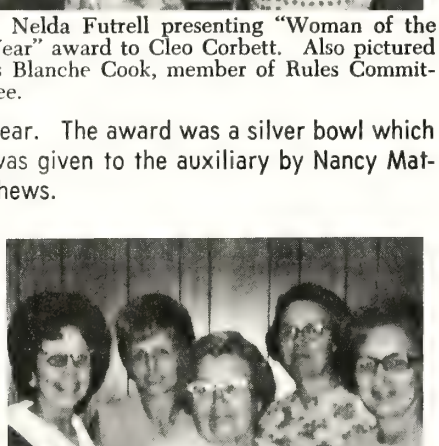
our Church Auxiliaries

Wilson "Woman of The Year" Honored

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, in its August meeting presented the "Woman of the Year" award to Cleo Corbett. Mrs. Corbett has served as president of the auxiliary during the past year. The award was a silver bowl which was given to the auxiliary by Nancy Matthews.

Nelda Futrell presenting "Woman of the Year" award to Cleo Corbett. Also pictured is Blanche Cook, member of Rules Committee.



Perfect attendance during the past year (left to right): Muriel Tomlinson, Dot Suggs, Selma Bass, Cleo Corbett, and Edna Parsons.

Also receiving honors during the August meeting were five auxiliary members pictured above who have had perfect attendance during the past year. They are Muriel Tomlinson, Dot Suggs, Selma Bass, Cleo Corbett, and Edna Parsons.

(Due to an error in printing, the pictures for this article were omitted in last week's issue of the "Baptist"; therefore, we are reprinting the article this week.—The Editor.)

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Attention, Auxiliary Vice-Presidents of the Eastern District!

In our last district meeting the report of the enlistment chairman (which is the vice-president's work) showed that at the beginning of the year, 1972, there were 1,015 enrolled in the auxiliaries in the Eastern District with an average attendance of 678—a drop of over 300 from our rolls. This is heartbreaking, and we need to get busy and get our women to join or rejoin our auxiliaries.

I am sure we have some women (young adults) in our churches who would like to meet with us women, but do not have a way to get to the meetings. This is where we, as vice-presidents, can work. We can use our car to make visits, use the telephone, send cards, and use various other methods to get to these women and let them know that we need them and they need us. Also, we can assure them that someone will pick them up and carry them to the meetings if they do not have any way to go. We can assure them that our meetings are full of love and spiritual blessings which we need to share with others.

God has blessed each one of us with spiritual gifts as well as material gifts. When we all work together and use these gifts to glorify Him, we can accomplish great things. Yes, we vice-presidents have a job to do that is very important to our auxiliary and to our church. We need to prepare for tomorrow for there is much to be done, and it takes all of us working together in the Lord's work to get the job done. Can I count on you, vice-presidents? Can we all say with Paul, ". . . we are labourers together with God: . . ."? (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy, **Vice-President Eastern District Auxiliary Convention**

WE THANK YOU!

The Senior Sunday School Class Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Churc Bethel, North Carolina, would like thank everyone who helped us stop Mr Madalyn E. Murray O'Hair from maki it illegal for the astronauts to read fro the Bible from their spacecraft as th did in December, 1968. A total of 2 407 signatures was secured by the dea line of July 30, 1973. These signatur came from North Carolina, South Car lina, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Ca fornia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Wi consin, Texas, **Germany,** and **England.** total of $623.05 was collected to me expenses. The donors were:

Mrs. Athelene Whitehurst	$ 25.0
Timothy Copeland	31.6
Mrs. L. R. Caroon	100.0
Others	2.4
Hickory Grove Church	165.0
Winterville Church	25.0
New Haven Church	16.0
Stancil's Chapel	5.0
Daniels Chapel	14.0
Riverside Church	18.0
Harrell's Chapel	26.0
Marlboro Church	10.0
Aspen Grove Church	35.0
Ormondsville Church	25.0
Oak Grove Church (Vanceboro)	20.0
Oak Grove Church (Bladenboro)	25.0
Friendship Church (Greene County)	30.0
Sarecta Church	20.0
St. Mary's Church	25.0
Holly Springs Church	5.0

We would like to thank the Free Wi Baptist people for their cooperation an hard work. We will continue to suppor the Lord's work as long as we can.

—Timothy Copeland, **President**

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For an hour and a half the pasto droned on with his fervent sermon. Fin ally he asked: "What more can I say?"

There was a pause. Then from th rear pew: "You might say Amen."

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

A CALL TO ARMS

by Danny Davis
Bladenboro, N. C.

"eloved, when I gave all diligence to unto you of common salvation, it was ful for me to write unto you, and ex- you that ye should earnestly contend he faith which was delivered unto the s" (Jude 3).

HERE is a saying that a man who loves sheep will fight wolves. But today have stopped fighting the wolves our ers and grandfathers fought, because think those saints like Bob Jones and rs were too strict or too funda- tal. There has never been a time in history of our country when it was e important to stand for principle it is today. To spread the gospel not take sides against wrong is a We are told to stand for something. trouble in our country today is that ple have sacrificed the principle of t on the altar of contemporary con- ience.

hristians, look around you today. Li- r stores are everywhere, people run- g around naked, young girls puffing cigarettes, marijuana flowing every- ere, and boys whose hair covers their lders do not realize that this effimi- cy is breaking down the masculinity the American male. Check the Con- ssional record and you find that this communistic goal.

et's look back at some preachers of **Charles Finney**—He always tore into sinners that sat before him, and r 250,000 souls were won for Christ New York state in a few short years. **athan Edwards**—His sermon, "Sinners the Hands of an Angry God," was so verful it is said that men held on to back of pews to keep from falling o hell. **D. L. Moody**—How often did offend people with his bold preach- ? But he won souls! **R. A. Torrey**— rey preached against dancing and the vies. **Billy Sunday**—After Billy Sunday nt through a town, saloons were sed. **John Wesley**—He slapped the mmunion glass out of a woman's hand because she wasn't living right and was not worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper. **Bob Jones**—He blistered Satan and liberals and was criticized because he refused to be the kind of preacher that his cowardly times demanded. When these men went to meet their Maker, they stood face-to-face and foursquare—men of conviction, not compromising.

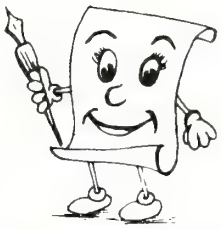
Will we be thanked for our concern for the faith of Christians? Probably not. You might say like Jeremiah, "Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me" (Jeremiah 15:10). If we have anywhere near the fire in our hearts that those old men of bygone days had, then we're going to be slandered and abused. But shall we say as Billy Sunday said, "I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot. I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist. I'll butt it as long as I've got a head. I'll bite it as long as I've got a tooth. When I'm old and fistless and footless and toothless, I'll gum it till I go home to glory and it goes home to perdition."

Does this sound like the new "social gospel"? Shucks no! Several years ago R. G. Lee said in a sermon to a group of young ministers, "When preaching gets out of date, Christianity will be out of date. Preaching must be magnificent not mediocre." Are Paul's epistles out of date? He preached against lying, drunkenness, adultery, and even talking and jesting.

Christians, let's be against sin even if hell's guns are turned on us. If all the Christians in America would fight sin as hard as these great men of old did, we might be able to hold the tide of destructive influence that is sweeping over our land.

May God bring up men of conviction is my prayer in Christ Jesus.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Confucius didn't plan to start a new religion. Disturbed at the moral decay among his people, he felt sure a return to the ways of their ancestors would bring peace and prosperity. He taught the power of example, and believed a ruler should live an exemplary life before his subjects. His teachings were moral and not religious.

He introduced reforms, dispensed justice fairly, and almost wiped out crime as minister of state of his native Lu. Jealousy caused his dismissal, and he never secured another public office.

He left no teachings on the soul or immortality. "You do not know about the living," he said. "How can you know about the dead?" He taught that proper outward acts based on the five virtues of kindness, uprightness, decorum, wisdom, and faithfulness comprise the whole duty of man.

"Love people," Confucius taught. But many of his teachings were in negative terms, which may have been proper in his day of feudalism, intrigue, and vice. He almost had the Golden Rule when he said, "Do not to others what you would not have them do to you." Don't steal my rice or I will steal your grain. Don't slap my face or I will slap you back. Don't kill my servant or I will kill yours.

But Christianity is not a negative religion. Jesus did not teach that we should retaliate for wrongdoings. He said, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6: 31). You do it first. Smile so your neighbor will smile. Respect his property because you want him to respect yours. Help without being asked.

"Don't do anything to me that you don't want me to do to you."

"Treat me like you want to be treated."

How different they are! One is based on man's morality; the other is based on God's goodness. Confucius' way is easier, but Jesus' way is better.

Dedication of Radio Station HLDA, Cheju, Korea

Three significant milestones in its history were observed within five days by the Far East Broadcasting Company, whose headquarters are located in Whittier, California. These were: first, the dedication of the superpower 250,000 watt transmitter, Radio Station HLDA, Cheju Island, South Korea, on June 30; second, the dedication of its new studios and offices in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong on July 2; and, third, the Silver Jubilee of its ministry in the Philippine Islands on July 4. "This threefold advance for the broadcasting of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ marks one of the most significant weeks in FEBC's entire history," declared FEBC's president, Dr. Robert H. Bowman.

Operating at 1570 kilocycles on the standard broadcast band, HLDA will, when fully operational, broadcast 11 hours daily in Mandarin to mainland China; 6 hours daily in Korean to Korea; 4 hours daily in Japanese to Japan; and 1½ hours daily in Russian to eastern Russia. Located at the ocean's edge on Cheju Island, eighty miles off the coast of South Korea, the station enjoys a clear beam to mainland China, and to other nations of Asia.

Dedicatory addresses were delivered by Dr. Robert H. Bowman, FEBC's president of Whittier, California; and Dr. Tchi Young Yun of Seoul, Korea, prominent Korean government personality.

FEBC's director for Korea is the Rev. Billy Kim, of Suwon, who served as personal interpreter to Dr. Billy Graham in the recent Seoul, Korea, crusades, which began with an attendance of 546,000 and closed with 1.1 million on Yoido Island in the Han River.

Two days later, on July 2, the dedication of FEBC's new studios and offices in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong took place. The Rev. John Lin, director for Hong Kong, noted with gratitude that the financing of the studio purchase and construction had been covered completely by local funds. The address of dedication was again delivered by President Dr. Robert H. Bowman, who paid tribute to the zeal and dedication of the Board of the Christian Broadcasting Association of Hong Kong, under the chairmanship of Dr. Philip Teng.

Filipino-American Friendship Day, July 4, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of FEBC's operations in the Philippines. The broadcasting ministry was founded a quarter century ago through the faith, vision, and courage of three young men from the Los Angeles area—Robert H. Bowman, John C. Broger, and William J. Roberts—who pooled their resources of $1,000 and, under the blessing of God, brought a single 1,000 watt station into being at Manila in the brief period of six months.

Under bright tropical skies approximately 3,000 gathered from near and far at Christian Radio City Manila to praise God for a quarter century of divine blessing. Music was provided by a staff choir, as well as by a colorfully garbed international choir representing transmission to various lands of Southeast Asia.

The anniversary address was delivered by Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, FEBC's executive director, of Whittier, California. While paying tribute to the courage and faith of stalwart pioneers who a quarter century ago brought FEBC into being at Manila, he also pointed to the continued blessing of God and implored His grace for FEBC's further gospel outreach by means of radio and television during the coming quarter century, and beyond.

Special service awards were presented to employees of twenty years and more, and twenty-five years and more, in the service of the company.

The Far East Broadcasting Company currently owns and operates twenty-two gospel broadcasting stations located in the Philippines; Okinawa, Japan; the Seychelles Islands in the South Indian Ocean; Korea; and San Francisco, California.

NOTICE

The laundry building at the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, was destroyed by fire, Wednesday night, August 22, about 9 p. m. The cause of the blaze is undetermined at this time, but the loss is estimated at $25,000. Superintendent Weeks reports that no one was injured in the fire.

NEWS NOTES

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assist in the services which will fea good preaching and special music evening.

On Sunday, September 9, Free U will observe its annual homecoming a picnic lunch served by the churc the noon hour.

The pastor and the church member extend a cordial invitation to the pu to attend the revival services and much in prayer for the success of meeting. Also all former pastors members, as well as friends and visit are invited to attend the homecom service and enjoy a day of worship Christian fellowship.

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Revival Services Scheduled For Piney Grove Church

The Piney Grove Free Will Bap Church, Albertson, North Carolina, pl a weekend revival beginning Thurs evening, August 30, and contin through Saturday evening, Septembe The services will begin each evenin eight o'clock with the Rev. Lloyd G of Morehead City, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rodney Wilson, will assist in the servi He and the church membership exten cordial invitation to the public to att these services.

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Cape Fear Youth Revival Cancelled

The Cape Fear youth revival plan for August 30 and 31 has been cance and will be scheduled for a later d so states Gail Denning, district yo chairman.

She also stated that the Saturday, tember 1, Youth Rally will be held planned at St. Mary's Grove Free Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, N Carolina, beginning at 8 p.m.

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NOTICE!

The Free Will Baptist Press Founda and its bookstores at Smithfield, Bern, and Wilson will be closed Mon September 3, in observance of Labor They will all be open Tuesday, Septem 4, at the usual hours. Thank you.

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The line between failure and succ is so fine that we scarcely know w we pass it—so fine that we are o on the line and we do not know it.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Do we not assume too much n we send Christian missionaries to ert people to Christianity when they a religion and a culture of their ?

nswer: Indeed, no! As servants of st we have marching orders from and the Bible is clear in its teach- that the heathen is lost. "But ye receive power, after that the Holy st is come upon you: and ye shall be esses unto me both in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth" s 1:8); "And Jesus came and spake them, saying, All power is given me in heaven and in earth. Go ye efore, and teach all nations, baptiz- them in the name of the Father, and e Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teach- them to observe all things whatso- I have commanded you: and, lo, I with you alway, even unto the end of world. . . ." (Matthew 28:18-20); d he said unto them, Go ye into all world, and preach the gospel to every ture. He that believeth and is bap- d shall be saved; but he that believ- not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The ant is not greater than his lord; her he that is sent greater than he sent him. If ye know these things, py are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 17); "For we being many are one ad, and one body: for we are all par- ers of that one bread. . . . But I say, the things which the Gentiles sacri- , they sacrifice to devils, and not to : and I would not that ye should have owship with devils. . . . For the earth the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. . Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory God" (1 Corinthians 10:17, 20, 26, ; "But I would have you know, that head of every man is Christ; and the d of the woman is the man; and the d of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11: 3

No unsaved person regardless to his morals and religion will go to heaven. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6); "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23, 24); "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:3, 5, 36); "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31); "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

The natural or once born man cannot think or reason himself back to God and His favor, but must have outside help; and the only tangible means by which he may do this is the Word of God. The lost person must have the Word by which he is enabled to hear the voice of God and be brought into the way of or right relationship with God. The backslider must return to God by the one and same medium, otherwise he will remain in his backslidden condition. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:16-18); "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26); "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5); "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3); "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. . . . And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:17, 19); "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22, 23).

One who turns to God in the conviction that comes to him by receiving the Word faithfully given forth by the saints of God and lives according to the Bible's message will be satisfied and happy inspite of the opposition and the influence exerted by the world, the flesh, and the devil. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isaiah 26:3, 4); "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119: 11, 105); "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

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STORIES

for our youth

MEN OF COURAGE

by Virgie Lee Moline

STEVE CARTER walked slowly down the leaf-cluttered street, kicking absently at a stone here and there. To anyone watching, it was plain that he was deep in thought.

"Hello, Steve." A voice beside him caused him to stop short. Looking up, he saw his Sunday school teacher.

"Oh, hi, Mr. Jacobs. Nice day, huh?"

"Yes, Steve, a glorious day, and I'm surprised to see you wasting it. I thought the CYC'ers were going to rake the parsonage lawn this afternoon."

"Yes, we are," Steve replied. "I'm on my way, but I got to thinking about Tom and what he said this morning. He sure doesn't care about church or Jesus or anything like that."

Mr. Jacobs opened the yard gate and invited Steve in. "Let's go up on the porch and talk about it. I've worked on these rose bushes long enough." They walked to the house and sat down on the steps. Mr. Jacobs began, "What did Tom say, Steve?"

"Well, he wanted me to play football this afternoon, and I told him about raking the leaves. I explained that since I belong to the CYC, I was **expected** to be there, and because I love the Lord I **wanted** to go. Tom just laughed, and insisted that it was sissy to be a Christian. I know he's wrong, but I didn't know just what to say to prove my point. It bothers me 'cause Tom's a swell guy, and I'd like to see him on Jesus' team."

"I'm so glad you let your Lord lead you this afternoon, Steve," said Mr. Jacobs. "Do you suppose you could get Tom to come to Sunday school tomorrow? Our lesson is about some men who were anything but sissies."

"That would be wonderful!" was Steve's eager reply. Then he added, "He'd never come. I just **know** he wouldn't."

"Steve, let's ask Jesus now to help you to say the right thing to interest Tom enough to make him want to come." When they had finished, Steve was smiling, confident that Jesus would make a way. Then, thanking Mr. Jacobs for his help, he ran down the walk, to do his share of leaf-raking.

The next morning a beaming Steve and a rather bewildered Tom took their places in class. The lesson that day was "Men of Courage." Mr. Jacobs pointed out that it took real courage to follow Jesus years ago, and that many of those who love Him today are faced with great danger as they serve Him.

"Jesus' brother, James, and James the son of Zebedee, were killed by angry mobs in Jerusalem; Philip was hanged; the people crucified Andrew; Thaddeus was shot and killed with arrows; and Peter was crucified with his head downward, because he didn't feel worthy to die as Jesus had."

Steve stole a glance at Tom. He seemed to be really interested in what Mr. Jacobs was saying.

"Only John escaped being tortured to death, and even at that, he died in exile. This is a wonderful record for eleven men who once ran to hide rather than stand and be counted.

"Later on, we see that church doors were closed on our own John Wesley, and William Tyndale was burned at the stake. In this church there is a family whose son was killed on a mission field in South America by the very people he had gone to serve. During the Korean War our Pastor Dawson was a chaplain. Many times he visited the sick and wounded right at the front lines. haps you boys didn't know this, b chaplain doesn't carry any weapon t fend himself."

Tom was listening eagerly, and v Mr. Jacobs asked the boys for their i he paid careful attention. Then, v class was dismissed, he hung back, ing Steve, "Is all this on the level?"

"Yes, Tom, it surely is. You can about Jesus and His disciples in the ble. You know, that's God's own W to us."

"I've been told that," Tom rep "Say, Steve, I'm coming back next w and I know some other fellows I thi can bring, too. I want to know m about Jesus. If men will defend the p lege to follow Him with their lives—v that takes **real men.** I'm pretty sure like to follow Him, too."

As the boys walked past Mr. Jac Steve looked up with a big smile said quietly, "Thanks a lot."

Mr. Jacobs smiled back, in his h grateful for boys like Steve, who l Jesus so much that they made sure t like Tom met Him.—**The Free Metho**

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ALVIN LEARNS FORGIVENESS

by Gertrude A. Gray

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH v over, and everyone was hurr home. It didn't take Mother long to dinner, for she had planned it the before.

The family soon gathered around table, where Father asked God's bl ing on the food. But Alvin wasn't h gry. He ate slowly, which wasn't usual custom, and he seemed very so However, dinner progressed as us after which Father went to take his while Mother and the girls washed dishes. Then Mother called the chil into the front room for their Sunday ternoon story.

"Alvin," Mother began, "what's trouble? You don't look very happy.

Tears came to Alvin's eyes, but wiped them away—he didn't want older sisters to see him. "My Sun school teacher," he explained, "wa very nice today. Several of the fell were noisy in class, and teacher told to be quiet. I hadn't said a word. **Isn't fair!"**

Mother smiled, but went on with

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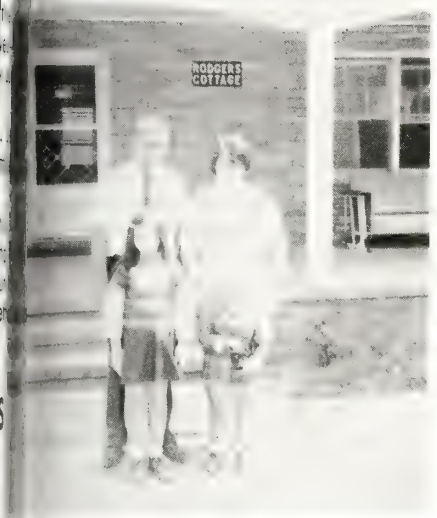

he Allen family, left to right (back ro): Thomas and Mary; (front row): Annette and Kathy.

Shown in the picture above is the Thomas Allen family. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are now houseparents in Rodgers Cottage. Prior to coming to the home, Mr. Allen worked for Barlow's Grocery in Clayton, North Carolina, and Mrs. Allen was a housewife. They have two daughters, Annette 8 and Kathy 3. "We have enjoyed the Rodgers Cottage boys so far," says Mrs. Allen. One thing is certain, the boys enjoy having a man in the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen grew up in Wake County in the Clayton-Wendell area and lived in that area until they moved to the Home. They have been at the Home for a month now and both are doing a good job. Pray for them as they try to build young boys into manhood. We are proud to have them on our staff.

Mr. Allen, in addition to being houseparent at Rodgers, is also in charge of grounds and outside maintenance. Mrs. Allen's hands are full, being a mother to the children in Rodgers Cottage. Again, we ask your prayers and support in their work at the Home.

NEW HOUSEPARENT

Mrs. Maybell Williams came to the Children's Home in May of this year. At present, she is houseparent in Albemarle II Cottage. Mrs. Williams is from Wilson, North Carolina. She has one daughter, Ann, who is married to Mr. Thomas H. Baker. She and her husband attend Campbell College at Buies Creek. Mrs. Williams is a devout Christian lady and is very dedicated to her work. She has her hands full with twelve adolescent boys; so, remember her in your prayers.

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Visiting Group From Gum Swamp Church

The Home was honored by a visit from members of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, on Sunday, August 12. The group consisted of the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Little, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Forbes. Eight children belonging to the four couples visited the Home also. The visitors presented several cases of pickled cucumbers to the Home, which were prepared this year by members of the Crusader's Sunday School Class. Helping in this project also, but not present for the visit, were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Flynn.

We sincerely thank this group for visiting with us and for taking their time in the preparation of the pickles. Please come and visit us again real soon.

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Be good to your neighbors. A friendly neighborhood helps to make a friendly town, and this outreach can circle wider and wider.

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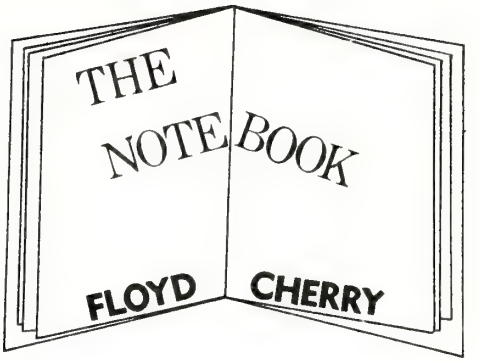
The remarkable thing about family pride is that so many people can be so proud of so little.



A sign in front of a small church in Fort Worth, Texas, reads: "A Church Where the Handicapped Can Grow and Serve."

It seems that this church has caught something of the real ministry of the church to its members. Of course, one of the primary functions of the church is to reach the unsaved, but it also has a ministry to its own people. A church's "own people" are not a group of perfect people, but a group of people who have weaknesses—a group of spiritually handicapped people who need help to grow and serve.

Too often we become enthusiastic about reaching the lost, and forget that after they accept the Lord and become members of the church they still need help. There is not one member of your church or mine that does not need help, and this includes the pastor. We need the inspiration that comes of Christian fellowship; we need the strength that comes of corporate worship; we need the love that only the church family can give; and, we need the sense of belonging that comes of working with others. A church is foolish to forget the needs of its own members.

Many years ago, the bulletin board in front of the First Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, carried this statement: "I am not what I ought to be; but, I am not what I used to be; and, I am not what I am going to be." We do not believe that one becomes a Christian by the process of growth. One becomes a Christian by being born again. But when one is born into the kingdom of God, he needs to realize that God expects him to grow, and one of the purposes of the church is to help people to grow.

Every church should have a twofold program. One part of the program of the church should be designed to reach the lost in the community, and the other part should be deliberately designed to help the saved ones to grow that they might become the mature Christians that it is possible for them to become.

God's Wisdom for Man's Folly

Printed Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2: 9-13

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:18

I. INTRODUCTION

Never before in the history of the world has the wisdom of man been greater than in our day. The genius of man's wisdom in the past fifty years has outstridden all the former displays of his genius for the past two thousand years. Space will not afford us the privilege of listing a mere fraction of the products of man's mind. These would include all the scientific discoveries, the medical miracles, the amazing mechanizations, and all other things that have either contributed to the good of man or aided his downfall. There is no question about it: Man has done a big job of it.

But man's wisdom at its highest and best fades into insignificance in comparison to the wisdom of God. Long before man brought into reality the artifacts of which he boasts, God had fashioned out of nothing the implements and raw materials which man has used. The earth and the air above our heads, the seas and the primeval lands, all held the basic stuff which man had so skillfully developed into something useful and beautiful. But it was God who first put it there. In comparison, man's greatest wisdom is nothing short of sheer folly beside the wisdom of God Almighty.

Perhaps the best demonstration of man's folly and God's wisdom is seen in the realm of the spiritual. The worldly wise man, in his folly, despises the wisdom of God as seen in the story of salvation. But let our lesson show this—**The Bible Student (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Knowledge is facts and wisdom is how properly to use these facts in making judgments and decisions. A man may amass a great many facts, but only God can give the ability to know how to use these facts.

B. Education, as a whole, today seems to be leaving out the Bible. Yet it is the source of all learning. No one can be well educated without some knowledge of the Bible.

C. Read the Bible and meditate on its words. Let the Holy Spirit illumine its truth to your heart and mind. This is the way to wisdom.

D. How can a man with the natural mind expect to understand the Bible, which is a supernatural Book? The only answer is to allow the Holy Spirit to illumine the mind so that one can understand it.

E. Is a man being wise to listen to those who would cast doubts on the Word of God, which is the source of wisdom?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. After listening to a gospel address, an infidel asked permission to speak. Permission being granted he spoke as follows: "Friends, I don't believe what this man has said; I don't believe in hell; I don't believe in judgment; I don't believe in God; for I never saw one of them."

When he sat down another man arose and said: "Friends, you say there is a river not far from this place. It is untrue. You tell me there are trees and grass growing round where I am standing. That also is not true. You say there are a great number of people standing here. Again I say that this is not true. There is no one here save myself. I suppose you wonder what I am talking about, but I was born blind; I never saw any of you; and while I talk it only shows that I am blind, or I would not say such things. And you," he said turning to the infidel, "the more you talk, the more you expose your ignorance, because you are spiritually blind. Pray that your eyes may be opened."—**Prophetic News.**

B. Some years ago there was a great fire in Dublin. A high block of buildings were alighted below, and the fire was working its way up to the top of buildings very rapidly. A number people were at the windows above ing out for help. The fire truck heard coming in the distance, and crowd of anxious people gave a cl of hope, but imagine their dismay w it was found the fire escape ladder too short to reach the perishing.—**Sel ed.**

C. Our age has been described as "Age of Education." More people going to college than ever before a for the most part, this is good. Edu tion provides opportunities for persc advancement, and most of the benefits modern civilization can be directly tra to some aspect of education.

But education is not enough. All our modern schools and theories h not brought us peace. We have o learned to fight in more destruct ways. War is still very much a part our world, inflicting upon us its hav destruction, and misery.

Our educators have not elimina crime. Its causes have been studi and efforts to keep it in check conti to be made. But the world in its w dom has not found the cure.

The Greek world with its great thi ers found no cure for this. In all th searching they found no reason for ho in a better life, here or hereafter. T despair has filtered down through centuries and enshrouds us today. E in a day of material abundance and ph ical comfort, suicide is not an unco mon occurrence. Education has erased despair from our vocabulary.

Through the process of education some circles, efforts have been made do away with sin. This is done by process of denial. First, the exister of God is denied. Once that is accept there can be no such thing as sin. W was formerly construed as sin is n seen as something harmless—or anti cial behavior at worst. And yet unh piness, unrest, and a yearning for a ferent kind of life—a higher, a nobler purer life—still reside in the human so No, education is not the answer to problem of sin.

What is the solution? This is the swer. Education is good, and one of greatest lessons we can learn is t man's wisdom has limits. The cross, the other hand, is the wisdom and pov of God. By accepting Christ's sacrif in faith we become recipients of His s ing grace, and the problems we h mentioned are solved.—**Standard Les Commentary.**

Questions & Answers

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John 1:7, 9); "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry" (1 Corinthians 10:13, 14); "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified" (1 Peter 4:14). In John 13:17 we read: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7); "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity" (Malachi 2:6).

When a man wins a soul he can be certain of the acclaim of the saints as well as of God and the heavenly host. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30); "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3); "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. . . . Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:7, 10).

A person who listens to the Word and is saved and gives heed to its precepts in a dedicated life of obedience services has everything to gain and nothing to lose in the way of happiness, peace of mind and conscience, contentment, and a future hope that will result in the end in a blissful eternity in the presence of Christ and all who have won eternal rewards in an obedient and dedicated life in Him. If only we should wait upon the Lord and let Him show us now, through His Word and communion with Him, what eternity is to be like; and how we may act harmoniously under its influence now; how different our choices might be and our whole plan and purpose revised to coincide with these glories.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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story: "A long time ago a baby boy was born. The king tried to destroy him, but he was spared and grew up to be a good boy, never doing anything bad."

"How could that be?" asked Alvin; "everybody does something bad once in awhile."

"But this boy was different," explained Mother. "When He grew up, He went around telling people how to live good lives, and how to get to heaven. He healed sick people, restored sight to blind people, made lame people walk, dumb people speak, and preached to poor people. But in spite of all the good things He did, He died on a cross."

"Oh, I know who He was, Mother—it was Jesus, wasn't it?" asked Alvin. "Jesus never did anything wrong—the Bible says so."

"That's right," said Mother; "even the cruel men who plotted to put Him to death He asked God to forgive. And He's in heaven now, getting a place ready for us.

"And now," continued Mother, "what shall we do about your Sunday school teacher?"

"I guess," said Alvin, "I should forgive him, like Jesus did. But still I don't like him."

"I think," said Mother, "that we'd better kneel down and ask God to help Alvin forgive his teacher, and to like him, too."

As they rose from their knees, with a smile Alvin said, "Jesus has helped me. I forgave my teacher, and I believe I'm beginning to like him, too."—**The Free Methodist.**

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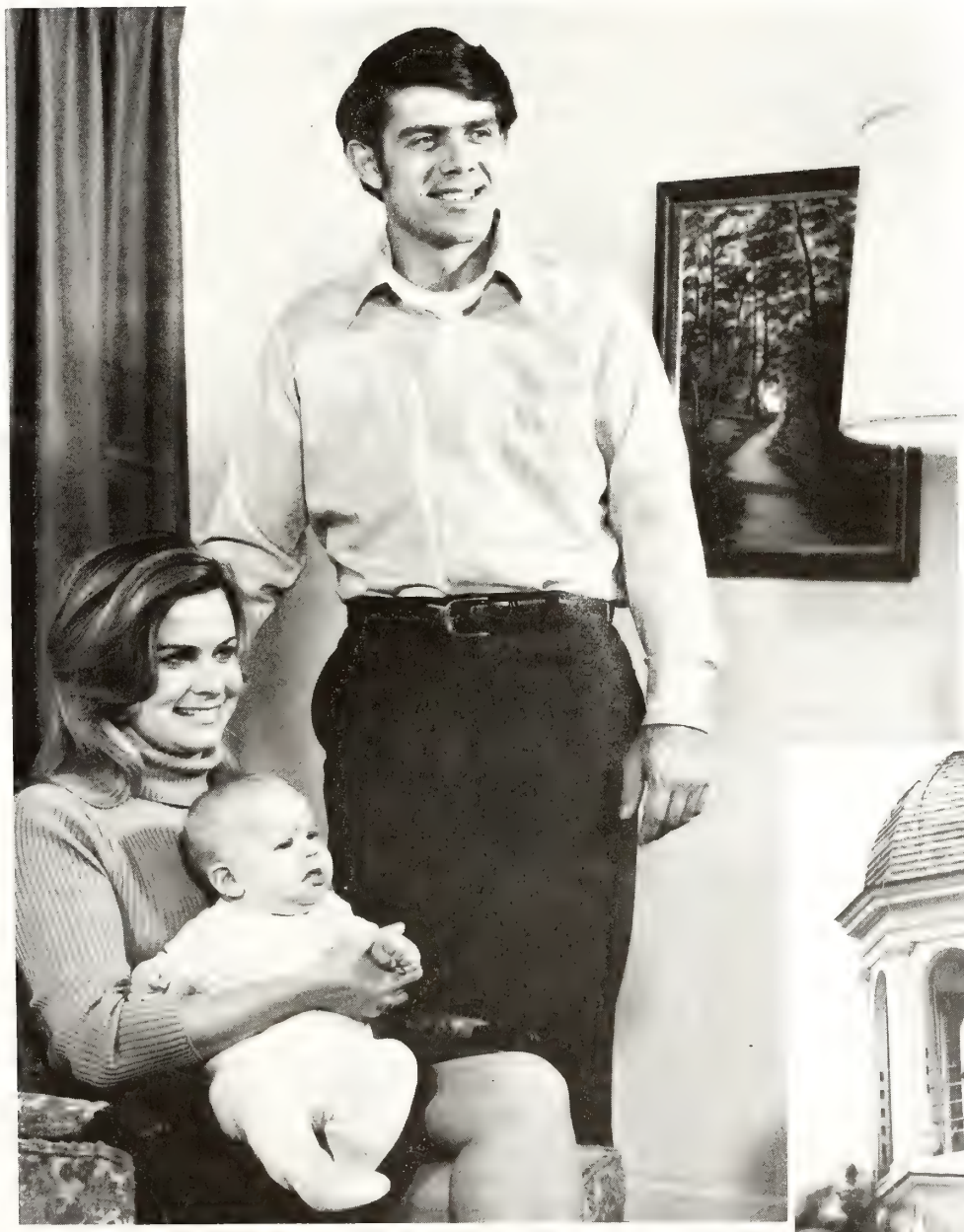

WHEN DID YOU MAKE YOUR LAST HOUSE CALL?

EDITORIAL...

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"THE HOUSE CALL"

Time was when the country doctor would answer immediate summons to rush to the side of an individual whose particular needs required a house visit. Bedridden patients could expect a late-in-the-afternoon visit from their highly-respected medical friend—and that's just what he was, a friend—for doctors of bygone days were able to relate to their patients on a personal basis. There was not the present-day cold professionalism which prevails in at least eight out of ten cases. Babies were born at home without the preferred sterile conditions of clinics or hospitals, but many "house babies" have grown up healthy and strong with just as few maladies (in comparison) as those born today under improved conditions.

We are not advocating going back to the "good old days," as they were called; but, we are suggesting that the slowness of life back then when people had time for each other, when neighborliness was as natural as breathing, and when professions did not preempt warmness of hearts and genuineness of concern, causes us to reflect upon those times with a certain measure of nostalgia.

This writer, though still young in years and experience, is able to remember those times, however vaguely; and, he feels that much is being missed by today's generation because life is such that one hasn't the time to notice his surroundings and natural scenes, even, which used to bring delight to the hearts of men and women and boys and girls.

When was the last time you visited a neighbor for a get-together where congenial exchange of conversation was foremost on the "program"? Did the TV preclude your importance? In order to get one's attention, did you have to compete with a favorite TV personality whose show was of such interest that only during commercial time were you able to get any response to your questions or statements? Did you perhaps feel that you had visited at an inopportune time and that perhaps next time you would come by "appointment" only?

Another point: Motorcycles of various sizes and models fly down the highways, whipping the wind and sometimes frightening us out of our wits at the daring of the drivers and their riders, for fear that they will lose control and end up sprawled across the path of an oncoming car or truck or in some ditch bringing injury or possible death to one or several. Breakneck speeds bring thrills, not only for boys, but also for girls—when formerly no girl in her right mind would even consider sitting astride such a vehicle. It just was not considered ladylike. Now, behelmeted and blue-jean clad girls with flying hair rush around and down and up highways and back roads on their powerful two-wheeled "horses," and we somehow wonder whatever happened to the demure, sweet, thoroughly feminine girls of yesterday. Is this woman's lib, or what?

A house call? A visit? A rip-roaring speeding up and down the road doesn't allow for the tranquility of a house call—even for those who are able to enjoy such. Noise tears at the nerves and makes uncomfortable what could be a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere. The home is no longer of much interest. As has been suggested, it is more like a filling station: Get your "gas," change your "oil," and be on your way!

We treat God the same way. We have little time to pay visits to His house. We may go once a week, if we feel a particular need; but, if things are going well for us, and something of more interest happens to avail itself, we'll neglect to attend the services of His church. Church is mostly for old people who are too tired to do anything else anyway, in the opinion of some.

There is a tranquility, the epitome of peace found in communion with the heavenly Father; and the best place to secure this is in His house. He makes house calls on us frequently, but we are so busy with our various "necessary" activities that we are not programmed to His channel. The sad thing about it is that after awhile He may stop coming around; and, if we make fewer and fewer house calls for Him—if we find our visits to His house fewer and fewer—we shall certainly lose our rapport with the good "Doctor." He is indeed a great physician who can cure all our ills, but if we stop visiting His "office," we can't expect Him to answer our summons when we make a desperate plea for His help.

We had best be careful that we stay on good terms with Him and follow His prescribed treatment lest He is unable to help us and cannot hear our desperate pleas. If He doesn't know us, how can we expect Him to know where we live? Farfetched? Perhaps and perhaps not! Think about the seriousness of it all. When did you make your last "house call" on God?

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Teaching for the Discipleship Through Christian Education

by
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Kinston, North Carolina

(Mr. Jenkins is a member, deacon, and Sunday school superintendent of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston. This message was delivered by him at the State Sunday School Convention held at the Children's Home, Middlesex, in April. Though we are late in printing this, we think it is very timely and well worth your reading and studying.)

N considering the topic of Christian education it would be well for us to ow the definition of some words that will associate with the subject. Acding to **Webster**, I will give you a ef definition of some of these words.

1. Sunday school: A school held on day for religious education.

2. Disciple: A professed follower of rist in his life.

3. Discipleship: Adhering to teaching, ining, and following.

4. Christian: One who believes, proses, or assumes to believe in Jesus rist and the truth as taught by Him.

5. Education: A science dealing with principles and practices of teaching d learning.

So now, what is Christian education? elieve Christian education is the shar- of the knowledge of the Christian e and thoughts of all people in such way that God, in Christ, can do His demptive work in each human life.

Please note the following which perin to Christian education:

1. It involves the Christian home and urch.

2. It involves each individual as he akes a personal decision. It also makes impact on society in terms of personal sponsibility.

3. It is concerned with history because d revealed His Son through historical ents.

4. It involves the Bible for it is God's ord to man.

5. It begins and ends with personal lationships: first with God and then r fellowman.

Christian education must meet the eeds of the child as he explores his orld and makes decisions and assumes responsibilities. The greatest need for children is **love.** Love is needed so children can learn to love and accept others, so they can have faith and confidence in people in order that they can experience faith and confidence in God. The children need to see in their teacher the living God and well as the lesson taught.

The basic needs of a child are met by the teacher who creates a relationship of loving trust within him. By loving the child, he learns to respect himself and sees himself as someone whom God loves. Therefore, when the child sees this example of love in the life of the teacher, he can receive God's love by that trust. As a child grows in God's love, he will love others in return.

I believe, other than the student, that the most important person involved in Christian education is the teacher. I think the teacher should love each student, as he is, because God loves all men as they are.

Along with sharing the knowledge of the Christian life, the teacher should have a close relationship with the students. This relationship should include the following:

1. The teacher should learn the names of all the students in his class.

2. He should discover the interest and ability of each student.

3. He should know something about the student's home life and school background.

4. The teacher must have a personal concern for each student.

5. He should keep track of each student's responsiveness in class.

6. The tecaher should enlist the cooperation of the student's parents.

The teacher should place utmost importance on personal relationship with each student in his class and help and teach him to live as a Christian within today's society. A task of each teacher should be to introduce children and young people to God at work, as revealed in the Bible, helping them to interpret what happens to them each day. He must also be concerned not only in what the children know about the Bible, but that they participate in a life of self-giving love to which it witnesses.

Teachers are often prone to get the impression that their task is complete when the students know the names of the books of the Bible and can repeat several verses of Scripture, but this is not true. Some students do not learn as fast as others, and some will not participate in this type of teaching. Therefore, teachers must find new ways of exposing themselves and the subject matter they are teaching They should use new and different ways to teach the truths about God and the Bible. They must ask themselves, "How can we help children and young people experience something of the quality of life as portrayed in the Bible? How can we make all classes a laboratory for experiencing the meaning of love and concern as interpreted in the Bible?" You do this by breaking open the tremendous truths which the Bible contains so that the student may taste of them.

Another step in teaching Christian education is **sharing.** A child should be taught the meaning of the word sharing. Sharing things with others will teach us to love others more. One of the most important ways of sharing is to share our possessions with the church. By doing this we are helping to carry the gospel to those who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. The Bible mentions countless ways of sharing. But the one account of sharing that climax all other acts of sharing was God's shar-

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:1-5

"DESIRABLE" PARENTS

A newspaper comments on a questionnaire recently sent to 369 high school boys and 415 girls, who were asked to check a list of ten desirable qualities in a father. The quality receiving the second largest vote was, "Respecting his children's opinions." Others were: "Never nagging his children about what they do; making plenty of money; being prominent in social life; owning a good-looking car." The Scriptures, with their unfailing accuracy, predict that we are seeing today as a fact of the end of the age, that "perilous times shall come" when "men (meaning mankind, including young and old) shall be lovers of their own selves. . . boasters, proud, . . . disobedient to parents."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What would head your list on this questionnaire? What about a God-loving and God-fearing father? This would be number one on my list.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53:4, 5

"EVERY FOOTPRINT CROOKED!"

A writer walked across the valley of Dead Men in the South Sea Islands. Looking back over the way, he saw his tracks in the sand and marked how crooked his path was, though he had intended to walk straight. It became a parable to him. He said, "This is my life. Every footprint, CROOKED! Then afterwards, I could see no marks on the sand. Every footprint was GONE. Not one to be seen. The tide had been in, and when it receded there was no sign of the crooked steps. I said to my soul, 'That is my fresh reminder of what God has done for me.'"

How hope-engendering, gloom-dispelling are His gracious words of promise: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins"!—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

I'm sure everyone has tracks they would like to have blotted out. Just remember, the blood of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can erase our sins.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:18-20

WHY HE GAVE SO MUCH

An Indian chief, who had been converted from heathenism, was exceedingly fervent in his prayers and praises during worship, and extremely generous in his kindness and gifts to the missionary and his work. The missionary at length asked the Indian why he was so jubilant in his devotions, and so lavish in his gifts. The convert made this pathetic reply: "Ah! you have never been in the darkness."—*Sunday School Chronicle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How thankful we should be to live in a country that knows God! May we always be in prayer for the heathen who are living in darkness (without Christ).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Acts 15:40, 41

HIS NEED HIS RECOMMENDATION

One day Dr. Barnardo was approached by a dirty, little, ragged lad who asked him for admission to the London Orphanage. "But, my boy," said the doctor, "I do not know you. Who are you? What have you to recommend you?" The lad was quick to seize his opportunity, and held up before Dr. Barnardo his ragged coat, and with a confident little voice he said: "If you please, sir, I thought these here would be all I needed to recommend me." Dr. Barnardo caught him up in his arms, and you may be sure he was welcomed to the orphanage.—*Wonderful World.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we have the recommendations needed to enter heaven? All we need is a pure heart washed clean by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—John 14:1-4

THE "HOME" WE'VE NOT SEEN

A refugee from Hitler's Europe tells of his boyhood when so many tales were told about America that he felt that all the family knew this country well. So settled was this knowledge and love of the land he had not yet seen that his mother said to him when he was leaving for America, "You are going home, I am staying in a foreign land." The Christian who realized the tyranny of life in this world is glad to escape to the land that is fairer than day. And when our loved ones go before, we are forced to say, with tears that are for ourselves, "You are going home, and I am staying in a foreign land."—*Good News Digest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we all know enough about heaven to say when we depart this life, "I am going home." Surely we will if we are Christians!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:20, 21

"I AM DIFFERENT"

A young woman lived under very discordant conditions at home. She was satisfied, and her discontent was man in her face, her manner, and the ton her voice. Trifles irritated her, and it been possible she would gladly traveled to the end of the earth to away from her disagreeable environm Some time after, a friend met her and in her smiling face that a change had ta place. "How are things at home?" he quired. "Just the same," was the re "but I *am different.*"—*Christian Ende World.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a change will come into our l when we let Jesus come into our he No, the world does not change, but have a change within.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Acts 3:19, 20

EVEN HIS SCALES WERE CONVERTED

While in a town in eastern Poland I w one day in company with one of our m sionaries to buy a goose, for goose is cheapest meat in Poland. The shop surprisingly clean; the chickens and ge were fat and good-looking. When I as the shopkeeper about his salvation, his e lit up and his face beamed with joy as answered: "Yes, I am a believer," a pointing to the missionary, added, "Thro your missionary I learned to know Je Christ." "How do you know that you saved?" I asked. "Because my life has be changed completely," he replied. "N when I sell geese I give correct weight a do not put my finger on the scales. Eve thing is right now. Even my scales changed." Other Jews persecuted him, said, because he no longer attended sy gogue or conformed to Jewish traditions *European Jew.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Salvation is no good unless it is thorou and complete. Even our pocketbooks m have salvation as well as our body and so

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Harrison to Speak at Lucama Homecoming

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chapla at Mount Olive College, will deliver t homecoming message at the Little Ro Free Will Baptist Church of Lucama, Nor Carolina, Sunday, September 16, at 1 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. DeWay Eakes, invites all friends to attend t service. Mr. Harrison is a former pa tor of Little Rock church.

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Half knowledge is worse than ign rance.

It's a Miracle

by
MRS. LINDA CRAFT
Winterville, North Carolina

(Mrs. Craft is a veterinarian assistant in Greenville, North Carolina. Her hobbies include participating actively in horse shows and creative writing; and, as a student at Pitt Technical Institute in the field of writing, she has displayed much talent. Her story is certainly of a contemporary nature and merits our attention.)

OULD not believe Jeff Travers was asking me to the football banquet. as a miracle! Jeff was the most ular guy in school, and there he stood ing down at me.

Well, Cindy, come on. Do you want o with me or not?" he questioned.

eff, I really don't know what to say. ll have to ask my parents," I stamed out. I felt like a child giving such diculous reply, but it certainly was . I was very proud of my Christian nts, but sometimes it really was a le—especially in my date life.

Well, let me know Cindy. I would ly like a girl like you for my date night. Look, I'll see you around, "

could hardly keep my knees from npling under me as I watched him k away.

eff Travers was president of our class, aptain of the football team, and the t looking guy at school.

uddenly a dark cloud passed over me hat about Susan Baker? Forfeit the ught, Cindy; he asked you, didn't he? ehow a little uneasiness lingered on. an was bright, pretty, active; and in entary school, she was my best nd. In high school, Susan seemed to e any boy she wanted, and it was no et how she got them. Susan soon out of our youth group at church. er that, it had been downhill for an, and my group of Christian friends no problem discussing her activities specially where Jeff Travers was conned.

paused, looking down at my Bible; ng a Christian teen-ager was beging to pay off. I was so proud of myf. Yep, I thought, the good girls alys win.

I walked on to class feeling a little ug. Other students were beginning come in.

"Hey Cindy! Guess what?" Carol Ann eamed without giving me a chance to swer, "Jeff Travers has dropped Susan ker."

"I know," I beamingly replied, "he ked me to the football banquet."

"You are joking! That's terrific, Cin! Serves that old Susan Baker right. ait till I tell the girls that. . . ."

"Class, come to order," the teacher terrupted.

"Look, tell me all about it later, OK?" quested Carol Ann.

I nodded in reply. I was so proud but mehow that same uneasiness fell upon e about Susan. Never mind her, I told myself; it does serve her right anyway. Now I would replace her for good in Jeff's life!

The rest of school was like a dream. I felt proud because everyone knew Jeff had asked me to the banquet. I was also proud of my high Christian standards; after all, I had certainly won the prize of a lifetime.

Dinner was the usual free-for-all at our house that evening with two older brothers and a little "into-everything" sister.

After supper, Mom and I were drying dishes.

"Mom, there is something I would like to talk with you about," I stated.

"All right, Cindy. I will be glad to help you."

"Would it, maybe, be OK if I went to . . ."

"Cindy!" my brother Todd screamed out, "telephone!"

I hurried off to answer the phone, glad for some reason the question had not come up.

I picked up the phone.

"Cindy," a girl was sobbing into the phone, "Cindy."

"Who is this?" I asked.

"Cindy, this is Susan Baker. Please, can you talk to me?"

I stood there unable to move. Susan was the last person in the world I wanted to talk to. Oh no, I can't, I just can't.

"Cindy, please," she pleaded, "oh please! I know how you must feel about me—but, please—can you meet me somewhere. I must talk to you!"

"Well, I don't know, Susan."

"Cindy, please! I'll be waiting for you at the playground by your house. Oh Cindy, you must come!"

The line went dead. I stood frozen with the phone in my hand. I could not believe it. Susan had sounded so desperate. Was this the Susan who stood out in any crowd like a star? Something was terribly wrong, and somehow I was being drawn into the center of it all.

I didn't especially want to go, but I grabbed my jacket and headed out the door.

"I'll be back in a minute, Mom," I called. "I'm going to meet a friend at the playground."

The wind was beginning to pick up and the tall trees began swaying gently against the darkening sky.

The playground was empty. Now where was Susan after all those dramatics? I thought. The playground was getting dark, the shadows of night were falling about me.

I turned to leave, but a small figure emerged from the shadows.

"Susan?" I called. I could not believe my eyes. The beautiful face I was so jealous of was pale with dark circles under her eyes. The figure I was so envious of was thin. The long, silky chestnut hair I had hated was a mass of tangles.

"Susan! Susan what has happened to you?" my heart poured out to her.

"Cindy, please don't go out with Jeff. Please don't. He has to go with me!"

Normally I would have been angry, but somehow I knew the pain in her eyes was very real.

"Please, Cindy, say you will leave Jeff alone, please," She sank to her knees in tears.

"Susan, please don't cry; it will be all right," I tried to comfort her with mixed emotions.

"Let's talk Susan, OK?"

She grabbed me and clung to me like a small child. I stood there confused

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Corinth Revival
September 10-15

The Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of September 10-15. The Rev. Harry Jones will be the guest speaker, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services which will begin each evening at 7:45.

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Rev. McFarland to Speak
At Friendship Church

The Rev. D. P. McFarland, executive director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the morning worship service Sunday, September 16, at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina. The supply pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, and the church congregation invite the public to attend.

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Hickory Grove Church
Announces Fall Revival

Revival services will begin on Monday night, September 17, at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 33, four miles east of Bethel, North Carolina. The Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain, North Carolina, will bring the messages each evening which will come to a close with the service on Saturday night, September 22. The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Mr. Burress and the congregation invite the public to join them for these revival services.

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Faith Mission, Leland, N. C.
Revival in Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the Faith Original Free Will Baptist Mission at its new location, the old Leland Baptist Church, Leland, North Carolina, on Highways 74, 76. This is the mission's first revival with the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Everett, bringing the messages each evening at 7:30. Along with the preaching services there will be special singing each evening. The revival will be climaxed with a supper given in the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday night, September 8. The pastor and the congregation extend to everyone a cordial invitation to worship with them whenever it is possible.

Mrs. John C. Noland Jr. states: "We pray that there will be many souls saved during this crusade. Faith Original is being blessed in so many wonderful ways by our Lord. We have just been donated a new Hammond Organ and a Story and Clark Piano by enormous donors. Also we are so wonderfully blessed to have two young and lovely ladies to play each of them. We are so happy in our services for the Lord and our cup runneth over."

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St. Mary's Church to
Observe Homecoming

The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 9, 1973. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m., to be followed by the homecoming worship service at eleven. The Rev. Davie Gray Brinson, pastor of the church, will preach the homecoming message. Lunch will be served at noon on the church grounds. Also there will be an afternoon musical program which will feature such singing groups as: The Soul Seekers of Clayton, North Carolina, The Kinsmen of Goldsboro, North Carolina, The Christeens of Lucama, North Carolina, and local talent.

The church invites all former pastors, members, and all of its many friends to come and share this special day at Saint Mary's.

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Howell Swamp Church to
Observe Memorial Service

Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, September 9, as memorial day, memorializing all the church's deceased pastors of whom any record is available. Those being memorialized include Elders P. T. Lucas, Charlie Aughton, Orton (name or initials unknown), J. R. McCaskey, J. T. Bundy, L. L. Smith, C. J. Harris Sr., J. W. Alford, M. A. Woodar and J. C. Moye. These ministers a servants of God served the church fro 1898 - 1936 with a lapse of 12 yea (1924-1936), a period in which no reco of the church's activities can be foun Should anyone find any record of othe who served the church in the past, plea let the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, kno at once.

Mr. Morris and the church membe ship invite everyone who possibly can worship with them on this memorab occasion.

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College Day at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptis Church near Pikeville, North Carolin will observe Sunday, September 9, a Mount Olive College Day. The Rev. Davi Charles Hansley, special assistant t President Raper, will speak at the 1 a.m. service. The Rev. C. M. Coats, pas tor, invites all friends to attend the ser vice.

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College Day at Hull Road

Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, September 9, as Mount Olive College Day. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service. All friends are invited to the service.

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Lawyer: "When I was a boy, my highest ambition was to be a pirate."

Client: "Congratulations."

Coming Events . . .

September 12, 13—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro

September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Smith's New Home Church, Deep Run, North Carolina

September 22—Eastern District Youth Convention, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina

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An Appeal from the Superintendent

Houseparents are now urgently needed at the Children's Home. Only one question follows:

Isn't there just **one** Christian lady or married couple within our Free Will Baptist denomination, between the ages of 30 to 50, possessing a strong love for children, who is willing to serve in God's work at the Home?

Each reader, please pray about this question, and if it is you, then telephone or write to the superintendent of the Home without delay.

Address: Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; phone 235-4079.

SUPPERTIME BY EVERETT'S CHAPEL

On Saturday, August 25, the Everett's hapel Free Will Baptist Church of Clayon, North Carolina, visited the Children's ome and held a cookout at suppertime. he church's pastor is the Rev. Billy awn.

The menu consisted of hot dogs, cold rinks, and cupcakes. About 30 memers of the church were present and bout 60 persons from the Home ate and njoyed the meal. It was a wonderful uting, and the food was delicious.

During the visit, several members of he church played various games with he children. Some toured the facilities nd got a firsthand look at life at the hildren's Home.

Holding a cookout for the Home is an nnual occasion for Everett's Chapel. We t the Home sincerely appreciate the inerest and efforts expended by this hurch in support of us. We ask you to ontinue your visits and your faithful upport.

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FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as vhen praying for forgiveness, or else orgiving another.—Richter.

Naturalness

How majestic is naturalness. I have never met a man whom I considered a great man who was not always natural and simple. Affection is inevitably the mark of one not sure of himself.—Charles G. Dawes.

SARATOGA AFCs VISIT HOME

The AFCs of Saratoga, North Carolina Free Will Baptist Church visited the Children's Home on Saturday, August 25th. There were seventeen children in the group, plus three adults. The adults were the Rev. Larry Barbour, pastor, Mrs. Stokley and Mrs. Lottie Barbour, sponsors of the AFC group.

During their visit they presented a gift to the Home, which was received by Mrs. Weeks. After lunch they were taken on a guided tour of the campus and farm by Mr. Stewart Humphrey.

The Children's Home was very pleased to have such a fine group for a visit. We encourage other church groups to visit with us as soon as possible. This Home is your Home, and you have a welcome at all times.

More Children's Home News on Page Thirteen.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

The week of August 13-18, 1973, was the largest attendance ever recorded for a Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina. There were 133 full-week campers, with some coming in the latter part of the week. Truly the Lord's presence was felt by every camper and everyone received many spiritual blessings and wonderful Christian fellowship.

The poem which follows this article was composed by Mr Carl Ivey and read on Saturday morning before we left Cragmon This was Mrs. Ivey's first visit to Cragmont in 22 years, and sh was so happy over her experience that we would like to shar the poem with you.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and
Mrs. Dola Dudley, **Codirectors**

DEAR CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

Cragmont, dear Cragmont Assembly, how peaceful!
What a happy, wonderful, wonderful place;
Where people feast on the bread of heaven
And learn about His saving grace.

Here dreams for all ages are fulfilled,
Faith renewed, and a cleansing of the heart.
Praise the Lord for His handiwork—beautiful mountains,
Serene skies—How Great Thou Art!

Thank the Lord for the numerous blessings received
At the Woman's Conference this week;
For programs with varied talents, music, and many
Who from the Holy Word could fluently speak.

We enjoyed seeing everyone: Griffin, Ballard, Spivey,
And also Dudley, who was my roommate before;
But some were missing, including Mother Lupton,
They are waiting to greet us on heaven's shore.

We are grateful for the inspiring messages by the missionaries
Also Barrow, Jackson, Nowell, and Fillingame.
Hallelujah! to the Lord for His goodness and mercy,
And may we always glorify His precious name.

My roommates this year—Hooks and Cox—
Were outstanding, no one can deny;
Surely their ages would be hard to guess,
Because they are so nice looking, young, and spry.

ur thanks goes to the sweet lady for the handmade bread,
Believe it or not, of red, white, and blue.
lso the bus drivers, they are really great guys,
Understanding, courteous, and patient too.

here must be plenty of love, play, and fun
To make this old world go round;
Vithout a doubt there aren't any more humorous
Than Ladd and Hansley to be found.

pecial recognition goes to Mr. Davenport and staff
For their thoughtfulness, favors, and delicious food;
It takes this kind of catering to make women happy,
And keep them in the right mood.

We'll always remember Sasser, Dudley, Dale, and Register
For their efforts, and other faithful workers too.
Our prayers and best wishes wherever you go,
For teardrops are falling as we say farewell to you.

—Mrs. Carl (Zelphie S.) Ivey
Route 2
Mount Olive, N. C.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Special Assistant Appointed at Mount Olive College

The Rev. David Charles Hansley of oldsboro, North Carolina, has been appointed special assistant to President W. urkette Raper of Mount Olive College.

The special assistant, a post authorized y the board of trustees, will serve as a taff member to assist the president in evelopment and public relations, including fund-raising activities among Free Vill Baptists, directing alumni affairs, nd serving as program director to encourage the use of Eagles Nest by church roups.

Hansley is an alumnus of Mount Olive ollege and attended Atlantic Christian ollege, Wilson, North Carolina. In 1968, e was chosen "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year" and is currently president of the North Carolina Ministerial ssociation of Free Will Baptists. He as served churches in Carteret, Wilson, ampson, Duplin, Greene, and Wayne ounties. He will continue serving as art-time pastor of Little Creek church ear Ayden, North Carolina.

He is married to the former Sylvia Fay cLamb of Newton Grove. The Hansleys ave two children, Cynthia LuJean age 1, and Charles Philemon age 8.

President Raper said of Hansley's appointment, "I believe that Mr. Hansley's ackground and experience provide him ith good qualifications for his new ork."

Hansley's father, the Rev. David W. Hansley, was a leading advocate for the founding of Mount Olive College and served as the first chairman of the College's board of trustees. He served twenty-one years on the board of trustees and was chairman for seventeen years.

On a recent tour of the campus the elder Mr. Hansley noted that as chairman of the board of trustees, it had been his "pleasure to recommend Burkette Raper as president of the College and now my son is going to work as a special assistant to him."

The Rev. Mr. Hansley, who has been active in the ministry over forty years, was credited by President Raper with

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President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College, left, is shown welcoming the Rev. David Charles Hansley, right, to the College staff as a special assistant in development and public relations. In the center is David's father, the Rev. David W. Hansley, who was chairman of the State Board of Christian Education which recommended the establishing of a Free Will Baptist junior college in 1951.

IT'S A MIRACLE

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and would have given a million dollars to be miles away.

Her sobs subsided and she looked at me. "Oh, Cindy, please forgive me. I have no claims on Jeff. He won't even talk to me. Cindy . . ."

"Susan, tell me all about it. I want to be your friend again," I said, feeling years older.

"Cindy, Jeff and I, . . . we've gone too far with each other. . . . I needed him. . . . He was the only friend I had, . . . and now, . . ."

I felt so guilty looking down at her. I seemed at once to recall every unkind word of gossip I had ever said about her.

There was still hope, I told her. I told her about another friend I had also neglected—Jesus. I asked for her forgiveness, and we wept for all the mistakes we both had made.

"Now, go and sin no more," I summed up.

"It's not that easy Cindy. I think I'm pregnant."

I looked at her, unable to speak. This was more than I could handle but I knew my pastor could help. Oh, wow! I thought, I had fallen into deep water.

I walked with Susan to the parsonage.

The pastor gently pulled Susan into his study. His wife offered me milk and cookies. How trite that seemed. I thanked her; and having left Susan in good hands, I decided to go home.

I couldn't bear to speak to anyone at the house. The warmth of our family devotions that evening seemed to ease the hurt and disillusionment I felt toward the world. I felt so completely drained, and yet I was so grateful for my mother and father. Their care and love for me was shown all around the house.

I felt so sorry for Susan. "There but for **God**, go I," I thought as I drifted off to sleep that night.

I woke up the next morning. The sun brightly filled my room with its golden light. The problem had not lessened during the night.

I slipped quietly down the halls at school. I did not feel like being there. I avoided my Christian friends, because I could not find a closeness with them.

I turned a corner, and there was Jeff standing in the center of a group of boys. There was no escape for me. Jeff was talking about Susan in the lowest vulgar terms possible.

I looked at the empty hull which once was the center of all my dreams. The tower of strength had fallen short of all my expectations. I felt sick to my stomach, and my head started to swim.

I ran into the girls' rest room. No one was there but a reflection in the mirror of a girl I used to know.

Was this the Christian teen-ager who dreamed of Jeff Travers? As ugly as Jeff was, my self-portrait by far was worse.

I had looked down on Susan instead of helping her. I had put Jeff as the light of my life instead of Christ. I had let myself down.

I had let Susan down, myself, and most important—**God.** I was so full of pride and envy that I had talked about and avoided Susan. Perhaps I had helped push Susan into her sin with Jeff. Perhaps I was worse.

I judged myself and I had found myself guilty. All the piety I had shown the world was a hoax. I had fallen short of all that **God** would have wanted me to be.

I knew where I had been, but I also knew in my heart the right way to go now. Thank **God** for Jesus Christ!

I recalled the thousand times I had ever sung "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." It never seemed sweeter or comforted me more than now.

The past, the present—now what about the future, Cindy? I thought. One way, I answered myself, one way, through Christ.

I would now strive to be all the things I had pretended to be. I would not put other people down; rather, I would help them. Maybe they would need a friend like Jesus too.

"Dear Lord," I prayed, "help me as I return to the world. Help me to be all things good through Christ. Amen."

"Now go and sin no more, Cindy," said to the girl in the mirror. She smile back at me.

There is no beginning to **God's** lov and forgiveness, and there is no enc Thank you, Lord, I smiled.

I opened the door to the busy hall an stepped out into the world.

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providing the leadership which saw th Free Will Baptist State Convention decid to begin a junior college in North Caro lina.

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Mount Olive College Announces Planning Meeting for Dinners

Under the theme, **For the Advancemen of Mount Olive College—Now,** the Colleg is making plans for its annual dinner for Free Will Baptists throughout Nort Carolina. More than 2,000 people at tend these dinners each year for the pur pose of learning more about the Colleg contributing to its advancement.

Each church is asked to appoint a "Mount Olive College Committee" which will attend the dinner planning sessior in their county. Pastors are also encour aged to attend.

Below is the schedule of meetings a which the 1973 dinners will be planned Information and literature will be giver at these sessions. All meetings will be held at 8 p.m.

Pamlico County, Thursday, Septembe 6, Mount Zion church, the Rev. E. E. Ed wards, host pastor.

Carteret County, Saturday, Septembe 8, Crab Point church, the Rev. Lloyd Gore host pastor.

Greene County, Monday, Septembe 10, Hull Road church, the Rev. L. B Woodall Jr., host pastor.

Pitt County, Tuesday, September 11 Reedy Branch church, the Rev. Willis Wil son, host pastor.

Jones County, Friday, September 14 Whaley's Chapel church, the Rev. Lloyc Vernon, host pastor.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberlanc Counties, Monday, September 17, Oak Grove church, the Rev. Felton Godwin host pastor.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Question: Will we know each other in eaven?

Answer: Yes, I see no reason whatever at we should doubt this fact. I do not now what all the unsaved that do not to heaven are going to know of one nother in that place of judgment to hich they shall be consigned; however, e rich man of Luke 16:19-31 saw, cognized, and conversed with Abraham nd recognized Lazarus. The Bible says is concerning the rich man: "And in ll he lift up his eyes, being in torments, nd seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus his bosom. And he cried and said, ther Abraham, have mercy on me, and nd Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of s finger in water, and cool my tongue; r I am tormented in this flame. But braham said, Son, remember that thou thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, nd likewise Lazarus evil things: but now is comforted, and thou art tormented. nd beside all this, between us and you ere is a great gulf fixed: so that they hich would pass from hence to you cant; neither can they pass to us, that ould come from thence" (Luke 16:23-6).

Even though the sinner (the rich man), ho had the opportunity to repent but d not, could no longer meet the condion that enabled him to go to heaven; t, he was in a conscious state and uld see Lazarus and Abraham and uld converse with Abraham, making quests of him concerning unsaved relaves that evidently were sinning away eir time of grace just as he had done hen on earth. This alone would make e believe that the saints of God would rely be in no wise limited in the hereter more than this unsaved person. e story tells us nothing about whether could converse with those whom he ew that were suffering like fate to at of his own, or whether or not he w and recognized any of them; but I ould assume that probably he might do at anyway. He recognized at least two whom he saw, Lazarus and Abraham, and conversed with Abraham. If he, because of his disobedience, could see and recognize two saved people and could talk to one, I feel sure that those two, Abraham and Lazarus, saw and recognized each other with many others who were saved and in paradise as they awaited the resurrection of the body.

We are told that we shall see Jesus and know Him like He now knows us. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). These bodies which have been affected by sin limits our vision and our perception. Before they sinned, our first parents had a much clearer conception of many things than those who now have sinned, but when we are in possession of glorified, resurrected bodies, we shall see more comprehensively than they did. Our knowledge and understanding will be like Christ's. Instead of "seeing through a glass darkly," we shall have correct vision and correct knowledge, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; . . ." (Acts 17:28). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Be like Him in what way? I think, see Him and each other as He sees us. Do things like He does them and want so to do them.

"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15:49): "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Romans 8:29, 30).

In this glorified state I would suppose us to know each other better than now, even as He knows us now. The Bible teaches that He knows every idle thought we have. We do not know each other that well while here. There we shall have no idle thoughts and each will know that of the other even as Jesus knows us now and will know us then.

A. H. Yetter has the following to say on Pages 30-32 in the November, 1969, issue of **Christian Victory:**

"Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; it is the Father's House, prepared for His children who have had a heavenly birth, a birth of the Spirit, having believed the Word of God concerning Jesus Christ, the Saviour. (You may join this blessed and happy company, my friend, by inviting the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart and save you, today.) Restating our question, then, we could say, 'Will believers know one another in heaven?'

"In answering the above query, we shall consider two lines of thought as presented in God's Word; namely, the Precepts of Scripture and the Pictures of Scripture.

"From the precepts of Scripture, we gather the following pertinent information concerning the possibility of recognizing other believers in heaven. First, we observe that heaven exists, for the Scripture speaks of a man, probably Paul, being caught up into the 'third heaven,' or into 'Paradise' (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). Furthermore, we have a statement of Paul to this effect: 'Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith and not by sight; We are confident, I say, willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.' Please note, this important truth: At death, the believer's body is vacated, the soul and body are separated, and the soul goes to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven. Then the Psalmist declared, 'In thy presence is fulness of joy; . . .' (Psalm 16:11), indicating the conscious blessedness of the souls of the believing dead in heaven. All of these factors, believers being in heaven, being conscious, having the use of their faculties seem to indicate at least the possibility of recognition of others in heaven.

"Leaving the precepts of Scripture let us now turn to the consideration of some of the pictures of Scripture. Space may require the elimination of some of these important pictures, but we shall consider as many as time allows.

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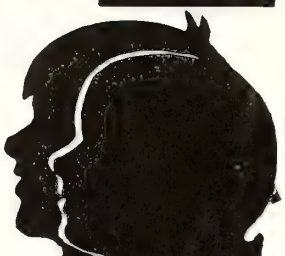
STORIES

for our youth



JOSE'S GIFT

by
Lydia Singleton Miller

JOSE WAS a little Filipino boy. He lived in a little house with Mama Nicholasa and Papa Santos. While they worked in the rice paddies he played. He outran the fat pig. He rode the lazy-looking water buffalo. The big chickens and the baby chickens were his friends. But he wanted so much to go to Big Village. Once he went to a place there where children sang. The children sang about a little baby Jesus. A lady told a story about the little baby Jesus. He loved to hear that story. But when he asked to go to Big Village, his Mama always said, "No."

"Mama Nicholasa, I could run to Big Villege," he would say.

"We will take you when the work is finished, but now we must work," she always replied. "My son, your legs are yet too short to run so long a way." Mama Nicholasa was sad because they could not go and take him.

"In a little while, my son, yes, Hijo Mio, we will take you to Big Village," Papa Santos always said.

Then Uncle Miguel came riding a shiny new bicycle! "You may ride with me," he said. "Up you go! Hold on tight!" He put Jose on the handlebars. He held Jose's shoulder with his strong hand. They rode up and down in front of the little house. Everyone was glad. When Jose quit holding his breath, he laughed.

"I will take you to the church in Big Village. Yes, Mama Nicholasa?"

"Yes," Mama Nicholasa said. She laughed then, for she knew Jose was no more afraid.

"Yes, Si, Chicito Mio," Papa Santos said. "My little one, you may ride to Big Village."

The water buffalo, the rice paddies, and even the palm trees and the mountain slipped past as Miguel, with Jose on the handlebars, rode swiftly along the dusty trail. Jose looked at his little brown legs, and laughed.

"We're going, Senor Legs, and you are not tired," he said.

But it was a long way to ride in the hot sun. By the time they reached Big Villege, Jose's legs were tired indeed. He looked at rows of little houses, like his own, built upon stilts so the floors would still keep dry when the rainy season made floods. He wished he could rest in the shade under a porch.

"Here we are, Chicito Mio, my little one," his uncle said. He lifted Jose down and held on to him until his legs wanted to work aagin. Then he leaned his bicycle against the corner of an empty house. "I am going across the street to ask about work for Santos and me. You can see me there all the time. You can rest here in the shade."

Jose looked across the narrow street. Some men were shoveling dirt. Some were moving boards. Big yellow trucks were growling and pushing earth piles. Jose looked down the street. There were pigs. Some chickens were scratching near the street edge, but where were the children? Jose sat down under the edge of the porch and waited.

Soon two little girls came by. They were carrying rice-straw baskets. There were some brown eggs in the shallow little baskets. The girls went up the steps to the high porch and on into the house. Boys came by, laughing, each carrying some sugarcane, a cocoanut, or a small bag of rice.

"Beunos Dias," they called to Jose.

"What is your name?" a small boy asked Jose.

"Beunos Dias," another boy sai "Come in with us." They all looked Jose, but he could only stare as the went into the house.

Jose looked quickly to see if Unc Miguel was still in sight. Then he cur ed up in the shade under the porch.

"Beunos Dias," a lady smiled down him. "Won't you come inside?" Jos pointed to the bicycle, then toward h uncle, who was talking with a ma across the street.

"You may come any time you wis The children are bringing gifts today be sold so we can buy a bell. A bell ring and tell everyone when it is time come to church," the lady explaine then went inside.

Soon Jose heard singing. The childre were singing with much joy. Jose wan ed to go in and sing, too. He was s glad when his uncle returned.

"Only for a little while," Uncle Migu said, when Jose asked if they, too, coul go in and sing **con mucho gusto,** wit much joy!

All the way home Jose talked abou the singing, and about the story of th little Nino born in a manger.

When Uncle Miguel stopped the bicycl in front of the little house, Mama Nic olasa took Jose in her strong arms.

"All of me is tired," Jose murmure sleepily. He told his mother about th children and the gifts and the singing "I want to go and take some eggs o some rice or something to help buy bell."

It was still dark when loud voice woke him the next morning. He ran ou calling, "Mama, Mama," then he stoppe At the door was the water buffalo an the cart piled high.

"We are moving, Jose. We are mov ing to Big Village to work there," Pap Santos said.

Jose ran out to the straw piles, to th clump of banana trees, searching an searching. Then he searched under th house. He came back into the hous slowly. "Mama Nicholasa, there is n egg for me to take."

His mother looked at his father. "May be he could take one of the chickens, th littlest one?" she said. "It will grow and one day lay eggs—for the lady t sell?"

"Yes," Papa Santos said. "One littl chicken, for I have work after today. W can give him one little chicken."

Uncle Miguel rode his bicycle. Pap Santos walked beside the water buffal and Mama Nicholasa sat on top of th

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FIRE AT THE HOME

All news is certainly not good news d in this category is the news about e fire which destroyed the laundry at e Children's Home on Wednesday, gust 22. It was a terrible event, but 're very thankful that there were no uries to persons.

The cause of the fire is undetermined this time; it was of an accidental na- re, however, and foul play has defi- ely been ruled out. The most prob- le cause of the fire was from electrical ring.

The total property loss was about 5,000. Fifteen thousand of the total s was from the building and about ten usand was from the loss of equip- nt and clothing which was stored in e building. The building and contents re covered by insurance.

The operation of the Home has not en substantially hindered by the fire. n though the laundry was used two s each week for heavy washing, all cottages are equipped with home- e clothes washers and dryers for light shing. So, at present and temporarily, the washing will be done in each cot- e. The clothes that were lost in the e were used clothing (mostly winter thing) that had not been issued to the ldren. No particular person or child t their clothing in the fire.

At this time, no decision has been de as to whether the laundry will be uilt, a new one built, or none built. soon as this decision has been made the board of trustees, the denomina- n will be promptly informed via "The e Will Baptist."

Many churches have called, asking at they can do to help. At the present e, there is no specific need resulting m the fire. As winter approaches, I'm sure there will be a need for more clothing money or usable winter clothing.

We thank each of you for your constant willingness to help the Home. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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*Craven County, Tuesday, September 18, Saint Mary's church, the Rev. Clyde Cox, host pastor.

Wayne County, Thursday, September 20, First church, Goldsboro, the Rev. Earl Glenn, host pastor.

Wilson County, Friday, September 21, Daniels Chapel church, the Rev. F. B. Cherry, host pastor. (Institute on Tuesday and Thursday.)

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, September 24, Mount Tabor church, the Rev. William Littleton, host pastor.

Beaufort County, Tuesday, September 25, Free Union church (Pinetown), the Rev. Robert Rollins, host pastor.

Nash County, Tuesday, September 25, Free Union Church (Spring Hope), the Rev. Lester Duncan, host pastor.

Duplin County, Thursday, September 27, Cabin church, the Rev. Jimmy Webster, host pastor.

Edgecombe and Halifax Counties, Monday, October 1, First church, Tarboro, the Rev. C. D. Pierce Jr., host pastor.

*In a previous issue of the "Baptist" an error was made in the host pastor for Craven County. Please note the correction above.

A WORLD WITHOUT PAIN WOULD BE . . .

by Mrs. Royce Matthews
Wilson, N. C.

Suppose you were handed the assignment of redesigning the human body. How would you go about it? What specifications would gain priority? What specifications would you discard because you find them undesirable?

Take pain, for instance. Suppose you would design a body free from pain. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Just think what a delightful impact this would have on the world.

But wait.

You wouldn't feel pain when your hand accidentally touched a hot pan, therefore you wouldn't turn it loose right away. But later you might wonder why the flesh was burned away from your hands and blood oozing from the wound.

Without dental checkups, you wouldn't know you had a cavity until one day you found you couldn't chew yor food. You'd get a mirror and find empty spaces on your gums.

The day you fell and broke your leg, suppose you hadn't felt pain. You would have walked around and the weight of your body would have ground bone against bone, causing the break to worsen.

Suppose you're driving nails with a hammer. You hit the wrong nail. But it doesn't hurt. You hit it again and again. First thing you know, you notice a pulpy mass where your nail used to be.

Or if you couldn't feel pain, you might try driving the nail with your head. Think of the hole it would make in your head. (That is, supposing the nail the harder of the two.)

You are hemorrhaging internally from an injury. If you feel no pain, it would be harder for the doctor to diagnose your need of emergency surgery. Where would medicine and the healing process be today without help of pain?

Now that I recognize the marvelous benefits of pain and I really thank God for this goodness, why do I always take a powder when my head aches?

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Look Ahead

Look not mournfully to the past—it comes not back again; wisely improve the present—it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.—Henry W. Longfellow.

Unity at the Lord's Table

Printed Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26

I. INTRODUCTION

The highest joy any congregation can know should be found in fellowship around the Lord's Table. Here the people reflect upon the sufferings and death of our Lord, and here they pledge anew their mutual love and devotion to Him. There is no other place in all the life of the church which better affords an opportunity for God's people to gather in unity and concord for the glory of the Father.

But it is a sin to gather at the Table in insincerity. It is a sin to abuse the Lord's Supper by pretending to love Him and live for Him when all the while we are aware of the corrupting influence of sin in our lives. The corruption of the church in Corinth was highlighted by such an abuse of the Holy Communion. In his letter to this church, Paul tries to show the nature of this abuse by comparing the original Lord's Supper, as instituted by Jesus, with what was taking place in Corinth. He stresses the evil of disunity and seeks to bring the church into a unity and harmony of purpose for Christ's sake and the edifying of the saints there.

As we examine this lesson, our prayer is that we might see that lovelessness among God's people, and their known and unforsaken sins, always blight the Holy Communion. May the Lord help us to see what we are doing to His great heart when we come to the Table in sham, pretense, and hypocrisy.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The greatest thoughts that I have ever had are these: (1) Christ died for me. This is the source of my salvation. Nothing could be more important or more wonderful to me than this. (2) The Holy Spirit lives in me. This means that the Lord is always with me to sustain me in any difficulty or trial. This is so important to my daily life as a Christian. (3) I am part of the body of Christ. To me, this is wonderful. Think of it—"I am part of the body of Christ." This is a wonderful and marvelous truth. The communion reminds me of all this. No wonder it is such a wonderful service to me!

B. Who is qaulified to take the Lord's Supper? It is the Lord's Table, not a denominational table; therefore, we believe that all of those who are the Lord's children are qualified. Who knows whether one is a child of God or not? Who is authorized to pass judgment? Only God and the person himself. Therefore, we believe that all Christians should be welcome to the Lord's Table.

C. Is it possible that by taking communion each Sunday as some churches do that it becomes commonplace and does not hold the special significance that it does for those people who do it less often?

D. The Bible does not teach that the liquid which was taken at the Lord's Supper was wine. Instead the Bible says that it was the "fruit of the vine." However, it is true that fruit juice (unfermented) was often called wine in the Bible. So let's not be ridiculous and try to justify the use of wine by saying that it was used in the Lord's Supper.

E. Where does the Bible teach that a church should examine those who come to the Lord's Table? Instead the Bible teaches that a man should examine himself. If one comes when he should not come, it is his fault and not the fault of the church.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The Lord's Table is like a great bridge, spanning the entire interval of the church's history on earth. One end of it rests on the shame of the Cross, and the other is planted in the glory of the kingdom. This feast sustains a threefold relationship to the Christian.

It is the reminder of our past justification.

It is the source of our present tenance in the new life.

It is the pledge of our future bles ness and glory.

1. It is a table of remembrance v. 24).

2. It is a table of obedience—"T eat, . . . drink ye all of it" (see v. 24

3. It is the table of self-examina (see v. 28).

4. It is the table of communion 1 Corinthians 10:16).

5. It is the table of thanksgiving v. 24).

6. It is the table of confession (se 26).

7. It is the table of expectation— he come" (see v. 26).

8. It is a table of hope for Israel (see Romans 11:26).

—George C. Needh

B. You know how easy it is to for things you wish to remember. So times we have to jot down on a things to remember.

A professor once said that if we di have a "forgettery," what a burden would be to ourselves! We gain so m information in a lifetime that we coul retain it all.

God has provided us with a "m ory" as well as a "forgettery." Th are some things we are to remember some we want to forget.

We are told to "remember the wo of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It more blessed to give than to recei (Acts 20:35).

We are to "remember the poor" (G tians 2:10).

We are to "remember that Jesus Ch . . . was raised from the dead" (2 Ti thy 2:8).

And when Jesus instituted the Lo Supper, He said, "This do in remembra of me" (Luke 22:19). And Paul says 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye shew the Lord's death till he come."

In Philippians 3:13, 14, Paul wri "But this one thing I do, forgetting th things which are behind . . . I press ward the mark for the prize of the h calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is extremely important to remem Christ in His appointed way because are "looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 13).—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

C. No "Communion" Here: The wri witnessed several women seated in fr of her in a large church take the br

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eaching for the iscipleship Through hristian Education

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of His Son, Jesus Christ, to save the rld from sin.

So teachers, if the child is taught this e of sharing prior to his becoming a ristian, this behavior pattern will no ubt be practiced after he becomes a ristian. Thus he will share his Chris- n testimony and experience with oth- s.

Why are you a Sunday school teacher? hich of the following things apply to u?

1. I am a Sunday school teacher be- use someone else taught me.
2. Because I have children in Sunday hool and feel it my duty to help out.
3. I have no children, but want to help her children.
4. I feel that every person should have turn at teaching.
5. I promised to uphold the church by ering my services.
6. So-and-so asked me to help him out.
7. To hold an official position so I can lp run things.
8. I've been doing it all my life.
9. I feel committed to God to help ch children in anyway I can.

Personally, I think the last reason is e most important. I think a teacher ould have the commitment of Jesus rist in his heart so he can lead chil- en to Christ by the life he lives as well the things he teaches in class.

One of the basic needs in most Sun- y schools is trained teachers and work- s. I think one thing the North Caro- a State Sunday School Convention ould do is to promote a county-wide ining session each fall for all church- in each county of the state.

In closing may I say that I believe one the greatest lessons a teacher will er teach is to let each student know at he loves him. When this happens, ere will be a closer relationship with sus Christ in our hearts.

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it was passed, then reach for their mpacts and, regarding their mirrors, ch up their complexion, add rouge to ir lips, then replace the compact to ch the Communion wine being extend- ed toward them!—Mrs. Ralph Norton, in **Moody Monthly.**

D. We soon forget objects that are removed from our sight and the Lord, knowing this, gave to us the institution of the Lord's Supper as a constant reminder of His great love for us as expressed at Calvary. That reminder should at the same time render us humble before God and man.

How dear was the famous English king who, upon being offered communion after his coronation, refused to take it until he had laid aside his crown. To him no one was worthy to take the communion with a crown on his head. Crowns are for our Lord!—C. F. Bowen.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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loaded cart. Jose sat by her side, and the small chicken perched on his shoulder.

As they rode along between the rice paddies, the big, round sun came up beyond the palm trees. Suddenly the small chicken hopped upon Jose's head, flapped its wings, and crowed its first hoarse crow!

"Senor Rooster!" Jose cried. "So you are a rooster, yes? No eggs! No **huevas!** No **huevas** for the bell. But the lady can sell a fine rooster for more pesos. Thank you, Senor Rooster. **Gracias."—The Free Methodist.**

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Questions & Answers

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"In Luke's Gospel, chapter sixteen, we have a picture of three individuals after death; namely, Abraham, Lazarus, and the rich man. Two were saved, Abraham and Lazarus. Of course they were saved by trusting in Christ and His blood shed on Calvary for them, for there is no other way of salvation. It is very evident that Abraham not only recognized Lazarus, a fellow believer, but he knew something of the experiences which Lazarus had on earth. This is apparent from the following Scripture and we quote: 'Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented' (Luke 16:25). Notice this fact—Abraham recognized Lazarus, for he called him by name. This makes it clear that believers know one another in the intermediate state—that state between death and resurrection.

"Turning to the last book in the Bible, the Book of Revelation, we have the veil drawn aside between earth and heaven. We are permitted to read John's description of a scene in heaven: 'And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?' (Revelation 6:9, 10). Please observe that these souls of the martyred saints speak to their Lord, even Jesus Christ, the Coming Judge. They recognize Him, One whom they never saw with physical eyes on earth, yet they recognize Him; they know Him. Consequently, it becomes evident that the answer to our question, 'Will believers know one another in heaven?' should be an emphatic 'Yes.' "

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church is seeking a pastor for full-time services. The church has a parsonage for its pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. Richard Roberts, Route 1, Grantsboro, North Carolina 28529; telephone 249-4211. Or you might write the clerk, Mrs. Vernon J. Daniels, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510.

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Too Young?

A new missionary on a foreign field was examining some candidates for baptism. He had examined all except one and found their answers to his questions satisfactory. He looked at the last candidate doubtfully and suggested that as he was so young he wait awhile before coming into the church. Immediately the others protested, "Why, he was the one who led us to the Lord!"—**Selected.**

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HALFWAY . . . OR ALL THE WAY WITH GOD

EDITORIAL...

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HALFWAY...

Halfway is dangerous.
Dangling between being lost and being saved
Is no fun.
Salvation is still found in God—and in Him only,
Though they try to find it in other places.
But every other place is temporary.
And eternity counts—
It isn't just a day or a tomorrow;
It is a thousand thousand and more.
No reason is good enough to turn God off or shut Him out.
The one who does loses more than inward peace.
He loses spiritual life and eternal happiness—
Even though he knows God halfway.

Halfway is dangerous.
Holding to Satan's world with one dirty hand and trying
To hold to God's with one clean hand
Is impossible.
Hide, you say?
Try and try and try, to no avail.
You cannot hide from an all-seeing God
Who is everywhere at all times.
Run away then?
Lose your breath trying.
You cannot run fast enough or far enough
To escape a God who is there before you get there.
If you're halfway, He knows it.

Halfway is dangerous.
Being suspended between heaven and hell
Is lingering in despair.
Halfway is always closer to one than the other.
It is always closer to hell.
If you are not with God,
Then you are against Him.
The outcome of being against Him:
Bound for torment, both now and forever.
You can't decide what you want?
Well, indecision is fatal.
Not deciding for is as bad as deciding against.
You have nowhere to go but hell, without Him.

Halfway is dangerous.
Confusion dwells. Blind travel
Leads you into greater evil
Until its power clutches your heart and soul,
And you moan in anguish, unable to break loose.
Hooked! Not necessarily on drugs and sex
But on the evil which provides the hang-ups
And lures you to them.
Evil, the power behind all your problems—
Drugs and sex included.
Good, the power behind their solution.
God is good; but you'll never know how good, if you're halfway.

Halfway is dangerous.
Sin will urge you to stay there,
But God will never accept you halfway.
Halfway is dangerous.
Halfway is lost!

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A Simple Man Filled With the Bigness of God

IN MEMORY OF UNCLE BOY
by
A Niece Who Loved Him
JOAN A. HOOKS

STRANGE name—Boy! But a name dear to my Grandmammy Sally ah Braxton Averette), along with the es of ten other children left father- when Boy was not quite two. My father, Ernest, was next to the old- and somehow it fell his lot to be- e "father" to this closely knit fam- who knew and expressed the real ning of love. There were no fancy s, frilly clothes, and not much money ing the lean years of childhood. There much more to life then than a con- t going here and there. There was e spelled with a capital "H," and it a real meaning for those who lived re and those who visited there.

f course, there were always friends ting and they felt the welcome and gratitude for their presence, not with nd silver and china on the table, but h a simple country meal prepared by ing hands and blessed by the mother this brood of eleven children.

can still hear my father as he ap- ached the old home calling, "Ma! !" until Grandmammy answered, as- ing him she was okay. Uncle Boy and rest of the children also used the en- aring name of "Ma" for my grand- ther. She herself was a real saint of d who always rebuked her children wrongdoings until she went to be th God. Even the black people on the m where I was raised respected her ristian principles. I used to hear them y when they knew they had said or re doing something wrong, "Look out, re comes Miss Sally!"

In that day the men all wore white arched shirts in the fields to work. th nine boys and two girls it took ite a lot of ironing, cooking, washing, d sweeping. I won't disclose who had e reputation for the best ironer, but I t even **he** would be proud of the fact instead of being ashamed as so many men would be. It took an awful lot of cooperation for this family, and not one of them lacked willingness to cooperate, no matter the task.

It must have been a busy household, but in my years of growing up I never remember my father complaining of these years and of the extra burdens he carried as sort of "head" of the Averette clan. In fact, I never heard any of this large family speak in reference to "Ma" without loving respect. Oh, that children of today reverenced their parents in this way!

Uncle Boy was so young that he was almost in my generation. At least it seemed like he was a brother to my own two brothers. There were the usual corncob fights that farm children enjoyed. But when things went wrong everyone always tried to spare "Ma," but she was hard to fool. My younger brother broke an arm in one of those famous corncob fights, and Uncle Boy tried to help slip him by the house quietly and unsuspectingly. I guess after raising eleven children my grandmother could smell trouble. So about the time they were sneaking by the house, who came out to see what was wrong? Yes, "Ma."

I have so many beautiful and precious memories from my childhood regarding my daddy's whole family that it would fill pages and pages. I'm sure all of the grandchildren are thankful for their heritage, rich in family love and respect. You see, I was especially lucky because I lived next door to my grandmother and watched as each of the families of daddy's brothers and sisters left the farm seeking employment in town. I also watched as Grandmammy successfully maintained her home for many years afterward. It was a busy place on Sunday afternoons, and always exciting to a child growing up like myself. Finally one of the daughters convinced Grandmammy to move to town with her.

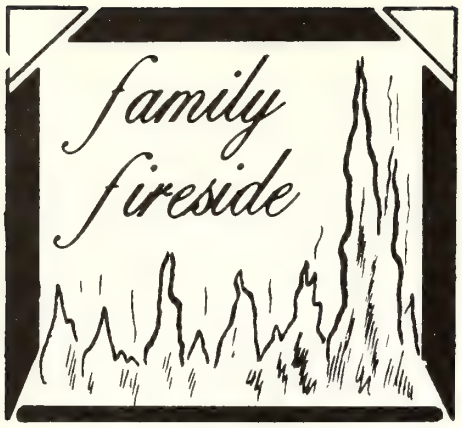
The family still kept a close check on each other even after Grandmammy died. On Sunday afternoon before my father passed away almost five years ago, you could ride out to the tobacco barns and sit under the huge trees and laugh with members of this family as they sort of drifted in and out of the outdoor "parlor," drank Pepsis together, and still laughed together. I guess this is why the huge barn grove feels so empty today when I visit it. There's no more family visiting, frosty freezers of ice cream, the sound of a game of horseshoes, and the laughter of yesterday. Yet the vivid memories of those years will stay forever fresh in my mind, and I will be grateful for this big family with big hearts.

Uncle Boy was typical of such a big heart. He was a simple and modest man with strong character molded by my grandmother who walked the Christian way with assurance. He was very active and a faithful member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, where his family heritage spanned the years to the very founding of this country church.

We had something precious in common—Uncle Boy and I . . . . the love of this old country church which was so much a part of our family, and our family so much a part of it. Uncle Boy was a pillar of this church. He always spoke his convictions, no matter the opposition. Then he welcomed the decision of the church and never ceased to be active due to any disagreement. His humility was evident even in his walk and dress. He never had excessive desires for this world's goods. Uncle Boy treasured his church relationship and his friends in and out of the church. You couldn't help but love someone with such a big heart —a heart full of the bigness of God and not himself!

Uncle Boy spread protective arms of love around his wife and two children. His was a voice of authority administered with loving concern of a husband and father. He was a constant defender of Christianity and the church. He strongly felt the failures of his own church and sought to help in his meager way to find victory by always expressing his innermost convictions. His life radiated with Christian love and concern for all. I am sure many members of Reedy Branch church will miss the sincere honesty and Christian concern of Uncle Boy —better known as Eugene W. Averette.

I will not mourn his passing, but rather I will dedicate my life anew to the Christian principles held dear by Uncle Boy. And I will smile when I remember his long arm of love he always spread around my shoulder whenever we met!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—Mark 10:14, 15

A Twelve-Year-Old Missionary

Years ago when Robert Moffat was in Africa he traveled far into the interior. One day he came to a tree upon which a board was fixed, saying that a Christian school was to be found in a village not far away.

He was amazed, for he believed himself to be the first white man in that part. Making his way toward the village, he met a little native girl about twelve years of age, to whom he said, "I saw a board fastened to a tree saying that there was a Christian school held in the village. Would you be so good as to lead me to the teacher?"

The little girl hung her head shyly and made no reply.

"Do you know the teacher?" he asked. She replied this time with a nod.

"Well, who is the teacher?" he persisted. Looking up into his face now, but still shyly, she answered, "I am the teacher."

Mr. Moffat discovered that the little girl had once been taken to a distant tribe, where she heard a missionary tell the people of the love of Jesus; and she had now become the first missionary to her own people. —*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

The Bible tells us that a little child shall lead them. Unless we come to God as a little child we cannot enter heaven.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:11-13

"Mother, You Haven't Lived the Life!"

Dr. Philpot was called to the bedside of a dying girl. In life, she had lived for the sinful things of the Christ-rejecting world. The faithful minister did his best to cause her to see her need of the Saviour, pleading, praying, and quoting God's Word to her. Seemingly he could make no impression on the dying girl. As a final effort, he called in her mother. The mother, with heartbreaking sorrow, also pled with the girl to accept Christ as her Saviour. The girl listened stonily, and then she said these indicting words to her mother, "Mother, you can't talk to me now. YOU HAVEN'T LIVED THE LIFE BEFORE ME!" Ah, how great will be OUR accountability before God if we, by low, lustful living cause others to stumble into hell over us!—*W. B. K.*

Prayer Thought

Have you lived a life worthy for others to pattern their life after? Could your child make the statement this dying girl did? Heaven forbid!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8-10

A Minister's Dream

It is said that a minister dreamed he was hitched to a covered wagon, and was laboriously, but slowly, pulling it along, until he reached a place in the road where the mud seemed to get deeper, and it was with much difficulty that he moved the wagon a few inches at a time. He thought it rather peculiar, as the last time he looked back he thought he saw the entire congregation pushing. But the longer and harder he pulled, the more difficult it became to move the wagon. Finally, he became exhausted, he went to the rear to examine the source of the trouble. All the church members had quit pushing. Not only had they quit pushing but they were criticizing the pastor for not pulling the church along faster.

Well, was it a dream? . . .—Cumberland Presbyterian.

Prayer Thought

We are so prone to criticize others, but let's take a look at ourselves. Are we doing our share? Do we blame others for the job not being done?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—James 1:22

God Hears You

A man working in the baggage room of a large railroad station dropped a heavy parcel on his foot and began to curse. A little girl, standing at the doorway of the room, called to him: "Please, mister, don't talk that way. Don't you know that God hears you?"

Her words gripped the man and convicted him of his sinfulness. Throughout the balance of the day, and through the night, her question plagued him. "Don't you know that God hears you?" Again and again these words rang in his ears. It was the turning point in his life.

Within a few days this man cried out to God in faith and was converted. The witness of a little child convicted him of his need and he found the way of life through the gospel which he had often heard but had never heeded until this time.—*The Pilgrim.*

Prayer Thought

Please keep in mind that God hears and sees everything. The songwriter tells us, "You cannot hide from God."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Luke 12:32-34

"He Left It All!"

A famous millionaire died of cancer. For weeks he suffered intolerable agony though surrounded by every luxury a ceiving every possible care, he di wretchedly as a pauper. There wa usual publicity, flowers, telegrams, a pensive bronze casket, and a tov beautifully carved tombstone. Afte funeral a relative turned to anothe said, "How much do you suppose that ry left?" Back came the reply, "H everything he had." Yes, Harry coul not one thing with him. He worked er than a slave would. He grasped, cheated, lied, and where legally po he stole, as he amassed his great fo He faced God without hope or plea. ry was a poor fool. "What shall it pr man, if he shall gain the whole world lose his own soul?"—C. Leslie Miller.

Prayer Thought

Are you storing up treasures in this or in the world to come? Surely you c take anything with you; you have to everything behind. So be wise and up treasures in heaven.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Revelation 22:12

Not Wasted

A young woman who was a great of flowers had set out a rare vine a base of a stone wall. It grew vigoro but it did not blossom. Day after day cultivated it and watered it and trie every way to coax it into bloom.

One morning as she stood disappoi before it, her invalid neighbor, whose lot adjoined her own, called over and "You cannot imagine how much I have enjoying the blooms of that vine you p ed." The owner looked and on the c side of the wall was a mass of bloom. vine had crept through the crevices flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

There is a lesson for every Christian h So often we think our efforts thrown a because we do not see their fruit. We r to learn that in God's service our pray our toil, our crosses are never in v Somewhere they bear their fruit and s heart will receive their blessing and t joy.—*Forward.*

Prayer Thought

We do not always see the fruits of labor. But just remember that any g work will someday reap a reward.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1-

His Greatest Sermon

Many years ago a farmer had an unus ly fine crop of grain. Just a few days fore it was ready to harvest, there cam terrible hail and wind storm. The en crop was demolished. After the storm over, the farmer, with his little son, w out on the porch. The little boy looked what was formerly the beautiful field wheat, and then with tears in his eyes

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

DREAM FULFILLMENT—PART II

by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes
Publicity - Director

The development program adopted for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., by its board of stockholders in January, 1970, was indeed an ambitious undertaking. The construction of a kitchen-dining hall is truly "dream fulfillment, Part II." The total cost of this addition was $32,500. However, the Crusader's Class of Black Rock Free Will Baptist Sunday School near Greenville donated $2,000 for the purpose of furnishing the dining hall. We have a remaining indebtedness of $19,500 to the Church Finance Association to complete payment on this building. As a part of this building project, a new roof and bathroom was added to cottage Number 4 at a cost of $3,500.

This is a major step forward in our development program. However, the biggest and most urgent part of our development program remains in the near future—the question of the old main building. There has been much discussion among our people and the board members as to the best course of action. Should we reconstruct the old building? or, Should we replace it with a new building in the same location? Regardless of which course of action is taken the next phase, which is the main building, will be the largest part of our development program. Before this phase is undertaken the current debt must be retired and adequate plans made for the major project.

Outside View of Kitchen-Dining Hall

Inside View of Dining Hall

Thank you, Free Will Baptists, for your fine response in the support of Cragmont Assembly. Please keep in mind that Cragmont is the property of the Free Will Baptist people, and it will become only what you, the people, are willing for it to become! Keep in mind this worthy ministry of Jesus Christ and continue your support in the future as in the past.

Some items that we are desperately in need of are: an electric griddle for the kitchen (institutional size, cost $475), washcloths, and bath towels.

If your church would like additional information on Cragmont, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851, phone 239-6471, is available on second and fourth Sunday evenings.

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Central Conference Layman's League Weekend Revival

The Layman's League of the Central Conference District will hold a weekend revival, September 13-15, at different churches in the conference. Services are to begin each evening at eight o'clock with the host church furnishing the speaker. The schedule is as follows: Thursday evening, September 13, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina; Friday evening, September 14, Friendship Free Will Baptist Church (Greene County) near Farmville, North Carolina; Saturday evening, September 15, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Pitt County) near Greenville.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all of these services you possibly can.

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True Epistles

An African prince, after interpreting the missionary's message, said, "I can't read this Book myself but I believe the words of it because I have watched the missionaries for two years and they have told me no lies about anything else, so when they tell me this Book is God's Word I believe it and I believe that Jesus died for me and I am going to follow this Jesus."—**Inland Africa.**

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival and Homecoming At Ormondsville Church

The Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of September 17-22, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Jack Mayo of Winterville, North Carolina. The Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor of the church, will assist Mr. Mayo each evening. Along with good preaching each evening, special music will be rendered under the direction of Ralph A. Bowen, church organist and choir director. Also throughout the week special music will be rendered by visiting groups.

Mr. Mayo has never held a revival in the Ormondsville church before, but he is not a stranger to the congregation, having been reared in a nearby community. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to worship with them during this meeting.

On Sunday, September 23, following the revival, the Ormondsville church will observe its annual homecoming. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. The pastor will bring the message. Following the worship service, the church members will be given a chance to bring their tithes and offerings toward the church's budget to the altar. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

All former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are extended a warm welcome to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Sarecta Church to Observe Annual Homecoming

The Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 16. The morning message will be delivered by the assistant pastor, the Rev. Carlton Lucas, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. Following a picnic lunch served on the church grounds at the noon hour, a singspiration program will be presented featuring the Harmony Quartet of Kinston, singers from the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, and groups from the local church.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Stephen A. Smith, and the church membership invite everyone who possibly can to worship with them on this special occasion.

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Homecoming and Fall Revival At Saratoga Church

Homecoming day will be observed at the Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, September 16, with the Rev. Bruce Barrow, a former pastor, delivering the morning message. During this service special music will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Whitley and the church choir. During the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Special guests for this occasion will be the employees and children of the Children's Home.

An afternoon program of singing has been planned featuring the Good News Choir, the Children's Home, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Whitley, and other invited groups. The service will close with a memorial service conducted by Mrs. Fred Pittman. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Revival services will be held at the Saratoga church the week of September 24-28, with the Rev. Dewey Boling Wilson as the guest evangelist. The Larry Barbour, pastor of the church, assist Mr. Boling each evening. A with good preaching, special music be presented nightly. Everyone is in ed to attend all these services he sibly can.

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Daly's Chapel to Observe Homecoming and Revival

The Daly's Chapel Free Will Bapti Church, Route 1, LaGrange, North Car lina will observe homecoming on Sunda September 16. The Rev. J. Walter Sta ley will bring the homecoming messag Following a picnic lunch at the noon hou a program of singing will be presente in the afternoon. A cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

On Monday, September 17, revival se vices will begin at Daly's Chapel. Th pastor, the Rev. Floyd Smith, will brin the messages each evening at 7:45 wit the services coming to a close with th Saturday evening service, September 22 The pastor and the church membershi extend a warm welcome to the public t attend.

Coming Events . . .

September 20—Eastern District Woman' Auxiliary Convention, Smith's Nev Home Church, Deep Run, North Caro lina

September 22—Eastern District Youth Convention, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church New Bern, North Carolina

October 10—Albemarle Conference, Unio Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ply mouth, North Carolina

tor and Wife Honored
Twenty Years of Service

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Martin of Route 1, Benson, North Carolina, were honored during a reception at Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church near Benson, on Sunday afternoon, September 2, for 20 years of service to the church. Approximately 125 members and friends were present for the occasion, at which time they were presented an engraved plaque and silver tray. Ray G. Smith made the presentation on behalf of the church membership, with the prayer of dedication by the Rev. David Hill, pastor of Mr. Martin's home church, Steven's Chapel.

Family members present for the occasion were their daughters, Mrs. Sandra Worley of Route 1, Benson and Mrs. Annie Ruth Lowery of Raleigh, and two granddaughters, Malinda and Bridget Lowery of Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have three other children: Cynthia M. Benson of Route 1, Benson; Edward of Raleigh; and Eula Mae, who resides in South America.

The woman's auxiliary of the church hosted the reception and the Sunday school superintendent, Granville T. Denning and Mrs. Denning, said the "goodbyes" to those attending.

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Otter's Creek Church
Announces Homecoming Services

The Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Fountain, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming services to be held Sunday, September 16. The pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, will be in charge of the services with the Rev. C. D. Hamilton, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message.

Immediately following the morning worship a picnic lunch will be served by the church. This is an important day in the life of this church. It is a time when the members look forward to seeing old friends, renewing acquaintances, and fellowshiping together. They pray that you can see fit to worship with them on this occasion.

Otter's Creek to
Observe Homecoming

The Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, will observe homecoming day Sunday, September 16, with the Rev. C. D. Hamilton, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message. Following a picnic lunch, an afternoon song service has been planned featuring a men's choir from Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, and the church membership cordially invite former pastors, members, and friends of the church to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy the worship and Christian fellowship.

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Sneads Ferry Church Revival
September 17-22

Revival services will be held at the Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, the week of September 17-22, beginning each evening at 7:45. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, will assist in the services. He and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Barnes Hill Church

The Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church (Sandy Cross Roads), Route 3, Nashville, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of September 16-22. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan as guest minister. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Morgan, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

On Sunday, September 23, Barnes Hill church will observe its annual homecoming. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor at the morning worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch at the noon hour. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

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Stancil's Chapel Church
Announces Homecoming

Homecoming services will be observed at the Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, on Sunday, September 16. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The homecoming message will be brought by the Rev. Walton E. Parrish at the worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

In the afternoon, a songfest has been planned. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, and the congregation extend a warm invitation to everyone to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming and Revival at
Smith's New Home Church

Homecoming services will be observed at Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, Sunday, September 23, with the Rev. R. M. Fader, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall of the church at the noon hour. An afternoon program of singing has been planned, featuring the Harmony Quartet from Jackson Heights church, along with various other singing groups. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Monday evening, September 24, the fall revival at Smith's New Home church will begin with the Rev. James Warren of Kinston, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harrell, each evening in the services which will begin at 7:30. The meeting will come to a close with the Saturday evening service, September 29. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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NOTE OF THANKS

To my friends, neighbors, and loved ones, many thanks to each of you for your prayers, cards, letters, and flowers during my recent illness. I sincerely appreciate all your prayers, and request the prayers of all Christians everywhere as my condition is malignant. I know the Lord is able and I only want His will to be done concerning my life.

I especially would like to say a very special thanks to those who remembered me and my family with their financial means. May our Father in heaven bless you a hundredfold.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Earl Minchew

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Whether laughter is healthful or not depends on the size of the fellow you're laughing at!

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

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Phone (919) 235-4079

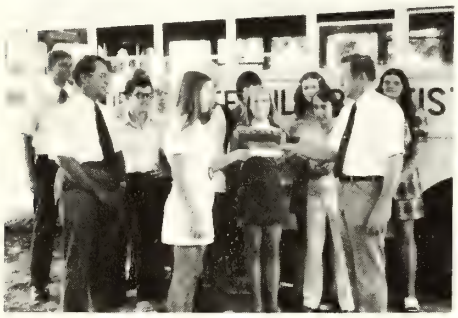
MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Bible school and the YFA of the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church visited the campus on August 26, 1973. They came bearing gifts for the Home. The larger group, the Bible school, raised $331.82. A contest for best average attendance was the method used to raise the funds and the winners, the 5-6 year olds were given a trip to visit the Home. The second and third place groups, the 7-8 year olds and 9-10 year olds were invited to come along.

Bible School Group

The YFA also held a car wash, which yielded $86 for the Home. Julia Cannon, an alumnus of the Home, presents the check to Mr. Weeks, the superintendent. Julia's sister, Diane, is also in the picture.



YFA Group

Young people can indeed do their thing for God's kingdom as we have seen here. The Home appreciates the efforts of the youngsters. We believe they gave, not to an institution of the Free Will Baptist Church, but to a fellow human being, a fellow teen-ager, and a child out of a response to Christ's command to "bear ye one another's burdens." Also they opened wide their hands to the poor and needy of the land because God loved us first and so "ought we to love one another."

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NEW BULL

As stated in an earlier news article in July, the Home has purchased a Simmental bull. The bull was purchased from the Sand Lea Cattle Company of Stantonsburg, North Carolina, at a reduced price. Several churches and individuals of the Central Conference made special contributions towards the purchase of this bull and we wish to extend our appreciation to everyone involved.

The list of churches and individuals, along with the amount they contributed, is as follows:

Daniels Chapel	$ 204.00
Greenville	100.00
Friendship	100.00
Ayden	105.00
Black Jack	173.00
Owen's Chapel	100.00
R. E. Bynum (Spring Branch)	100.00
Eugene G. Perkins	100.00
Reedy Branch	100.00
Total	$1,082.00

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A Big Difference

Two sisters had been living in different cities. They came home on a visit. While away from home, one of the girls had become a Christian. After a few days the other girl said, "I don't know what causes it, but you are a great deal easier to live with than you used to be."

When Jesus comes in, it should make a difference!—**Counsellor.**

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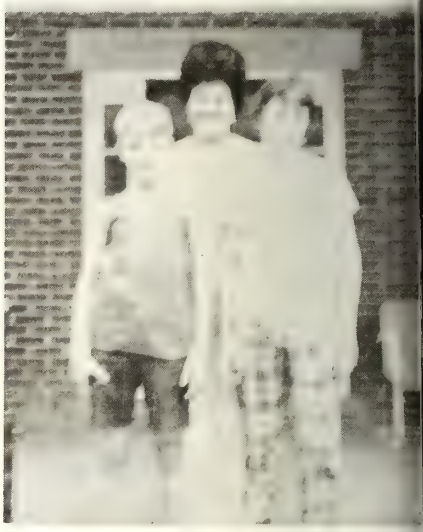
The prepared man succeeds; the unprepared man fails.

NEW CHILDREN ON CAMPUS

Pictured here with their housepar Mrs. Mary Mitchell, are Mitchell Sa and his brother, Donald. Donald Mitchell are 9 and 13 years old, res tively. The boys are from Wilson Co ty, North Carolina, and we are happy welcome them to our family.



Also, the Davidson family came to l with us this week. They are from T boro, North Carolina. They are Ellen L 13, Louvenia Pauline 8, and Mittie Le 5. The girls are pictured with M Batts, their housemother, in Smith C tage.

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The six sweetest phrases in the Amer can language:

I love you.
Dinner is served.
All is forgiven.
Sleep until noon.
Keep the change.
Here's that five.

LITTLE CREEK PRESENTS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

ft to right: The Rev. David C. Hansley, Mr. Roy T. Forrest, and Dr. W. Burkette Raper.

HE Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Ayden, North rolina, has donated its historical docu-nts to Mount Olive College. The ords were recently presented to the e Will Baptist Historical Collection of unt Olive College during the church's hristian Education Sunday" observance.

Mr. Roy T. Forrest, past church clerk, esented the records to Mount Olive lege president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, behalf of the College. The church ords date from 1903 to 1956 and con-n the official church minutes and re-ed information.

In accepting the three books, Dr. Raper d, "These records are very significant the Free Will Baptist Collection, be-se the Little Creek church is one of oldest Free Will Baptist churches in nation with a history predating 50."

Following the presentation, Dr. Raper delivered the morning message. Using the theme, "God's Plan for Your Life," Dr. Raper said that God wants to give us an abundant life but we often select "our" plan for life rather than "His" plan. God's plan, according to Dr. Raper, is a good, great, and wonderful plan and is far better than anyone that man can make for himself.

Dr. Raper was introduced to the congregation by the Rev. David C. Hansley, pastor of the Little Creek church. Attending the service with Dr. Raper was Dr. Jamil Shami, an associate from Mount Olive College and originally from the Holy Land.

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Spend a few quiet minutes each day reading to your preschooler. He or she will learn to **feel** the love!

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A lazy man is good for two things: good for nothing and no good.

A TRIBUTE TO NORTH GASKINS

On Tuesday, August 21, 1973, North A. Gaskins died. Mr. Gaskins was a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, and served as a former deacon and teacher. His passing deeply touched me, for he was a man of God whose life influenced me. I know tributes are hard to write, especially for Mr. Gaskins, because my words can never be the measure of the man. However, those of us who knew Mr. Gaskins would like others to know about him. He was a gentleman, most worthy of anyone's trust and companionship. He was wise and compassionate, a man deeply respected and loved by others.

A very generous and concerned man, he said to me on one occasion, "Tommy, if there's anything that we (he and his wife) can do for you, then we'd be glad to help." I've never forgotten that. He really meant it. I never requested anything, but I'm sure he never forgot me in his prayers. He was most dependable. On another occasion, after preaching my first sermon, Mr. Gaskins was one of the first to compliment me. The sermon was on getting prepared for the Lord's coming. Always, in private thoughts, I've associated this sermon with him, because he was one truly prepared and ready. Because of his faithful preparation and by God's wonderful grace and love, death was but a stairway to a higher life. Surely, we know that at the top of those steps, Tuesday morning, August 21, Christ was waiting for Brother North with open arms.

My prayer is that God will lead more men to be so studious of the Word, so loyal and involved with His church, and so concerned about humanity, as was North Gaskins. His parting leaves a lonesome place at his church as well as his home; yet, his shadow lingers still to inspire a younger generation. The memory of his life is a comfort to Christians everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,
Tommy Evans

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KEY WORDS TO LIFE

1 - 20 years—learning
20 - 30 years—ladies
30 - 40 years—living
40 - 50 years—liberty
50 - 60 years—leisure
60 - 70 years—living

our Church Auxiliaries

Winterville Church Entertains Youth Convention

The Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church was host to the central Conference Youth Convention, Saturday, August 25, at 7:30 in the evening. Faith Langley, president, presided at the convention. After the opening hymn, "Trust and Obey," Mrs. Jack Dail led the group in prayer. This was followed with the devotions conducted by Emerson Hobgood of King's Cross Roads church and prayer by the Rev. Jack Mayo, host pastor. Welcoming the convention was Bob Hines of the Winterville church with the Marlboro church responding.

A love offering in the amount of $31.20 was received with Mrs. Judy Mayo rendering the offertory prayer.

During the business session there were no reports from the secretary or treasurer; however, Mrs. Jack Dail, a sponsor, stated that there was around $600 in the treasury. The convention voted in favor of continuing the $5 registration fee. It also elected Jeanne Morris of the Marlboro church as the new recording secretary, to finish out the term of Debra Shirley who will be moving away. President Faith Langley then presented to the convention a list of four recommendations to be voted on at the November meeting that the executive committee has drawn up. The committee recommends:

1. That the officers (starting with next year's officers) be elected for two terms.
2. That no officer elected be any older than 21 years.
3. That martial status have no effect on eligibility for office.
4. That a clear and definite project be established for the convention.

The convention added a fifth recommendation in accordance that if recommendation one passes, that the two-year term begin with this year's officers.

Chorus time was led by Miss Leah McGlohon. This was followed by a program entitled, "Watch Those Feet," presented by the youth of the host church. The program included special music by the youth choir, the Hines Cousins, and Miss Betty Jean Hines. The service closed with the congregation singing "I'll Tell the World." The benediction was offered by the Rev. L. B. Woodall.

Refreshments were served by the host church in the Sunday school rooms.

We would like to thank the Winterville church for their warm hospitality and the delicious refreshments.

Please don't forget the next meeting in November when Marlboro will serve as the host church. See ya' there!

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Branch, Reporter

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Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene Thursday, September 20, with Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina. The convention theme will be, "Building the Kingdom." The Scripture is taken from Luke 6:48, "He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." Serving as pianist for the convention will be Mrs. J. B. Starnes. Ushers will be Mrs. Clifton Parrish and Mrs. W. C. Smith. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"
—Devotions, Mrs. William Davis
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Bertie Howard
—Response, Mrs. Edna E. Fowler
10:30—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, Ministers, and Visitors
—Remarks, Mrs. Fred Register, District President
10:45—Report of Cragmont Assembly
10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Pi Foundation, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
11:05—Report of Children's Home, Sam Weeks, Superintendent
11:15—Report of Mount Olive Colle Dr. Hilda Owens
11:25—Hymn, "On Christ, the Solid Rc I Stand"
—Offering (Equally divided betw Mount Olive College and the C dren's Home)
11:30—Announcements
—Appointment of Committees
11:35—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Solo, by Mar Grady, Accompanied by Lir Smith
Message, the Rev. Harold Jone
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust Jesus"
—Prayer
1:10—Memorial Service, Mrs. Ver Baldree
1:20—Minutes of Executive Committe
1:25—Presentation of Pins
1:30—Other Denominational Work ports:
Youth, Mrs. Melody Wall
Missions, Mrs. Adeline Gray
District Field Secretary, Mrs. Nc Winstead
Superannuation, Mrs. Carol Ha ley
Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Jam Evans
—Special Music
—Secretary's Report
—Treasurer's Report
—Old and New Business
—Appointment of Delegates Other Conventions
—Adjournment

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Attention, Eastern Youth Chairmen And Sponsors!

The Eastern District Youth Conventi will meet with the Saint Mary's Free W Baptist Church, New Bern, North Car lina, on Saturday, September 22, for fall fellowship. Registration will beg at 9:30 a.m., and lunch will be served the host church at the noon hour.

We are pleased and honored to have our guests at this convention Mrs. Edw Roper of Belhaven, North Carolina, wl will entertain with her puppets. Al Miss Guyla Corbett of Ayden, North Car

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Did Jesus promise to return his earth? Did God promise to send ? Will He return from heaven in ily form as stated in Acts 1:9-11, d when he had spoken these things, le they beheld, he was taken up; and oud received him out of their sight. while they looked stedfastly toward ven as he went up, behold, two men d by them in white apparel; Which said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand azing up into heaven? this same Je- which is taken up from you into ven, shall so come in like manner as ave seen him go into heaven"? Are saints to wait patiently for their re- ds and His coming?

nswer: I think that your questions all simply answered in the affirmative he Bible. "And if I go and prepare lace for you, I will come again, and ive you unto myself; that where I there ye may be also" (John 14:3). first answer then is yes. Jesus defi- ly promised to go back to the Father, are us a place, and return to take o it as our place of permanent abode. we definitely have promises in the e saying that God, our heavenly Fath- will send Jesus to this earth again to plete some unfinished work of which the Old Testament and New Testa- t speak freely. "And now, brethren, t that through ignorance ye did it, id also your rulers. But those things, ch God before had shewed by the th of all his prophets, that Christ ld suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Re- t ye therefore, and be converted, that sins may be blotted out, when the s of refreshing shall come from the ence of the Lord; And he shall send s Christ, which before was preached you: Whom the heaven must receive l the times of restitution of all things, ch God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world be- For Moses truly said unto the fa- s, A prophet shall the Lord your God e up unto you of your brethren, like me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days" (Acts 3:17-24).

There is to be both reward and judgment meted out to all. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matthew 16:24-27); "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:27); "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day" (Luke 17:24); "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

He will come unannounced except for what we already have written in the Bible about His second coming. Remember that in His second coming: first, it shall be to raise the righteous dead; second, to change the living saints; third, to catch up in the air both those who have died and those who are living to be with Him forever. We are exhorted to be abiding or continue to abide in Him. Paul called it "pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The author of Hebrews called it "running with patience the race that is set before me." "His eye is on the sparrow" and we know He watches over us, but He also calls upon us to watch and to pray without ceasing.

If we obey the Scriptures we will follow the example of Dr. Griffith Thomas as expressed at the Moody Founder's Week Conference more than a decade ago when speaking of the second coming. He told us that for years that as he prayed before leaving his bedroom he always said, "Come quickly Lord Jesus, if perchance you delay that glorious event until another day dawns make me aware of Thy presence in all of this Thy day as I seek with all my heart and mind to completely obey Thee in all things." This was the attitude of all of Jesus' followers when the Holy Spirit filled them, and should be each of ours. There is no purpose apart from God's will for us worth a second of our time, however important all the hounding demons of Hades may seek to influence us to believe. The Bible tells us what God wants of us each day and we should be satisfied to obey Him. A happy life is promised to us if we conform to God's will and unhappiness if we do not. In order to conform to His will we need to know the Bible and obey it. It teaches us to watch with continuous vigil His appearing in the air for His own.

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:28); "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28); "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? . . . But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:3, 37); ". . . Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). (Compare Matthew 24:36-47; John 7: 17.) The world, as it did when warned before the flood and before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, will not believe and heed God's warning. "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went

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STORIES

for our youth

THE RUNAWAY HORSE

by RUTH A. KERNS

"OH, GRANDMA, see this picture of a horse!" said Jimmy, as he brought his picture book for Grandmother to see. "I wish we had horses instead of cars. I like horses. And if we used horses there wouldn't be so many accidents."

"Well, Jimmy, sometimes a horse did become frightened and run. We called it a 'runaway horse,'" said Grandma. "Sometimes there were bad accidents."

"Tell us a story about when you were a little girl," asked Jimmy, cuddling up beside Grandma where she sat on the sofa reading.

Now Grandma never could resist Jimmy's eager eyes and round, smiling face when he asked for a story; so now, with one arm around him and the other around Jonathan, who has stopped his play to listen, Grandma began:

"You boys do not know very much about snow here in California; but when I was a little girl, I lived in Michigan. We never knew of a winter without plenty of snow. One year it was so deep it covered the fencetops. It was so cold that the crust on the snow was as solid as ice and we could walk to school over the fencerows. There were no automobiles in those days; so when the snow got too deep for carriages, the driving horse would be hitched to a cutter that looked like those on Christmas cards. Farmers used large bobsleds, which were on heavy runners.

"One day my mother—your great-grandmother—had an errand at the home of friends a few miles away. The snow was nearly three feet deep; but roads were well packed and just right for a lovely cutter ride. Trees and shrubs were snowladen and beautiful as they sparkled in the sunshine. Mother started off happily, taking with her my brother, our baby sister, and me.

"When we arrived at the friend's home, which sat back some distance from the main road, Mother took baby sister into the house with her; but my brother and I stayed outside to play in the dry, powdery snow.

"Before too long Mother came outside, ready to start for home. My brother and I asked if we could ride on the runners of the cutter, hanging onto the seat behind Mother. Since she knew how we loved to do this, and since we weren't too far from home, Mother consented. How delighted we were, for we weren't always granted this privilege. We each twisted one foot securely around the iron rods between the runners and the cutter seat so we couldn't fall off, and away we went, down the curving driveway.

"Now a cutter could not make as sharp a turn as a buggy on wheels, and alas! the driveway hadn't been shoveled out wide enough. Over went the cutter on its side. My brother and I were thrown upward. The horse of course became frightened and started to run. Mother was calling out, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa!' but the horse was rearing and plunging right and left, snorting, trembling, and floundering in the snowbank. Terrified, Mother rolled baby sister tightly in her blankets and tossed her into a deep snowdrift on the side away from the horse. I can still recall how Mother's hat was awry and her long hair falling down. Since I wasn't much hurt, and it all happened so suddenly, I did not become too badly frightened, and soon the horse was stopped."

"Grandma, would you have been hurt if the cutter had turned on top of you?" asked Jimmy.

"Well, now, Jimmy, I suppose if I been dragged some distance under cutter, I might have been quite seri ly injured."

"Oh, Grandma," said Jimmy, "I'm glad God didn't let you get hurt."

"Yes, Jimmy, I'm sure God took of us—not only that time, but on sev other occasions that I'll tell you ab some day. But now I hear Mother ing."

Grandma gave each of her story-lov a good-night kiss, and off they scur to their beds.—**The Free Methodist.**

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SPECIAL DAY FOR GRANDPA

by Lois Anne Williams

THE SUN WAS SHINING into Jol room when he jumped out of that Sunday morning to see his sis Linda, standing in the doorway, smil

"John," she asked, "know what this is?"

"Of course," he answered, "it's Gra pa's birthday."

Now every Sunday is special for Li and John, because that is the day they to Sunday school and church. But Sunday would be extra special, beca there was to be a surprise birthday ner afterwards for Grandpa. Mother Daddy, Linda and John, would go Grandma and Grandpa's house. Aunt and Aunt Mary would be there, Everyone was to take something to so it wouldn't be too much work Grandma.

After breakfast Mother and John wr ped Grandpa's gift while Linda watch John asked, "May I carry Grandpa's and give it to him?"

"Yes," said Mother, "you may— Linda, you may say 'Happy Birthday' Grandpa."

When church was over, the child and Mother and Daddy made their toward Grandpa's house. John and da were so excited they could har wait. Linda reminded John, "Don't get when you give Grandpa his gift, say, 'Happy Birthday.'"

"Don't worry," said John. "Oh, w Grandpa be surprised?"

Just before they came to Grand house, they met Aunt Lou and A Mary and their families, and all dr into his yard.

And John was right! How surpri

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Raper to Present Slide Program

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount ive College will present a slide pro- am on his recent trip to the Holy Land Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist urch near Goldsboro, North Carolina, Sunday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. e Rev. Edward Miles, pastor, announc- that the program is being sponsored the youth of the church and is open all who would like to attend.

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A Letter of Appreciation

Kenansville, N. C.
July 18, 1973

. Burkette Raper, President
ount Olive College
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ear Dr. Raper,

Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church of enansville, North Carolina, would like take this opportunity to express sin- re appreciation to the Supervised Min- erial Work Experience Program at ount Olive College. Under this ogram we have had the pleasure of ving Brother Carlton Lucas serve as our sistant pastor for the past church year. has been a real inspiration to us and s had a particular appeal to the youth our church. His personality and ristian attitudes are such that he is ell liked by all our people and we feel at he has truly become a part of us.

Under the able leadership of our pas- r, the Rev. Stephen A. Smith, we feel at he has made great strides in the ntent and presentation of his sermons d assuming the role of pastor on occa- ons and should be commended for such.

We feel that this program will be most neficial in training pastoral students r our denominational work and through r acquaintance with Brother Lucas we e a brighter outlook in the training of r youth for Christian service.

Yours in Christ,
Wilbert A. Jones, Clerk

GIFTS TO MOYE LIBRARY

The amount of the gifts to Moye Library at Mount Olive College, during the month of August, 1973, was $187, and is as follows:

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Woman's Auxiliary

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lina, will speak to us, along with her dummy.

Youth chairmen and sponsors, don't forget that this is the time to elect officers for the next two years. Please keep in mind the qualifications for officers and have your nominations ready for president, vice-president, and secretary. We hope this will be a time of fellowship for our youth, so encourage yours to come. Please remind your youth of the essay and declamation contests for 1974. The theme for the essay is "Power of Prayer," and for the declamation, "Prayer Is . . ." The Bible Bowl Quiz will be taken from the Book of Acts; so get your book from one of our bookstores and begin to study.

Looking forward to seeing you at the fall fellowship!

Mrs. Melody R. Wall, **Youth Chairman**
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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Grandpa was to see all of his children and grandchildren. He was very happy.

When it was time for the gifts, John handed theirs to Grandpa, and Linda said "Happy Birthday." Grandpa was very pleased, "Oh, thank you," he said. "You've surely helped to make my birthday a happy one."

Linda and John smiled at each other. They were happy, too, because they had helped with Grandpa's special day.—**The Free Methodist.**

MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION

Printed Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:19

I. INTRODUCTION

For what were you saved? What is your chief responsibility as a Christian?

Being a Christian means more than going to church, giving the tithe, singing in the choir, making posters for the bulletin board, having fellowship meetings, doing work around the church, or even praying and reading the Bible. These and other things like them are good as far as they go, but unless they result in our achieving our main purpose, they remain simply nice things to do.

What then is our main purpose? We are ambassadors for Christ. We are saved to go to heaven when we die or when Jesus returns, yes; but more than that, we are saved to bring others to Jesus that they also may go to heaven. It is a sin to live out our years doing "church work" without learning that the only excuse for our being redeemed is to help get others redeemed also.

We are ministers of reconciliation. There are millions who are at enmity with God, who are outside the fold of Christ. God does not need to be reconciled to them, for He has never turned from them; they need to be reconciled to God, for they have turned from Him. Being a minister of reconciliation simply means that we are doing our best to point unsaved men to the living Christ who will give them life abundant. This is the Christian's "first love," and a serious question we must ask in this lesson is whether we have left that first love or whether we are letting it glow in our hearts, making them burn with a desire to win men to God.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There is enmity between man and his conscience, between man and man, and between man and God. What a great need there is for a ministry of reconciliation in the world today. The church is given this responsibility.

B. "The gospel is not an old, old story, freshly told. It is a fire in the Spirit, led by the flame of immortal love: and woe unto us, if, through our negligence to stir up the gift of God which is within us, that fire burns low."—Cautrey.

C. "The greatest miracle of that day (Pentecost) was the transformation wrought in those waiting disciples. Their fire-baptism transformed them."—Chadwick.

D. Why are there so many Free Will Baptist churches that do not have a visitation program? Why are there so many of our members opposed to a visitation program in the churches that have one? This would be a good topic for class discussion.

E. If we are ambassadors for Christ, are we doing a good job of representing Christ in our community?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A hardened non-Christian was once asked if he did not want to be saved. His flippant answer was, "Saved? I didn't even know I was lost!"

While the question was perhaps not the wisest way of approach, one must grieve at an answer that indicates such a complete lack of any concept of God or of a relationship to Him. What kind of reply would you give this person?—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

B. Look around the house and find a long cash register tape. If this is not available, a monthly statement of charges from a department store charge account will serve the purpose.

On the tape or statement write the following entries:

Lying	$ 500,00
Envy	25,000
Greed	75,000
Lust	150,000
Resentment	50,000
Cheating	125,000
Indifference	110,000
Selfishness	80,000
Other Sins	750,000
Total	$1,865,000

Each of us have many debts, but wl if God affixed a dollar and cents amou to each sin we commit?

In dollars and cents we would o God an impossible amount. We cou never repay Him. Though it is r figured in dollars and cents, our debt God that we have incurred as sinne can never be repaid.

Jesus has paid the price. His blo was offered on the Cross to remove o debt. Through His blood we are recc ciled to God.—**Standard Lesson Comme tary.**

C. In reply to a question as to how s expected to be saved, an old saint r plied, "Through the justice of God." T cleric attempted to correct her by i plying that she meant through the gra of God. But the maturer scholar God's school persisted: "Through the ju tice of God. He is faithful and just forgive us our sins."—**The Teen-A Teacher (F.W.B.).**

D. One day an African chief came Doctor Livingstone with a pressing que tion: "I want to change my heart. Giv me medicine to change it, for it is prou proud and angry, angry always." Doct Livingstone held up a New Testame and was about to tell the man of th only way by which the heart could b changed. But the chief interrupted hir "No, no, I want it changed quickly an easily by medicine to drink. Your boo takes too long. It demands too muc I want it changed now, for my heart very proud and very uneasy, and co tinually angry with someone."

Poor, ignorant African! Just becaus he had seen Doctor Livingstone heal th physical body with magic potions fro his medicine chest, he supposed that similar cure existed for the spiritu heart.

But it might be well for us to ask ou selves the question: "Are we any be ter?" We seek relief in recreation an "peace of mind cults," as we seek simple, easy-to-take cure that will solv all of our problems in one dose, whi we neglect the only cure, that prescribe by Doctor Livingstone: God's Word.—**In spiring Illustrations.**

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The way you teach is very importan and what you teach is even more im portant, but how you live is most im portant.

Winterville Sunday School Honors Mr. and Mrs. Tripp

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tripp of Winterville, North Carolina, recently retired from one of their positions in the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. Leo retired from duty as church treasurer, a position he has held since January, 1955. Mrs. Tripp gave up her teaching position for the nursery class which she had taught for fifteen years. She was honored with a silver engraved bowl.

It was in this class that many of the children first learned to pray the "Lord's Prayer" and to sing many familiar choruses. The children were very fond of "Miss Queenie" and were very eager to show her a new dress or new shoes. Special holidays were always a treat to the children as they knew Miss Queenie was sure to have an Easter basket or some goodie to fit the occasion. They looked forward to Christmas with their own little tree and gifts from Miss Queenie.

Leo has served in many capacities since becoming a member of the Winterville church in 1924. He was an active deacon for thirty-seven years and is still an honorary deacon and trustee. He served about ten years as Sunday school superintendent. He also served in the Second Union of the Central Conference as secretary, member of the finance committee, and treasurer. In the Central Conference he served several years as assistant secretary and as secretary for about eight years. He is now on the credentials committee.

As deacon and Sunday school superintendent, Leo did a lot of odd jobs around the church; for example, building fires before the heating system was put in or changing a light bulb. You can still depend on him to help in any way he can. Back in the spring when the women were making preparations to entertain the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, one of the ladies asked him to replace a light bulb and prune the shrubs in front of the church. Not only did he do this, but he mowed the lawn as well.

Leo and Queenie have a real Christian love for the sick and elderly. They have brought much joy to shut-ins who were lonely. They are never too busy to go out of their way to do a kind deed for a widow or anyone who needs them. They have truly lived the Lord's command-ment to love thy neighbor as thyself.

The Winterville Sunday school gratefully appreciates all their years of service and wish the Lord's blessing on them.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah McGlohon
Gladys Corbett

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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looked up at his dad, expecting to hear words of despair. All at once his father started to sing softly, "Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee." Years after, the little boy, grown to manhood, said, "That was the greatest sermon I ever heard." The farmer lost a grain crop, but who knows but what that was the turning point in the boy's life. He saw the faith of a godly father in practice.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

You are preaching a sermon each day. Be careful of every act for you never know who might be patterning his life after yours.

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Questions & Answers

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out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-30).

Christians are exhorted to not be as the world in these important matters. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: . . . Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7, 13).

These Scriptures speak of a time then future that would be characterized by such conditions as those that preceded the judgment God brought upon the whole earth in the form of a universal flood and those preceding His judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Well what about this our day? Is it characterized by ungodliness as were the days preceding two judgments? Do we pay the attention they did in these two evil eras, "eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage"? What about, "they did build"? Do we see that prophecy fulfilled before our eyes today? Jesus accused the Jews of His day of giving more attention to weather signs, such as a lowering red sky that to the Palestinians of His day suggested rain, than the fact that the greatest event of prophetic warnings which was at hand and had come according to the prophetic forecast that the Jews were familiar with, having been taught of it at home, in school, and in their religious meetings. It appears that they were so unaware of Christ being in their midst they invented a christ to fit their false religious thoughts. Could it be that "wars and rumors of wars, marrying and giving in marriage" that Jesus said would precede His second coming, and that like the decadent Jews of His day, we are so taken up with the evil conditions of our day that we refuse to acknowledge the facts as they are and as they were predicted to be?

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church is seeking a pastor for full-time services. The church has a parsonage for its pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. Richard Roberts, Route 1, Grantsboro, North Carolina 28529; telephone 249-4211. Or you might write the clerk, Mrs. Vernon J. Daniels, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510.

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The Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, is seeking a minister to pastor the church on a full-time basis. The minister is needed immediately.

Anyone interested in information about the pastorate should contact Mr. Algie Edwards, Route 2, Newton Grove, North Carolina 28366, telephone 567-6398. If unable to reach Mr. Edwards, please contact Mr. Dumas Dawson, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina 28334, telephone 567-6888.

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THE TRUE ANALYSIS OF BEAUTY

EDITORIAL...

ON BEAUTY

Contrary to popular belief, a thing of beauty is not a joy forever—not if she thinks she's pretty, and not if that beauty is proud and unbending. Let's examine beauty and try to determine just what it is.

Something is beautiful if it is true; something is beautiful if it is good; and, something is beautiful if it is purposeful. We usually measure beauty by the effect it has upon us. We judge things by what they seem to be, not always for their real worth. Some things seem good to us when they seem bad to others; similarly, a beautiful person may appear ugly to us because we know unfavorable traits in his character. Beauty is a matter of individual preference. Some people gasp in the presence of flowers while others gasp in the presence of a skyscraper—or a prime pig. The only true test for beauty would be whether or not the object or regard satisfied our desires at a particular time. A full stomach does not consider a banana split beautiful, unless one has an unnatural appetite. On the other hand, a leaf of lettuce could prove quite beautiful to one who is on a liquid diet. Thus, our cravings could determine the beautiful or the unbeautiful.

Some people have been known to regard an elongated neck as a mark of great beauty. In our culture we find no particular charm in having or looking upon a long neck. Some people insert gold rings in their noses as an adornment or as enhancement to their "natural" beauty. We find no satisfaction in such a display. We have learned to admire a flashing smile which reveals perfect, white teeth; but some people blacken their teeth for beauty's sake. Some of the ancients described perfect beauty as a spherical figure, while others saw it in a pyramid or a square. Many men today refer to beauty as a nicely-shaped woman!

Prejudices, standards, and customs vary with differing individuals and different personality types; thus, what is beautiful or ugly rests upon these "norms." Private tastes or public opinion enter in, so beauty is really not definable—at least not in the strict sense of definition that some people would require.

Something beautiful stimulates the sense of sight, and its perception can stimulate the other senses too. If the subject is music, the sense of hearing is first affected. Viewing or hearing the beautiful can cause the heart to beat faster and the blood pressure to rise. Stimulation of the other three senses can provide the same physical reactions, but describing something as beautiful is usually expressed after having seen or heard it. There have been three elements ascribed to beauty: namely, perfection, harmony, and brightness. Beauty is therefore never constant, for all men differ in their discernment of that which is perfect, harmonious, or bright. Personal judgment affords the degree at which something is described as "beautiful," "pretty," or "all right." Music in a minor key, for example, repels some people while it "turns others on." Experience affects our opinion of the beautiful, for our association to pleasureable or unpleasureable happenings in certain environs affords beauty or ugliness. Psychological development can alter one's ideas; warped minds are stimulated by pain, morbidness, death, or destruction; and sunshine is considered beautiful by all except those who love the darkness or those who fear the light. It would not be fair for us to assume that our peers have poor taste just because their concept of beauty does not coincide with ours. There is natural beauty and artificial beauty. Take for instance the makeup a woman uses to make herself more presentable. Her beauty may be termed artificial because she uses cosmetics to enhance her best features; yet, this is not usually objectionable—unless used to excess.

Beauty is properly associated to love, for physical attraction (void of frivolous attention given to passing fancies) is coupled with esteem. That which we adore is usually beautiful to us—be it a person, an idea, or a thing. We conclude, however, that true analysis of beauty is never possible, for the analyzer is always biased before he begins "taking the thing apart."

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THE ARMS OF A SHEPHERD

by
LINDA CRAFT

CHOOL that morning started off like any other day. I got off the bus th the usual drudgery deep in thought the activities of the coming day.

My friend Mary came rushing up to e looking as though she would burst.

"Lee, Lee, guess what?" she squealed th her usual enthusiasm.

"For goodness sake Mary, slow down d tell me quietly," I said.

"There was a new girl at school who arted last week. You know, that box- b, black-headed girl we saw the other y at the cafeteria."

"Now Mary, just because her hair look- l black doesn't mean she colors it."

"Never mind that Lee. Guess what? e's a witch!"

I stood there startled for a moment as I couldn't believe my ears.

"She's a real, honest-to-goodness itch. Hege is her name. That name ven sounds 'witchie,' doesn't it?"

"Oh Mary, Hege is a Bible name. She as Esther's handmaiden."

"Lee, it's so exciting!" she continued n, but I stood there a little confused. ven though I was sixteen, all I could nink of was that poor misguided girl. s president of our church youth group instinctively knew that girl needed hrist.

"It's so exciting, Lee! She is giving veryone an astrological reading. She nows all about Satan and says she prac- ices witchcraft. Isn't it exciting?"

"No, Mary; it's sad. Nothing is excit- ng about Satan. And Mary, it's cer- ainly not new."

"Come on Lee. You know what I nean. Don't be so serious all the time. This has nothing to do with the church."

"But Mary, it does. Don't you see, it does!"

The bell rang for homeroom.

"See you at lunch. Bye."

I watched Mary as she walked away. I was still a little stunned about the fact that a "real witch" was at Jefferson High School. Satan is everywhere but somehow, in our small community, at our senior high school? This oddity was now exciting and unusual.

I shook my head and went on to class.

Though I tried to pay attention in class, my thoughts kept wandering back to my conversation with Mary that morning. I knew I must meet that poor girl and invite her to Sunday school and church. What a conquest for the Lord!

At lunch the talk was about the football game that night, and most important, about boys. As three of us were cheerleaders, our talk soon turned to the pep rally that afternoon right after school.

After 3:30, the gymnasium was soon filled with students and excitement.

I screamed until I was nearly blue in the face.

We were in our fifth cheer when I noticed her, Hege. She had long, almost blue-black, hair that fell loosely about her waist. Her long calico dress was plain except for some sort of little pouch which hung around her slender neck. Hege was a very attractive girl but she looked very pale and thin. I was hypnotized by her dark eyes. They seemed to penetrate into my soul. It was so strange, even though I was in a gymnasium with hundreds of students, it was as though she and I were alone in the world.

"Steve Martin," screamed the announcer. I jumped with a cheer.

Other names of the football players were called out but I looked only at Steve. Steve was six feet tall and the handsomest boy at school. He was co-captain of the football team and my very special boyfriend.

I once again remembered Hege and turned to look at her, but she was gone. I felt cold.

I tried to forget the uneasiness I felt while we finished our cheers but I couldn't. I kept the uneasiness throughout the weekend.

Monday at school was the usual rat race and everything in my life had almost gotten back to normal when I saw Hege approaching me.

I smiled and braced myself as she stepped closer. "Trust in the Lord, He will give you the right answers to say," I kept saying to myself.

"Good morning," I said politely.

"Are you Lee Stallings?" she asked me defiantly.

"Well, yes."

"Well, I'm Hege. I understand you are a Christian."

"Yes, I certainly am."

"Well, Miss Stallings, I'm going to bury you."

I looked at her not knowing whether to laugh or run in fright.

"What?" I finally stammered out in disbelief.

"I'm going to bury you Christian." With that she turned and walked away.

I stood frozen unable to move. I had never received such an evil threat. My mind began to spin. Comfort in the Lord, I told myself, and answered the world with the words, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: . . ." (Psalm 23:5). The world in me was afraid of such a threat. The Christ in me assured the child in me of victory.

A little shaky, I started to my next class. The rest of the day was a blur.

Dinner and family devotions gave me both strength to my body and to my soul.

My parents and my younger brother stepped out that night to visit some friends. I stayed home to try to complete some homework.

About nine o'clock the wind began thrashing about the house and a crack of thunder seemed to break the sky in two. I heard the roaring sea smashing against the rocks a quarter of a mile from the house.

Because I had been frightened of thunderstorms since I was a little girl, I picked up my Bible and held it close to me.

The phone rang. I knew it was my parents calling to check on me.

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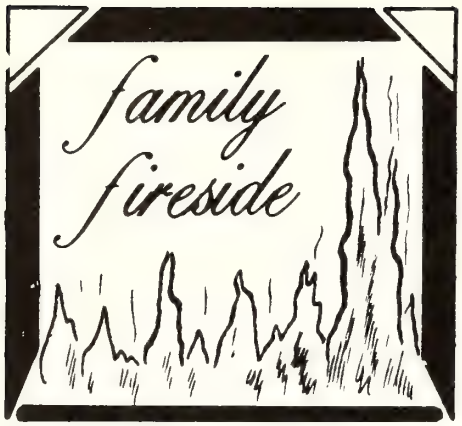

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:16

DAD WAS RIGHT!

Teen-aged Rodney got up late and had just time enough to gulp down some hot chocolate and a piece of toast before rushing off to school. He arose from the table hastily.

"Where are you going, Son?" asked his father.

"To school, of course, Dad."

"No, my boy. You do not go to school without first looking to God. Sit down for our devotions."

Rodney was restless during the Bible reading, and shuffled his feet during the prayer, squirming impatiently. But when he was forcing his jalopy down the street at top speed toward school, some thoughts were crystallizing down underneath his resentment. They ran something like this:

"Dad is right. God is managing our lives, and we should always commit ourselves and our day to Him. I'm glad now that Dad made me wait."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we put first things first? We are God's children and owe Him our love and respect.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:14

AFRAID OF HIS FATHER

A splendid story is told of a seven-year-old lad who went to visit his aunt in another city. He became acquainted with some boys in the neighborhood, and spent much of his time playing with them. One day his new friends decided to do something that his father had taught him not to do. He withdrew from the group, but one boy called after him, "What's the matter, are you afraid?" "Yes," the boy answered, "I am afraid of my father." "Aw, he's miles away; he won't know," one of the other boys said. "I know that, but my father has always been good to me, and I don't want to do what I know would hurt his feelings." They said no more after that; possibly feeling condemned for not entertaining the same fine ideal toward their fathers.—Tom M. Olson.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our heavenly Father knows our every thought and desire. We must be careful not to hurt His feelings.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Mark 13:31

THREE WORDS IN COMMON

The story has been told of three men of different nationalities who met, not understanding one another's languages. There was one thing however, that they all knew, and could say with the blind man in John 9, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." At length one of them ventured to speak, and in so doing uttered a word which struck a chord in all their hearts and brought a glow to their faces. Then the second uttered a word which seemed to increase their pleasure; and finally the third added a word which resulted in their falling on one another's necks and weeping for joy. What could those three words be which could produce such an extraordinary result? They were, *"Jesus," "Hallelujah,"* and *"Amen."* Is there another name given among men that could produce those results?—*Illustrator.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's Word is a universal language. This fact should help us understand that we should have no prejudice against race or creed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

WHY HE COULDN'T FORGIVE HER

Ethel and Tom are two children in a family. Ethel quarrels with Tom, and their father is grieved by their quarrel. Ethel is very unhappy. So, in tears she goes to her father and says, "Daddy, I am truly sorry. I can see I have made you unhappy." But while her father's arms go round her, the minx is putting out her tongue at Tom behind his back. The father wants to forgive her, but he cannot forgive her if she will not forgive Tom. "You've got to make it up with Tom first," the father wisely says. "If you shut Tom out, you keep me out, for I love Tom as well as you." "If ye forgive not men their trespasses," said the Master, "neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."—Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, in *In Quest of a Kingdom.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We must truly forgive our earthly offenders and forget the offences. We cannot expect God to forgive us if we harbor ill feelings toward one another.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Mark 12:33

A COLLECTION NOT AN OFFERING

A certain small boy had a dog which he named Fido. The boy was very fond of Fido. One day at dinner the boy's father noticed that he took the best of the portion of roast beef which had fallen to his lot and placed it on another plate. Upon inquiry, the father learned that the meat was for the dog Fido. "My son," said the father, "it would be better if you ate that meat yourself and gave Fido some of the scraps that are left." The boy protested but his father was obdurate. At the conclusion of the meal the boy took out to Fido a plate heaped with the scraps of the roast. "Here, Fido," said the boy, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection." Love for the Master should be great enough to prompt an offering at each attempted service.—*Albany Journal.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we truly love someone, we want the best possible for them. We should love God enough to give Him the most valuable things we possess.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Psalm 43:3

MARKERS WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED

Driving along a Texas road at night, I became uneasy thinking I might have missed a turn two or three miles back. The road was good, but I remembered a fork that I had passed without reading the signs. Mile after mile I drove on. I slowed down with indecision, thinking that I should probably turn around and drive back to that intersection probably ten miles behind me. Then suddenly, in the distance, my headlights picked up a white marker. I increased speed and soon saw the shield that marks the U. S. highways. The figure 82 was clearly visible, and that was the road I wanted, so I continued my way with confidence. In the night of our travel, God frequently gives us reassuring signs. The moment of doubt may arise, we may find ourselves in confusion, then, in His love and grace, He draws us back to the Cross. We see the mark of His love, and go on fully reassured in perfect confidence. —*Eternity.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If our hearts are alert and open for God's message, He will give us guiding signs all along life's way.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Luke 14:12-14

THE JANITOR'S GUEST

Years ago a Missouri country congregation listened to a sermon by a young preacher who had walked twenty miles to deliver it. Tired, hungry, this youth faltered, floundered, and failed. The people were disgusted; they did not know he had walked the weary miles. When the service was over nobody offered him food or shelter, but as he started down the long road with a breaking heart, the colored janitor asked him to share his humble meal in a nearby shanty. Years passed. The young exhorter became Bishop Marvin of world-wide reputation, and after a full generation he once more stood in that spot to dedicate a great country church. The whole com-

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God - In - Man

by
MRS. DIANNE RAPER

MAN himself is the greatest force of our world. That may seem to be a big statement to make, but it is completely true. Man can cause more good or more evil by his actions than can any other creature in existence.

Man's relationship to good and evil goes back to his creation by God. God loved this man He created enough to breathe His very own life into him. He gave man a paradise to live in; He even created woman to be his helpmate and companion. God gave man every good thing—even the choice between good and evil. And man repaid Him by choosing evil. As a result of this wrong choosing, man brought death upon himself. But God still loved man enough to give him a way out—through Jesus Christ.

Down through the generations of our Bible man has held this choice between right and wrong, good and bad, goodness and evil. God has put forth in writing and in man's heart, His laws and expectations for all of mankind to live a life that is good in His eyes. God knew this would not be easy, with all of the evil influence the devil would throw at man. But He warned man, through the Bible, His "Manual for Life," that if he withstands the evil of the world and keeps his faith in God, he will be greatly rewarded.

God expects a lot from man, but that is the right of any artist toward his masterpiece. He has given man responsibilities which must be attended to: He is responsible for his family, his community, and his world. Each individual man on this earth is a direct descendant of God. And may God have mercy on the man's soul who doesn't meet His expectations of him.

Throughout our history there have been a few men whom we have held up as ideals of God-in-man: men such as Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Peter, Paul, Washington, Lincoln, Churchill, etc. These men have overcome the evils around them and accomplished good for their fellowman. They upheld their responsibility to God, and will receive a bountiful reward. As a result of their good works, people all over the world have benefited economically and morally.

This doesn't mean that women have no place in our society. Women have a very definite purpose for their creation. They are the faithful mates and helpers of man. They reproduce God's people on this earth. They teach the young, comfort the old, nurse the sick, and make life run smoother for all mankind. But it is my belief that God did not intend for woman to run this earth. If He had, He would have created Adam from a rib of Eve, and not the other way around.

It is time for man to wake up to the responsibilities he has laid aside; to hold them close to his everyday life and let the God-in-him come through. There are many, many things that need to be straightened up and turned around by the strong hand of man. Look around you at what is happening to your world—take a good hard look. Stand up for your convictions. Speak out against the evil trying to strangle your very life. You were raised in a Christian environment, so you can trust your instincts. Let them guide you to clean up your community, your state, your country, and your world. Then, and only then, will you be able to breathe the clean, fresh air of a pure world; and, only when you've done your very best in life will you be able to stand before God straight and tall and say, "Father, I am man."

Mrs. Raper is a housewife and the mother of a three-year-old-daughter. She is a member of Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Macclesfield, North Carolina, and is very active in the various phases of the work, including: member of the woman's Auxiliary, Sunday school teacher, director of the YFA, and institutional representative and active committee member of the Boy Scout troop.

OUR STRENGTH

by Rosa Wooten
Greenville, N. C.

I've of'en really wondered why
  There ever must be tears;
And why our God has not seen fit
  To save us from our fears.

But if there were no sorrow,
  And n'er a shadowed day,
Then could we know fulfillment
  When laughter comes our way?

And were we never frightened,
  Or had we never grief,
Then what good would it do us
  To trust in our belief—

That God is ever with us,
  In trial and triumph too,
Giving us the option
  To choose what we might do?

'Tis only in the conflict
  Of choosing right from wrong
That our beliefs are strengthened
  And we know we belong.

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ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OFFER

In celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., we are offering to you, our Free Will Baptist people, a one-year subscription to "The Free Will Baptist" for $2, plus tax. This offer will continue through December 31, 1973. (Please limit your subscriptions to one per person.) We feel that every Free Will Baptist should be receiving this publication, and now is a good time to take advantage of this anniversary offer.

WALTER REYNOLDS, Manager

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There Are No Bargains

The old Negro spiritual proclaims "You can't go to heaven in a rocking chair"; but that is the way most of us want to go. But we have nothing to offer except a cross. There are no bargains. Religion is never cheap. There are no short cuts to the crown and avoiding of the Cross. Jesus called to service, hardship and trial. Joy was to be found in acceptance, not avoidance. We have nothing to offer but religion with a cross of sacrificial service for peace and joy.—**Dr. Clinton C. Cox.**

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wilmington Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church, 4602 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Rudy Shepard of Cove City, North Carolina. The services are beginning each evening at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson, assisting Mr. Shepard. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services which features special singing each evening.

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Homecoming and Revival At Micro Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Micro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 23. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the worship hour at eleven. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will bring the homecoming message at the worship hour. At the close of the morning service a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. An afternoon program of special music has been planned featuring visiting singing groups as well as local talent.

On Monday evening, September 24, following the homecoming, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark will begin a series of revival services at the Micro church which will continue throughout the week. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Roland C. Cherry, assisting Mr. Rivenbark. Along with good preaching, special music will be rendered each evening.

The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to share this week of revival and homecoming with them and enjoy the worship and Christian fellowship.

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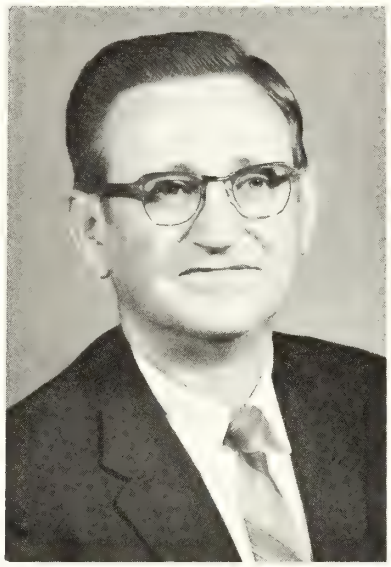
J. B. Starnes to Conduct Union Chapel Revival



The Rev. J. B. Starnes of Newport, North Carolina, will be the guest minister for revival services at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, the week of September 24-29, beginning each evening at eight o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. L. Norville, will be assisting in the services which will feature special music each evening. The pastor and the church membership extend a warm welcome to attend all these services you possibly can.

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Lanwood Chapel's Homecoming And Fall Revival

The Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located on Buffalo Road, Smithfield, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 23. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by a former pastor, the Rev. David Barrow. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Beginning at 1 p.m. an afternoon program of singing will be held. The pastor, the Rev. W. O. Lassiter, and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to worship with them on this occasion. Especially are singers invited to attend and participate in the afternoon songfest.

On Monday night following the homecoming and continuing through Friday evening, September 28, the Rev. L. E. Godwin Jr. will bring a series of revival messages, beginning each evening at 7:45. He will be assisted by the pastor. These services will each feature good preaching and special singing. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Pleasant Grove Revival September 23-29

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Dunn, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of September 23-29, beginning each evening at 7:30. The guest minister for the services will be the Rev. Eddie Edwards. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Billy Norvell. The pastor and the church membership cordially invite the public to attend and to be much in prayer that souls will be saved and the church will truly be revived.

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Revival and Homecoming At British Chapel

The British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 1-5, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes of Newport, North Carolina, as the guest

Coming Events . . .

September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Smith's New Home Church, Deep Run, North Carolina

September 22—Eastern District Youth Convention, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina

September 26—Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina

October 10—Albemarle Conference, Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina

peaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. James Warren.

On Sunday, October 7, following the revival, British Chapel will observe its annual homecoming. Following the homecoming message, a picnic lunch will be served by the church. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a warm welcome to attend the revival services and the homecoming. Especially are former pastors and friends invited to the homecoming to share in a day of Christian fellowship and worship.

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Homecoming and Revival At Ayden Church

The Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 23. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven by the pastor, the Rev. C. H. Overman. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served by the church. In the afternoon, beginning at one o'clock, a songfest will be held featuring the Four-in-Christ Quartet, along with local talent. The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to worship with them on this occasion.

On Monday evening, September 24, the Rev. E. E. Edwards of Vandemere, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival services in the Ayden church, continuing through Friday evening, September 28. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor assisting Mr. Edwards. Along with good preaching each evening, special music will be rendered by local talent and visiting musicians. Everyone is cordially invited to attend all these services he possibly can.

Western District Youth Fellowship at Pine Level

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet on Saturday evening, September 22, with the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina. The fellowship will begin at 7:30 and everyone is invited to attend.

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Mt. Zion Church Announces Revival

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 1-6, with the Rev. Wayne King as the visiting evangelist. The services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. S. A. Smith, assisting Mr. King. Along with good preaching each evening, special music will be rendered by the local church and visiting singers. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

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Fourth Union District At Friendship Church

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, on Sunday, September 30. The union theme will be, "Live For God Each Day," with Scripture taken from Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone"
—Devotions, Mr. A. H. Cobb
—Welcome, Mrs. Bessie Holloman
—Response, Mrs. Peggy Gay
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Report of Missions
—Hymn, "Beyond the Sunset"
11:30—Special Music, "Young Crusaders"
—Sermon, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:51—Devotions, Mr. Preston Raeford
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Singing Groups
2:15—Adjournment

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Black Jack Grove to Host First Union Meeting

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, on Saturday, September 29. The moderator, the Rev. Dewey Boling, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Morning Devotional, the Rev. Robert Langley
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. W. J. Tyner, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. J. B. Godwin
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Report of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Offering for Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. James Lupton
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

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Second Union of Western Conference at Union Chapel

The Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina, Saturday evening, September 29. The program is as follows:

6:00—Hymn
—Welcome, Union Chapel
—Response, New Sandy Hill
—Devotions, Union Chapel
—Moderator's Remarks
—Appointment of Committees, Moderator
—Reading of Minutes, Clerk
—Treasurer's Report

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NOTE TO OUR READERS

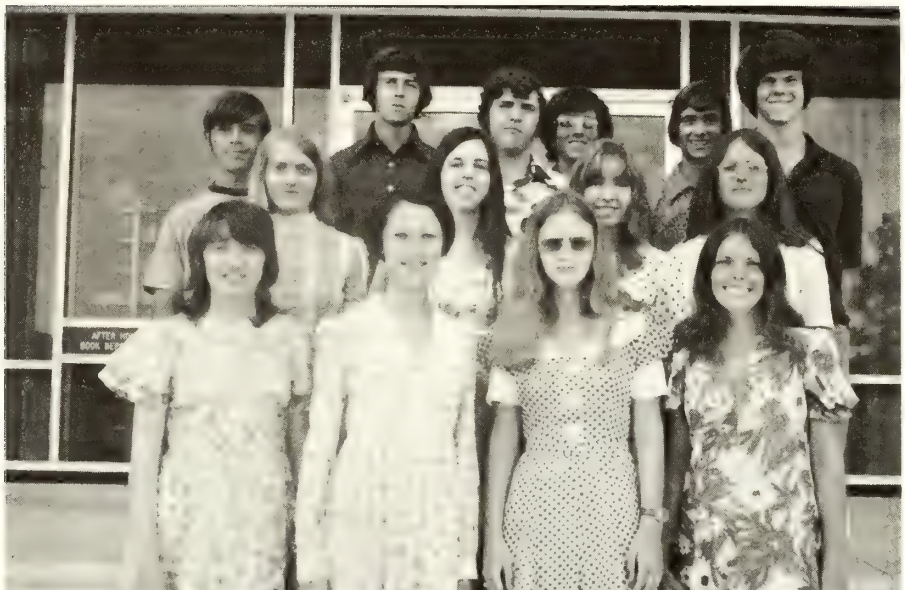
We regret to inform you that our editor, Tommy Manning, has been ill for the past two weeks and will be absent from our staff for awhile longer. We will be clipping some of his former editorials, which we feel deserve special credit and which we hope will be beneficial to all who read them.

Mr. Manning is in Doctors' Hospital, Room 621-B, I Street, Washington, D. C. 20013. We hope that by the time you receive this note he will be on his way home. If you wish to send cards you may mail them to The Free Will Baptist Press, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MOC NEW CREATIONS



First row (left to right): Sharlene Creech, Goldsboro; Audrey Brewington, Garland; Kathy Brickhouse, Columbia; Linda Haddock, Chocowinity.

Second row: Rebecca Heath, Cove City; Cathy Wallace, Mount Olive; Kathy Bullman, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Nancy Wilkins, Watha.

Third row: Barry Whitley, Cocoa, Florida; James Cahoone, Columbia; Paul Taylor, Verona; Greg Paul, Belhaven; Howard Scott, Kenly; Vernon McCoy, Cove City.

Mount Olive College announced today the reorganization of the singspirational group known as the New Creations. Nine new members have joined the group giving it enrichment of talent and variety.

The purpose of the New Creations is to share the message of the Christian gospel through music and personal testimony. They are available to present their program at churches and various group functions.

Mount Olive College's commitment to Christian education gives the group a role of leadership in religious life. In fact, the origin of the New Creations is rooted in the deep and meaningful religious experience at Oriental three years ago. The occasion was the religious retreat which had lasting effects on college life and which was reinforced by subsequent religious activities.

If interested in inviting the New Creations for a program of Christian music, contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, or call (919) 658-2502.

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Outstanding Young Men and Women–1973

Nine Mount Olive College graduates have been recognized as Outstanding Young Women and Men of America for 1973. The recognition is awarded to those between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five for their distinguished civic and professional achievements.

The honored graduates, their year of graduation, nature and place of employment are:

1. Jean E. Fillingame–1960. She is secretary to the president of Mount Olive College.
2. James Stewart Humphrey–1966. He is director of campus life at Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlese North Carolina.
3. Anne Waters–1962. She is an structor in business at Wayne Co munity College in Goldsboro, Nor Carolina.
4. Stanley Harrell–1960. He is manag of Cooperative Savings and Loans Morehead City, North Carolina.
5. Barbara Avery–1968. She is a soci worker in New Bern, North Carolin
6. David C. Hansley–1959. He is speci assistant to the president of Mou Olive College.
7. Pamela Wood–1968. She is an a sistant librarian at Mount Olive Co lege.
8. Harry Grubbs–1968. He is pastor Milbournie Free Will Baptist Churc near Wilson, North Carolina.
9. Jane B. Gainey–1959. She is a hous wife and lives in Havelock, Nor Carolina.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, College president, commended the honored alumni fo their achievements and national reco nition. He added, "It is in affecting an in enriching the lives of our young me and women that we view the mission o our College. The recognition of ou alumni gives us fulfillment of goals an determination of purpose."

The women graduates are now bein considered for further state and nationa awards. This fall, fifty of the youn women who are already chosen for th honor will be named as their State's Ou standing Young Women of the Yea From the fifty state winners, the nationa ten Outstanding Young Women of Amer ca for 1973 will be selected.

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YOUR YOUTH NEED YOU – NOW!

The young people of your church nee your help in the coming days as the seek to prepare for a future that will b filled with challenges and opportunities even as it is also filled with problem and frustrations. The best "insurance" for a satisfying future is the right kin of preparation. Mount Olive College be lieves that this preparation should in clude Christian education—education tha is geared to the individual needs of the young person. And Mount Olive is prepared to offer just that kind of personalized attention to each and every student who joins the College's community of students, faculty, and administrators.

Mount Olive's approach is distinctive in a variety of ways. A low faculty-

dent ratio helps to ensure that small sses give plenty of chance for help m the teacher, both in and outside e classroom. More than half of the sses offer individualized instruction, hich means that the student is able to ogress, under the guidance of his teach, at his own rate. If the requirements r the course are not successfully com-ted by the end of a semester, the dent is advised to reregister for the urse. No failing grades are ever re-rded. A warm, friendly atmosphere evails throughout the College. Students e encouraged to come to the adult embers of the College to discuss their oblems, whether academic, vocational, ersonal, etc. As a community, Mount ive **cares** about its people.

Mount Olive is the **only** college sup-orted by your denomination, the de-omination headed by the North Carolina tate Convention of Free Will Baptists. hat fact alone should cause one to ause and to consider seriously the ad-antages offered here before a young erson looks elsewhere for a college edu-ation. We are different in a way that fundamentally important to the spirit-al growth of the students under our are. The Christian environment present ere will offer the foundation for a life f Christian service to both the church nd the community.

How can you help? If you are a pas-or, you are asked, first of all, to return o the College a list of all juniors and eniors within your church. Contacts will be initiated with these young people, nd you will be advised of further corre-pondence, so that you will be in a bet-er position to know of the plans of the outh of your pastorate.

If you are a youth leader, advise the Office of Admissions (658-2502 collect) of an interest in having a YFA program on the College. An admissions officer and a present Mount Olive College stu-dent will be happy to come to your church to discuss the College's oppor-tunities and to present a slide presenta-tion for the enjoyment of YFA members.

If you are a member of the auxiliary, discuss with others in your organization the possibility of holding a one-night study course on the College's program. This is an excellent method of becoming better informed of this branch of your denomination, and could serve also as one of the requirements for acquiring the highest rating available to an auxiliary. Again, call the Office of Admissions for information.

Finally, if you are simply an interest-ed church member, write to the Office of Admissions of any young person whom you feel would make a good addition to the College community, whether this in-dividual be Free Will Baptist or of an-other denomination. If you will give name, address, and telephone number, the young people you designate will be contacted promptly. We will be waiting to hear from you.

These are the concrete ways that you can help. Informally, you can also help by discussing the College and its possi-bilities with those young people whom you know especially well. **You** are then the best representative that Mount Olive can hope to have.

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Harrison to Teach Study Course at Deep Run

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at Mount Olive College, will teach a study course on "Marriage and Family Enrich-ment," September 20, 8 p.m., at the Deep Run, North Carolina, Free Will Bap-tist Church. The content of the course will give a brief summary of marriage and family status in America, to be fol-lowed with a discussion on the interper-sonal dynamics of successful marriage and its relationship to family life.

The program will be sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the church as one of its study courses for the year.

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—Hymn
—Business Session
—Special Music, Union Chapel
—Message, the Rev. Roy Clifton
—Hymn
—Benediction

7:30—Adjournment

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Sidney Church to Observe Homecoming

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sun-day, September 23. The Rev. Ralph Os-borne, a former pastor, will deliver the homecoming message at the worship hour. This will be followed by a picnic lunch at the noon hour. A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon, be-ginning at 1:30.

The pastor and the church membership extend to all former pastors, members, and friends a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report For August, 1973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of August, 1973:

Balance August 1, 1973		$3,572.35
Receipts		
Churches	$ 253.13	
Sunday School Conventions	31.03	
Unions	59.69	
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention	600.27	
Total Receipts		944.12
Total to Account For		4,516.47
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses		25.00
Balance September 1, 1973 (Checking Account)		$4,491.47
Savings (Earmarked		2,447.98
Grand Total		$6,939.45

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OUR TRUST FIXED ON GOD

We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. If at times we are somewhat stunned by the tem-pest, never fear, let us take breath, and go on afresh.—**Francis de Sales.**

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Religious Contributions For August, 1973

Listed below are the contributions to the Children's Home by conferences, churches, conventions, and organizations for the month of August, 1973.

Albemarle Conference

Corinth	$ 50.27
Gum Neck	50.00
Hickory Chapel	150.00
Malachi's Chapel	100.00
Mount Tabor	68.61
Plymouth	10.00
Mount Zion	110.00
Shiloh	41.56
Sound Side	50.00
	$ 630.44

Cape Fear Conference

Eastwood	$ 5.00
Goldsboro, First	10.00
Hopewell	51.99
Second Union	100.00
Palmer Memorial	76.21
Robert's Grove	32.50
Saint Mary's Grove	55.00
Shady Grove	44.00
Smithfield, First	70.02
Tee's Chapel	300.00
	$ 744.72

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$ 421.00
Ayden	355.00
Bethany	151.51
Black Jack	248.00
Community	54.25
Daniels Chapel	65.00
Dawson's Grove	26.54
Dilda's Grove	203.00
Edgewood	60.00
Elm Grove	117.62
Faith	25.00
Free Union	247.96
Friendship	191.93
Greenville, First	130.00
Harrell's Chapel	54.00
Howell Swamp	250.00
Hull Road	58.00
King's Cross Roads	55.85
Little Creek	55.00
Fourth Union	174.70
Ormondsville	302.24
Owen's Chapel	230.97
Reedy Branch	155.00
Rocky Mount	70.00
Rose Hill	20.00
Rose of Sharon	15.00
Tarboro	261.00
Watery Branch	13.22
Winterville	170.95
	$4,182.74

Eastern Conference

Antioch	$ 40.00
Arapahoe	100.00
Beulaville	330.00
British Chapel	5.00
Core Creek	92.05
Davis	26.00
Deep Run	51.00
Dublin Grove	31.35
Edwards Chapel	45.00
Faith	10.00
Friendship	16.67
Gray Branch	15.00
Hillsberry	10.00
Holly Springs	40.00
Juniper Chapel	5.00
Kinston, First	25.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00
Macedonia	200.00
Moseley's Creek	30.00
Mount Olive	100.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	50.00
Fifth Sunday School Convention	60.00
Auxiliary District Convention	20.00
Eula Jones	5.00
Third Union	80.00
Fifth Union	75.00
New Bethlehem	22.29
New Haven	44.26
Northeast	112.44
Oak Grove	10.00
Oriental	32.01
Pearsall's Chapel	2.00
Rock of Zion	45.00
Sarecta	4.00
Sneads Ferry	30.[illegible]
Snow Hill	10.[illegible]
Saint Mary's	20.[illegible]
Spring Hope	55.[illegible]
Trent	29.[illegible]
Warden's Grove	195.[illegible]
	$2,084.[illegible]

Pee Dee Association

Cypress Creek	$ 16.[illegible]
Second Union	50.[illegible]
First Union	80.[illegible]
Oak Grove	25.[illegible]
White Oak	150.[illegible]
	$ 321.[illegible]

Piedmont Conference

Christ	$ 10.[illegible]
Durham	295.[illegible]
Piedmont Conference	100.[illegible]
Mount Olive	16.[illegible]
	$ 421.[illegible]

Rockfish Conference

Rockfish Conference	$ 31.[illegible]

Toe River Association

Ministers' Fund	$ 2.[illegible]

Western Conference

Barnes Chapel	$ 35.[illegible]
Branch Chapel	67.[illegible]
Calvary	450.[illegible]
Eastwood Chapel	67.[illegible]
Everett's Chapel	368.[illegible]
Fremont	81.[illegible]
Friendship	196.[illegible]
Holly Springs	61.[illegible]
Kenly	30.[illegible]
Little Rock	251.[illegible]
Living Waters	200.[illegible]
Marsh Swamp	80.[illegible]
Micro	20.[illegible]
Milbournie	144.[illegible]
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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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Question: Did Jesus promise to return to this earth? Did God promise to send Him? Will He return from heaven in bodily form as stated in Acts 1:9-11, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"? Are the saints to wait patiently for their reward and His coming?

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We are to live day by day as it were with our right eye of faith focused on the Lord Jesus and His imminent coming, while the left is focused on the events that Bible prophecy says will immediately precede His return; and thus determine by the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit just where we are and what to do about this. Jesus says to His followers: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44); "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38). Paul writes: "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?" (1 Thessalonians 2:19); "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Compare, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3, 4).

Do we not come in contact with these scoffers in the present day? If so, what does it tell us about the probability of Christ's soon coming? Suppose it were to be today, how ready are we for this event? The very next prophecy a Christian may expect to be fulfilled is that which depicts Christ coming in the air to summon His bride, at which time the dead in Christ shall hear His voice shouted from the air and come forth from the dust of the earth, while we which are alive and remain shall be changed instantly from being clothed in these vile bodies into bodies like unto His glorified body. Then we all shall be raptured together while the unsaved dead will remain in their graves another 1,000 years. (See Revelation 20:1-7.) Please read carefully 1 Corinthians 15. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. . . . And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:44, 49-53).

Evidently Paul would not have been so thrilled at the knowledge of his resurrection if he had not been made aware through revelation that he was for sure to be among those destined to be in the first resurrection; for he knew very well that all men were to be raised from the dead. He knew he would be raised together with all believers and judged in Christ for rewards only. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Philippians 3:10, 11). Compare, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29); "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:21-24).

First in order: Christ was raised first at a specific time, now nearly two thousand years ago. He went back to heaven to be with the Father and sent the Holy Spirit, another Comforter, to guide us as He had guided His followers and had comforted them before He returned to the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, that are His, whom He purchased with His own blood. (See and compare Mark 4:28 which suggests order in time in a similar way: ". . . first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.") Christ, the firstfruits over 1900 years ago; then they that are His when He comes to meet us in the air; then 1000 years later, according to Revelation, Chapter 20, all the dead that have died without Christ.

These will not come to meet the Lord in the air, but their dead bodies will be resurrected and they will be judged according to the books, when their names are not found in the book of life. This Great White Throne Judgment is the final assurance of what the Bible calls the second death. That is the doom that Paul warns us, his readers, against. "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile" (Romans 2:8, 9); "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake

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STORIES

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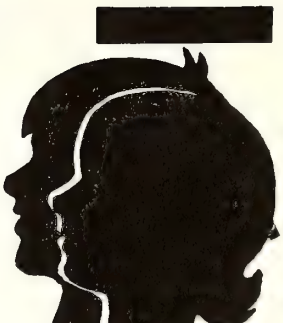

THE DOGHOUSE

RONALD KEELER

THAT day not a leaf was stirring. Mrs. Velma Kearson pulled down the snades to help hold out the heat of the sun. Then she sat down in a comfortable chair looking at the TV.

Velma wondered how her husband, Tom, was faring in this heat on the highway today. He'd not be home tonight, for he was on the far end of his truck run.

Just then a special newscast caught Velma's attention. The message was crisp but not frightening: "Severe storm warnings have just been issued for this area, extending until eleven o'clock tonight. Keep tuned to this station. . ."

Outside all was well. Danny Ellis was playing in the backyard near the big doghouse. There was no dog.

Tom's brother, Uncle Jake, was a sailor. The last time he came home from the Pacific he brought along Danny, a Korean orphan.

"Take care of him, and I'll pay all the bills," he said to Tom and his wife Velma.

Uncle Jake and Danny were real pals. Just before Jake had to report to his ship, he built the large doghouse that sat in the corner of the Kearson backyard. It was big and strong for a doghouse, had white sides with red trim and a bright red roof.

"Every growing boy needs a dog," Uncle Jake told Danny. "I want you to have a house that's big enough for the both of you."

But somehow Mrs. Kearson had managed to postpone getting Danny a dog. Each time Tom suggested a particular dog they might get for Danny, she found some reason why that dog was not quite right.

Danny played for hours around the doghouse, sometimes inside, sometimes out. Mrs. Kearson thought Uncle Jake was overdoing it, giving Danny practically everything, even a good Bible, and that before he could read it very well.

Velma's faovrite serial flashed on now, and so she settled back in her comfortable chair.

Today Willis Cartwright suddenly returned home to discover his wife's sister had influenced his rich uncle to disinherit him. This was getting more exciting, especially since Willis needed the money to finance his new invention. A telegram suddenly arrived, but the program ended with a commercial before Willis had a chance to read it.

"Oh dear!" Velma said, and she got up from her chair.

Then a sudden awareness of a change about her sent her to the front door. The sky was filled with dark clouds, and already thunder was rumbling. Quickly she ran upstairs to close the windows.

She unplugged the TV and the radio in the kitchen, and closed the doors.

"Danny! Danny!" Mrs. Kearson called, anxiously.

"Danny!"

There was no answer.

She went to the back door. The rain was pouring down now, and there was a constant flashing of lightning, a steady rumbling of thunder.

Velma was frightened. Was Danny somewhere outside? It was much too dark to see, and now the wind was blowing with hurricane force, and large cubes of hail began to bounce all over the grass. The only place she could think of where Danny might be was his favorite spot, the doghouse. She should know for sure whether he was there, but she was too scared to go out and see.

Danny must be frightened to d out there; she thought. Uncle would never forgive her for her neg Poor Danny! But she just couldn' through this storm to be with him.

Soon she could stand it no longer. covered her face with her hands cried out, "Please God, help me!"

The storm roared with heavier wi tearing limbs off trees, rolling gar cans along the ground, splashing w against the window panes with ter force.

Poor Danny! He couldn't help b scared to death, she thought. And be terribly wet and cold, much colder cause of fright.

Before the wind had entirely down, the thunder and lightning cea and the rain quit falling, Mrs. Kea grabbed Tom's heavy raincoat and fl light and headed toward the doghou

She was able by stooping a bit to inside. There with the aid of the fl light she found Danny, lying peacef face up, on a blanket that had b doubled over, his head propped up a He was safe, warm and dry, and she down and kissed him.

"Danny! Are you all right?"

Danny smiled. "It worked out jus Uncle Jake said it would."

"What do you mean by that, Danny

"Uncle Jake told me I'd always be in a storm if I used a rock for my low."

"A **rock** for a pillow?"

"Like Jacob in the Bible when dreamed about the ladder and the gels. Uncle Jake told me about th lot because his name is Jacob too."

"But surely you didn't use a ro Velma said.

Danny slowly lifted his head, and t it was, the Bible Uncle Jake had g him.

It was all Mrs. Kearson could d keep from crying. "Yes, Danny, you a rock—the Rock of Ages."

Danny grinned, "That's what U Jake calls it too."—**My Pleasure.**

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Doing Your Best

I do the best I know how, the best I can; and I mean to keep on d it to the end. If the end brings me all right, what is said against me not amount to anything. If the brings me out all wrong, ten an swearing I was right would make no ference.

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he Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Central Conference will convene with en Grove Free Will Baptist Church r Fountain, North Carolina, Wednes-, September 26, with the district pres-nt, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, presiding. The vention theme will be, "Earnestly tend For the Faith." The Scripture is en from Jude 3, "Beloved, when I . . . ort you that ye should earnestly con-d for the faith which was once de-red unto the saints." Serving as nist for the convention will be Mrs. l Barrow with Mrs. Bill Taylor as sic director. The scheduled program as follows:

Morning Session

30—Registration
00—Hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues"
—Devotions, Mrs. E. C. Davenport
—Welcome, Mrs. Judy Moore
—Response, Mrs. Bill Shirley
:00—Recognition Time, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, President
—Business Period
—"Contending For the Faith Through Missions," Miss Leah McGlohon and Mrs. Sandra Jones
—Roll Call
—"Contending For the Faith Through the Printed Page," Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—"Contending For the Faith Through the Children's Home," Mrs. Alice Barrow
—Love Offering
—Hymn, "Have Faith in God"
—Announcements
:30—Morning Message, the Rev. Harold Jones, Missionary to the Philippines
:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

:15—Hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
—Memorial Service, Mrs. T. E. Tyndall
—"Contending For the Faith Through Christian Education," Mount Olive College
—"Contending For the Faith Through Our Youth," Mrs. Jack Dail
—Report of Cragmont Assembly
—Business Period
—Adjournment

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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GOOD NEWS FOR SINNERS

Printed Text: Romans 1:16-25

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

I. INTRODUCTION

For the next five Sundays our lessons will be taken from the Book of Romans. The theme of the book has been called "The Gospel of God," and in the first three chapters Paul points up the condition of the unregenerated man and shows that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who will believe. This is the good news to the unsaved, referred to in these chapters as "the heathen," for all unbelievers are heathen in the sense that they are alienated from God and His righteousness.

There have been many occasions in our lives when we received good news of some kind. Perhaps it was when we learned of some great and good thing that happened to someone we loved, or it may have been the news of a victory over sin. At the time of this writing it would be good news to learn that the war in Vietnam was over and our prisoners of war were returning home.

But the greatest news we ever received was that we might have salvation through Jesus Christ. We who are Christians have received that good news and by faith have become the children of God. Our business now is to deliver that good news to others who are still unsaved. We have no other task more important. May this lesson help you and me to get about doing it.—**The Bible Student (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. All of the Bible is God's Word; all of the Bible is true; but all of the Bible is not the gospel. Only that part of the Bible which deals with Jesus is the gospel.

B. Some people seem to have the idea that God gave man the law, and that when the law failed, He gave grace. In similar manner, some believe that God started with the Jew, but when they refused Him, He turned to the Gentiles. These things are not true. God's plan from the beginning included both Jew and Gentile.

C. There are two kinds of righteousness: an imputed righteousness and an acquired righteousness. The imputed righteousness is that of our Lord Jesus Christ which is imputed or given to us when we are saved. Then after we are saved, we may by serving the Lord grow in grace and acquire a righteousness. We can never acquire any righteousness until the righteousness of Christ has been imputed to us.

D. In these first few chapters of Romans, Paul is stressing the fact that all men are sinners. He says, "For there is no difference." There is no difference in the fact of sin; there is no difference in the penalty for sin; and there is no difference in the remedy for sin.

E. Have you personally trusted Christ as your Saviour? Think about this for awhile. If you have, say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His goodness. If you haven't, why not ask Him to save you now?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A Denver magazine reports a disastrous fire in that city during which a large warehouse, containing thousands of tons of ice, was destroyed. The editor points out that the building actually contained thousands of gallons of a potent extinguisher—but it was frozen! What a picture of the apostate condition of the churches of today while sin rages throughout the country.—**Ohio Independent Baptist.**

B. News articles may be classified in two groups: **bad news** and **good news.** From a current newspaper you see mostly headlines of bad news. These headlines may be condensed to one word or phrases and might look something like this:

MURDER
CHILDREN NEGLECTED
ROBBERY
DRUNK DRIVER KILLS CHILD

Phrases such as these emphasize th sadness of these human failures:

LIVES WASTED
MISERY BROUGHT TO OTHERS
SADNESS AND GRIEF

However, from the New Testament w find news stories containing the goo news of God sending His Son, Jesu Christ, into the world as a remission fo our sins. God's good news to man coul be summarized in such words and phrase as these:

LOVE
FORGIVENESS
PEACE AND JOY
PURPOSE FOR LIFE
SERVICE OF GOD
ETERNAL LIFE
HEAVEN

This news concerns us, for it tells u what we are, what we need, and wha God has done to satisfy our needs.—Adapted from **Standard Lesson Commen tary.**

C. Sin is clipping man's wings; it keep him earthbound, unable to soar high i spirit to lofty living with God. Unsave man desperately needs the good news o salvation, but millions will never receiv it until we know they are lost and be come burdened over their condition.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

D. A soap manufacturer and an evange list were walking along together, th former not being a Christian. The soa maker said, "The gospel you preach ha not done much good, for there is still a lot of wickedness, and thousands of wick ed people." The preacher was silent fo awhile, and in a few moments they pass ed a child making mud pies in the street He was exceedingly dirty.

Then the preacher's turn came. "Soa has not done much good in the world, see; for there is still much dirt, and eve so many dirty people!"

"Oh, well," said the manufacturer "soap is only useful when it is applied."

"Exactly," replied the other, "so it i with the gospel."—**Family Herald an Weekly Star.**

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Thoughts

The way to destroy an enemy is t make him your friend.

The most promising young man is th one who does more than he promises.

Push others ahead, not aside.

We are not responsible for all th things that happen to us, but we are re sponsible for the way we behave whe they do happen.

THE ARMS OF A SHEPHERD

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"Hello, Christian. Are you scared?" knew it was Hege.

"This is the Lord's rain to refresh the rth," I answered.

"This is the devil's storm, Christian. re you scared?"

"Oh Hege, please don't say such evil ings. You are only scaring yourself. love you, Jesus loves you, . . ."

The line went dead. I felt such pity r Hege. She must really be lonely. I egan reading my Bible again. The storm ged on.

About ten o'clock, I heard the faint cry a child in the storm. I listened close- Another cry brought me to my feet. here was someone in the storm who eeded help.

Without hesitating, I went out into e black night. I stopped by my ther's barn and grabbed the heavy pe I felt I would need.

The rain beat at me in all directions nd the lightning brightened the earth round me in white.

"Help! Help! Help me!"

The screams grew in pain. Suddenly knew where they were coming from, eadman's Cliff. I paced my steps slow- as I climbed the steep grade of slip- ery rocks to the crest.

"Help! Help me!"

"I'm coming," I screamed into the ight air. I moved slowly, guarding each tep, knowing a wrong move could very asily be my last.

I heard a girl sobbing as I reached the rest but saw no one. Knowing how the alifornia mud could slide in the rain, I nched over to the ledge on my stomach. It was Hege!

"Lee, Lee is that you? Please help e! Please!"

I examined the situation as fast as I ould. She was on top of a mud slide ust under the ledge below me. I didn't hink it would stand the weight of much nore pouring rain.

I knew now why the Lord had guided e to bring the rope.

"Hege, I'm going to tie the rope round me. You do the same," I order- d.

"No! No! I can't Lee. Get help! You ren't strong enough to lift me up."

"Now Hege, you listen to me. The ord didn't bring me up here tonight to et me fall off this cliff," I cried as I tied he rope around me. "We are going to do this very slowly, OK? Now here tie the rope about you."

I looked up into the angry sky and prayed, "Now, Lord, it has been your will for us to be here tonight. I cannot pull this girl up by myself. Lord, I turn this matter over to you. Only you can deliver this handmaiden. In you I trust God. Thy will be done. Amen."

"Lee, stop! You can't."

"I know I can't, but Jesus can. Jesus can do everything. Let him try, Hege."

"No, He won't help me. I've worshipped the devil sorta. I've acted like a witch. **God** won't help me now."

"OK, Hege, I'm going to tell you like it is. There is no time for anyone else to get here. Trust me, Hege. Trust in **God!**"

She nodded and tied the rope around her.

I looked about me. There was no tree nor rock to brace myself on. I had to take this step on faith. I knew Hege would pull me down to the rocky cliffs below. I did not have the physical strength to do it.

I thought the Lord will never fail me, He promised me so. Act on faith and trust in the Lord. I looked below at the raging sea. Wrong way, Lee, look to the heavens. Act! I began pulling down the cliff.

I felt her weight begin to strain the rope. I felt the cord burn into my flesh. I kept stepping back. The rain beat savagely at my face. My fingers grabbed into the deep mud. It seemed like hours; then up over the crest I saw small fingers and then a hand.

Suddenly Hege pulled herself up over the crest.

"Oh Lee," she cried gratefully.

She slipped down to where I was and we stood crying and looking at each other for the longest time.

"Come on, let's go home," I said. She clutched my hand like the child she was and we made our way back to the house.

My anxious parents looked in wonder as we cried and laughed out the storm's saga. Mother put us to bed and phoned Hege's mother, informing her of our plight.

It was a miracle—an act of faith which had occurred in the rain. That night Hege knelt with me.

"Hege, I don't know how you felt or why you did the things you did. But I know what **God** felt and Jesus did for you, for the both of us. Jesus loves you."

"I don't understand what happened tonight. I don't understand what happened to me. Please forgive me Lee. If it's not asking you too much, I would give anything for you to be my friend. Lee, I felt **God** with us in the rain; and Lee, I feel **God** in you. Do you think . . . maybe **God** could be my friend too?"

"Oh yes, Hege. **God** loves you more than anything."

"Lee, I look at you and I see peace and joy and Jesus. I know you will never be lonely. I was so jealous of everything you have and are. I want part of that love you have in your eyes."

"Oh, Hege, you can have everything I have and more. All you need to do is to give your life to Christ, repent of your sins. God's love is not something we earn by being good, It's a gift from above. It's God's grace."

"Lee, tell me more about Jesus. I want what you have."

I got my Bible and explained the plan of salvation to her. We prayed and the second miracle occurred. Hege accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour.

From the hands of a raging sea to the arms of a Shepherd. By God's strength, by God's forgiveness, and by God's grace, a fallen angel was now a saint. I looked at the girl in prayer beside me.

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore" (Psalm 121:8).

It will be a new day tomorrow and a new life; and, there will be a new soul in the air.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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munity was assembled; it was a tremendous event in their lives. When the service was ended, many crowded about offering lavish hospitality, but the Bishop waved them all aside, and called the old colored janitor saying, "When I was here years ago I was none too good for you, and I am none too good for you today."—*Christian Life and Faith.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Hospitality and charity go hand in hand. They are Christike virtues.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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Questions & Answers

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which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

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TO SMOKE – TO DRINK – OR NOT

Editorial--

TO SMOKE—TO DRINK—OR NOT

"Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health." Thus reads a warning now printed on every pack of cigarettes packaged in America. Howbeit then that in our diligent search among discarded containers of alcoholic beverages we are unable to find the following statement: "Caution: Drinking of Alcoholic Beverages May Be Hazardous to Your Health"? This is a gross representation of unfairness; and what is more, alcohol does more than to damage one's health!

It is not the purpose of this writer to defend cigarette smoking against the drinking of beverage alcohol; but it is interesting to note how adamantly some individuals speak out against the use of tobacco and its ills but ignore those ills created by the use of alcohol.

A short while ago a well-known TV personality confirmed his nonsmoking "status" and proceeded to point out the ills of the habit. On an earlier program when the subject of drinking alcoholic beverages arose, this same performer neither cited himself as a nondrinker nor bothered to mention the ills of this habit. If he were to check the records, he would find that the evils of drinking are just as widespread and intense as those of cigarette smoking—if not more so. One needs only to travel down the block to see the effects of this evil habit. Children are ragged and their little stomachs crave food which is not available, because their fathers had "to have the bottle."

While the little ones go ragged and hungry, their sad eyes sunken in their sockets, their mothers are streaked, bruised, swollen, and often bloody—the result of a husband's beating while he was under the influence of that which started as a "social" drink. Babies cry for milk when there is no milk. There is no milk because the daddy thought it more important that he have the nourishment of a bottle of wine. There was not money for both. This writer was confronted one night by a man, seemingly desperate, who begged money to buy milk for his infant. He told how he was out of work and how his wife was in the hospital, and that the baby had only enough milk to last the night. The money was given; but as the man left, he immediately entered the nearest bar.

Drinking in moderation is a symbol of "society"; but gruesome crimes, violence, and indescribable atrocities are committed each day because people subscribe to the use of this symbol. Highways are bloody because the operators of motor vehicles have become unresponsive and insensitive under the "tranquility" of alcohol. Bodies are mangled and permanently disfigured—the result of injuries sustained in a wreck where alcohol was a factor.

This writer neither drinks nor smokes, so he is not attempting to be "champing at the bit" in preference to one or the other. It seems odd, however, that steps have been taken to control and curb the consumption of one "evil" when another "evil" which causes untold miseries remains on the accepted list. Cigarette smoking causes cancer they say, but there are many people also suffering from the cirrhosis of the liver, stomach ulcers, and kidney diseases. These have not been proven to be caused by cigarette smoking, but they have been proven to be caused by consumption of alcohol!

It would be ideal if people neither drank nor smoked, but this is one ideal that may never be realized. Moreover, it would be ideal if Christianity prevailed everywhere and every "Christian" was really a Christian!

To smoke—to drink—or not—is an individual choice; but let's be fair regarding the two. Let an inch always equal an inch, and the "measuring up" will be honest!

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tate Convention emperance ommittee Report

In the sixty-first annual session of the rth Carolina State Convention of Origi- Free Will Baptists, convening with e First Free Will Baptist Church in Tar- ro, September 12, 13, the delegates ed to accept the following report from temperance committee:

The following facts are pertinent at s time:

Citizens of North Carolina will have an opportunity to vote on a statewide referendum on mixed beverages on November 6, 1973.

Liquor is recognized by our federal government as our number one drug problem.

Whiskey-at-the-wheel is involved in more than sixty percent of all highway fatalities in North Carolina.

It should be recognized that if this referendum is passed we will be opening our state to the criminal type element because of the great profit to be made in the liquor business.

The truth needs to be faced that with the passage of this bill it will open ten times more legal outlets for selling whiskey and with more outlets it is reasonable to assume that more whiskey will be consumed.

Failure to vote againt or failure to vote at all on November 6, 1973, is, in a sense, voting in favor of this bill.

We, the temperance committee, because of the above facts make the following recommendations:

That our ministers and churches cooperate with the Christian Action League of North Carolina and with the local chapter in their county in an effort to defeat this statewide referendum on mixed beverages on November 6, 1973.

That our State Convention support the Christian Action League of North Carolina financially in the amount of $250 per year, beginning in 1974, and that we request our churches representing in the annual convention to increase their contribution by two dollars to take care of this amount.

C. That we make available to our churches the suggested resolution printed below and urge them to adopt it or one similar.

D. That our ministers inform their congregation and point out the evils and dangers of alcohol and denounce the efforts of the pro-liquor forces, and urge their members to work against the passage of this bill before November 6, 1973, and vote against the bill themselves on that date.

E. That this action be forwarded to the major newspapers of Eastern North Carolina for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds
O. B. Taylor
Larry Barbour

THE SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

Whereas, North Carolina citizens will go to the polls on November 6, 1973, to determine whether or not Liquor-by-the-Drink can be sold in North Carolina;

Whereas, according to the Health, Education, Welfare Report of December, 1971, on ALCOHOL AND HEALTH, reveals states with by-bottle sales only, as in North Carolina, have a lower per capita consumption rate of liquor than states with by-bottle and by-drink sales; and in fact, North Carolina is forty-second in rank in per capita consumption;

Whereas, greater consumption will result in more alcohol-related problems, especially the number of alcoholics; and, according to the Rutgers University School of Alcohol Studies, North Carolina ranks forty-seventh in number of alcoholics per 100,000 population;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink will encourage drinking and driving; and we are now told by highway experts that in the last three years at least 64 percent of all highway fatalities reveal the evidence of whiskey-at-the-wheel;

Whereas, the proposed referendum does not deal with the "brown-bagging" problem but just adds another dimension of the distribution of liquor in North Carolina;

Whereas, tourism is growing in North Carolina without liquor-by-the-drink which reveals that this matter is not needed in a state where its tourism is family oriented;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink is basically being promoted by those who seek to make fantastic profits off of the sale of liquor;

Whereas, our federal government states that liquor is our number one drug problem;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more social pressure on young people;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink is just a foot in the door for open bars;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more crime in our community;

Whereas, Liquor-by-the-Drink is usually followed by efforts to legalize gambling;

Be it therefore resolved, that your church, meeting in conference on a stated date, does hereby express its opposition to Liquor-by-the-Drink and will seek to inform your people with the truth concerning this issue, will pledge your financial support, and undergird the Christian Action League with your prayer support so that this matter will be defeated on November 6, 1973, in North Carolina.

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Home Missions Department Announcing Charlotte, N. C., Mission

Definite steps have already been taken by our State Convention Home Missions Board to start a new mission work in Charlotte, North Carolina, by January 1, 1974.

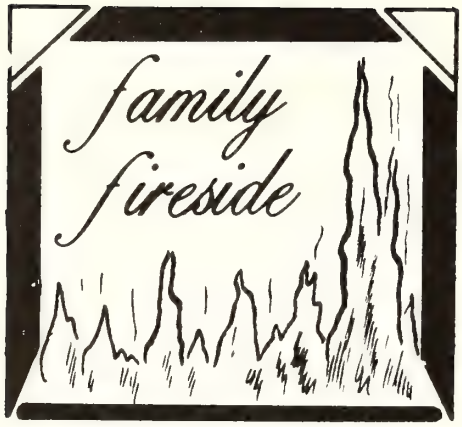
We are asking all Free Will Baptists who live in that area to please contact us and let us know where you are located. All other Free Will Baptists are asked to inform us of anyone they might know who is now living in the Charlotte area that might be interested in becoming involved in this work.

Our Hope Mills Mission gives a good report and property is being purchased for a mission building site in Henderson, North Carolina.

The Rev. Wayne Watson of Hemmingway, South Carolina, is committed to head the work in Charlotte under the direction of the Home Missions Board.

We need the prayers and financial support from all of our churches.

Taylor Hill, **Secretary-Treasurer**
Church Extension Department



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:17

LOVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Someone has illustrated love as the fulfilling of the law in this way: A woman was married to a man whom she did not love. He made her get up every morning at five o'clock, cook his breakfast, and serve it at six o'clock sharp. He made her wait on him, and was exacting in his demands on her time. Her life was made miserable trying to satisfy the requests of her husband. Finally he died. After a few years she married again. This time she married a man whom she really loved. One day while clearing out some old papers, she came across the strict set of rules her former husband had written out for her to obey. Carefully she read them over. "Get up at five. Serve breakfast at six sharp." On and on she read. Then she stopped and thought, and realized that she was fulfilling every single one of his demands, but she had not realized it because this time she was doing it for love's sake. So it is not difficult to serve the Lord Jesus when we really love Him.—*Sunday School Superintendent.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Any work of love is a pleasure. The most difficult tasks are accomplished with less effort and stress when undertaken with a pleasant attitude.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:2

A LIST OF HER LOSSES

A well-to-do lady who had become a Christian late in life was one time walking along the city street accompanied by her granddaughter. Presently a beggar accosted them. The old lady listened to his tale and then, putting her hand in her purse, took out a half-dollar and placed it in his palm. At the next corner a woman of the Salvation Army was waiting and the old lady dropped a dollar in her kettle. As she did so her granddaughter looked at her curiously and then said: "Grandma, I guess you have lost a good deal since you have become a Christian, haven't you?" "Yes," said the old lady, "I have. I have lost a hasty temper, a habit of criticizing others, a tendency to spend all my spare time in social frivolities and pleasures that mean nothing. I have also lost a spirit of avarice and selfishness. Yes, indeed, I have lost a good deal!"—*Christian Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Materialistic treasures are expendable, our spiritual souls are not. Accumulate good deeds and thoughts.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 5:29

THE DANGERS OF HOME

Statistics show that of the persons killed by falls, more than half died in their own homes. A home should be the safest place in the world, but it would seem to be an especially dangerous place. This is because at home we are off our guard, we are not watching for stumblingblocks. Is not all this true also of spiritual disasters? Our homes are the most frequent witnesses of bad temper, of selfishness, of cruelty, of neglect, of jealousy, of poor faith, of slander, of falsehoods. How many and how terrible are the hazards of our homes!—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When our homes are unsafe, it is time to study the first aid handbook provided by our heavenly Father—the Bible.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 25:13-16

A CONVINCING CONVERSION

There was in a certain village a very mean man who sold wood to his neighbors, and who always took advantage of them by cutting his logs a few inches under the required four feet. One day the report was circulated that the woodchopper had been converted. Nobody believed the report, for they all declared that he was beyond being reached. One man, however, slipped quietly out of the grocery store where the conversion was being discussed and soon came running back in excitement and shouted: "It's so! He has been!" They all asked, "How do you know?" "Why, I have been over and measured the wood that he cut yesterday. It is a good four feet long!" That testimony convinced the crowd.—*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Ill-gotten gains will never profit anyone. We may fool our fellowmen but never God.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:13, 14

KEEP ON THE ROAD

A young man just starting out upon his work in the ministry was one day talking to an aged minister in London who had spent a lifetime in the service. The young man said:

"You have had a great deal of experience; you know many things that I ought to learn. Can't you give me some advice to carry with me in my new duties?"

"Yes, I can," was the response. "I v give you a piece of advice. You know t in every town in England, no matter h small, in every village or hamlet, thoug be hidden in the folds of the mountain wrapped round by the far-off sea, in ev clump of farmhouses, you can find a r which, if you follow it, will take you London.

"Just so every text which you choose preach from in the Bible will have a r that leads to Jesus. Be sure you find t road, and follow it; be careful not to n it once. This is my advice to you." T old minister's advice should be followed every one, who in any capacity, presur to be a teacher of Divine Truth.—*Select*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are many roads leading to heav If you use your Bible as a road map, t will travel a more direct route.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 58:13, 14

WAS IT A COSTLY SACRIFICE?

I know a young fellow in Oklahoma w was intent on going to college, but his fa did not have the money, and he had work. Finally, he got a job in a restaur for the summer, which promised suffic earnings to enable him to enter coll the next fall. On receiving his first Sat day night's pay envelope, he was ordered report the next morning at seven o'clo He had not thought of having to work S days, but was told that restaurants m stay open everyday, and he must either port for duty next morning or quit. quit. He had been reared to spend S day God's way. College plans were da ed. Then he saw an announcement o coming examination in his Congressio district for a Rhodes Scholarship. He cided to study at home in preparation that contest. He won the appointment, the following fall, instead of going to state college, he entered Oxford, in I gland, with a $1,500 appropriation to nance him, through his Rhodes Scholarsh —*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Look around you. Your most prosper businesses do not conduct business on S day. The Sabbath Day is to be kept h

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:1

ARE YOU KEEPING THE LIGHT BURNIN

Rudyard Kipling and his wife purcha a farmhouse on a mountain slope in an settled part of Vermont. One day we told that they tramped down the mount back of their house across the valley and on the next mountain. They came to tiny house where a woman lived by h self. "Be you the windows across the v ley?" she asked. Then she told them h much comfort the lights were to her. S denly she looked afraid. "Be you going

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Mount Zion of Roper Visits Home

In the early part of September, mem-ers of the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist hurch of Roper, North Carolina, visited he Children's Home. While they were t the Home they presented a lovely set f dishes to Miss Bonnie Farmer for use n the Staff House. Displayed on the able is a setting of the dishes presented. he ladies remained and ate lunch with Mrs. Weeks (not in the picture), Mrs. Hansley, and Miss Farmer.

The dishes were badly needed because here wasn't a set to display in the china abinet nor to serve dinner to occasional isitors at the Staff House.

We extend our many thanks to all the adies of Mount Zion for the gift and isit. We hope that you will come again eal soon.

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Food and Clothing Donated

Mr. and Mrs. Luby Phillips of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, brought a truckload of canned and frozen foods and clothing to the Home on Saturday, September 15. They remained at the Home for a visit and for lunch. We sincerely appreciate the help that our Free Will Baptist churches and their members are freely giving us. In this case, we especially extend our humble thanks to Tee's Chapel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barnes of Lucama, North Carolina, donated several bushels of pears and several watermelons to the Children's Home recently. The children enjoyed them very much and want to thank the Barnes' for their generous gifts.

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May's Chapel Visits Home

Shown in the picture are several members of various youth groups from May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Dudley, North Carolina. Also in the picture is the Home's new director of campus life, Mr. Gene Britt; and Mrs. Renfrow, the housemother of Deans Cottage.

Several adults accompanied the youth on their visit, they are: the Rev. Bryce Rouse, the pastor; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, youth leaders in the church. Also involved in this project, but not present for the visit, was Mrs. Virginia Outlaw.

The youth groups were composed of the junior Sunday school class, the YFAs, the AFCs, and the League. During their visit at the Home, they presented a $110.00 cash gift which they had earned by washing cars. We at the Home extend an open invitation to this group and other church groups to come and visit at any time.

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Pleasant Plains of Selma Visit Home

On Sunday, September 16, the Woman's Auxiliary of Pleasant Plains Free Will Baptist Church near Fremont, North Carolina, treated the Children's Home with a picnic supper. The auxiliary was accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Ray Harrison; and by their husbands and children. There were about 100 persons present for the supper, which was enjoyed by all.

After supper, the AFC group presented a box of washcloths to the Home. Shown in the picture is the AFC president presenting their gift to Mr. Weeks. The group also toured the Home's facility during the evening.

At 6:30, the Pleasant Plain visitors and the children and staff at the Home gathered together in Memorial Chapel for evening worship services. The Rev. D. W. Hansley, pastor of Memorial Chapel, introduced the Rev. Ray Harrison, who delivered the message. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and their daughter, Kim, of Palmer Memorial Church. Kim favored the congregation with special singing.

This was a wonderful visit, supper,

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Piney Grove Church In Revival Now

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Albertson, North Carolina, announces that revival services are now being held nightly at 7:30 and will continue through September 29. The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, is the visiting evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Rodney Wilson.

The pastor and the members extend a cordial invitation to everyone to worship with them during this week.

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Revival to Begin Soon At Otter's Creek Church

Revival services will be held at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, on October 1-5, beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Joe Ingram will be the evangelist, with the pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, assisting.

Everyone is invited to attend. Special music will be featured each evening.

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First Church of Durham To Observe Homecoming

The First Free Will Baptist Church, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, will observe its fifty-first annual homecoming on Sunday, September 30. The morning message will be delivered by the Rev. E. C. Morris, a former pastor. Mr. Morris pastored the Durham church from 1924-1929.

Following the morning services, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. After lunch a singspiration will be enjoyed featuring quartets and other groups.

The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones, and the church members invite all former pastors and members to join them in this day of worship and fellowship.

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Fall Revival to Be Held At Long Ridge Church

The Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Mount Olive, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 1-6. The Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:45.

The pastor and the members extend a special invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Fifth Union Meeting Of Eastern Conference

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina, will host the Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference on Saturday morning, September 29. The program will be as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotion, David Stilley
—Welcome, the Rev. Hillary Gaskins
—Response, Mrs. Vivian Jones
10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for Children's Home
10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. E. E. Edwards
11:15—Business Session
11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements
11:45—Special Music, Host Church
12:00—Message, the Rev. Willie E. Stilley
12:30—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

Revival in Progress At Gum Neck Church

Revival is now in progress at G Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Colum North Carolina, and will continue thro September 29. The Rev. Johnnie B man of Spartansburg, South Carolina the visiting evangelist, assisted by pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew.

The public is cordially invited to tend. There will be special music e night.

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Fall Revival and Homecoming At People's Chapel Church

Revival services will be held Octo 1-6 at People's Chapel Free Will Bap Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Ca lina, with the Rev. DeWayne Eakes Lucama, North Carolina, as the gu evangelist. The Rev. Delmas Brown, p tor, will assist nightly. Services w begin each evening at 7:45. Everyone invited to attend and fellowship with Lord whenever possible.

Homecoming will be observed at church October 7 with the Rev. Me Moore, a former pastor, bringing morning message. A picnic lunch w be served on the church grounds noon. In the event of rain, lunch will served in the Ferrell Building at church. An afternoon program of mu has been planned with singing gro from various churches in the area p ticipating. All members, former me bers, and friends are invited to atte

Coming Events . . .

October 3—Western District Woma Auxiliary Convention, Kenly, No Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church

October 6—Pee Dee Woman's Auxili Convention, Oak Grove Free Will B tist Church, Bladenboro, North Ca lina

October 10—Albemarle Conference, Un Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, F mouth, North Carolina

October 18—Western Conference, Nor ern Free Will Baptist Church, Durha North Carolina

October 20—Pee Dee Association, Bea Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Colu bus County, North Carolina

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Conferen Eastwood Free Will Baptist Chur Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, Ma boro Free Will Baptist Church, Fa ville, North Carolina

emarle Union, League, d Sunday School Convention

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League nvention, and Sunday School Convenn will meet with Malachi's Chapel Free ll Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, rth Carolina, on Saturday and Sunday, tember 29 and 30. The scheduled grams are as follows:

Union Meeting, September 29
Morning Session

:00—Devotions, Mr. Robert Spencer
:10—Welcome, the Rev. Jimmie Barfield
—Response, the Rev. Robert Rollins
:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
:05—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
—Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
—Report of Missions, via Literature
—Report of Press Foundation, via Literature
—Report of Cragmont Assembly, via Literature
:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
1:30—Minutes Read and Approved
1:35—Hymn
1:40—Special Music, Host Church
1:45—Message, the Rev. Robert May
1:30—Benediction
—Adjournment
—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

League Convention, September 29
Evening Session

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Albert Villiancourt
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Lucy Jones will serve as pianist.

Sunday School Convention, September 30
Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Oscar Webster
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Braxton Voliva, Host Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Isaac Furlough
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvin Foreman
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. Hortense Swain
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
10:55—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
—Treasurer's Report
—New Business
—Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
—Minutes Read and Approved
11:55—Special Music, Host Church
—Message, Speaker to Be Selected
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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Revival and Homecoming
At Johnston Union Church

Revival services will be held at Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 70 West, near Clayton, North Carolina, beginning October 1 and continuing through Friday night. The Rev. Francis Garner will be the visiting evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards. Everyone is invited to attend.

The church will observe its annual homecoming on October 14. All former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited to attend on this special day.

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Union Chapel to Host
Albemarle Conference

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene with the Union Chapel church, Plymouth, on Wednesday, October 10. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Robert Rollins
9:40—Welcome, the Rev. Robert Norville
—Response, the Rev. John Owens
9:45—Conference Called to Order
—Adoption of Program as Order of Business
—Enrollment of Churches, Ministers, Delegates, and Delegates from Other Church Bodies
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:15—Assistant Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:20—Appointment of Temporary Committees: Resolutions, Temperance, and Nominating
—Offering
—Report of Standing Boards: Executive Board, Board of Trustees, Board of Education, Board of Missions, and Board of Ordination
11:20—Announcements
11:25—Special Music, Host Church
—Message, the Rev. Frank Harrison
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, the Rev. H. A. Grubbs
1:10—Memorial Service, Mrs. Oscar Webster
1:20—Report of State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
—Report of Mount Olive College
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
—Report of Children's Home
—Report of Superannuation
—Report of Missions (Home and Foreign)
2:20—Report of Temporary Committees
—Report of Treasurer
—Appointment of Delegates to Various Church Bodies
3:30—Election of Officers and Installation Service
—Announcement of Next Conference
—Adjournment

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Saint Mary's Grove
Revival October 1-6

The Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 1-6. The Rev. Henry Armstrong of Dunn, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

The pastor and the church members invite the public to join them for these revival services.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Tee's Chapel Church

The Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina, announces its revival for the week of October 1-5. Services will begin each

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WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN YFA

by Brenda Walston
Route 1, Box 412, Fountain, N. C.

The YFA has taught me a lot—
Good and bad things to do or not.
Our teachers read a story or two
About God and how He loves me and you.

God made us a home—a place to live;
And in return, we too should give.
God gave us the sun and moon to shine
All over your land and mine.

He gave us our clothes which we wear;
He gave us the skies and stars to share.
God gave us trees and flowers for beauty;
God wants us to work and do our duty.

There are so many things that God has done
For all of us—for everyone.
There's a great day coming for me and you,
And I hope we'll be ready for it too!

We hope to be saved and ready for that day,
But we must continue to hope and pray.
These are the things we've learned in YFA.
We hope to learn more, day by day.

We should love God; thank Him everyday,
For all He's done for us in every way.
Our life and our future on Him depend.
Let us be faithful unto the end.

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HOMECOMING DAY AT ROSE HILL CHURCH

The Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by the worship service at eleven with the pastor, the Rev. Dan Beaman, delivering the message. The church choir will render special music for this service. A memorial service for the deceased members who died during the past church year will also be held.

Lunch will be served on the church grounds following the above services. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend and to enjoy this time of fellowship.

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The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved with criticism.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

For the Advancement Of Mount Olive College – Now!

Report to The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists

September 12, 1973

W. Burkette Raper, President

It was twenty years ago at the 1953 session of this convention that the decision was made to purchase for $25,000 an old elementary school building in Mount Olive and locate a junior college there under the sponsorship of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. In October of 1953, when the Board of Trustees met, it had raised $2,000 of this amount, an additional $2,000 was borrowed, and a down payment of $4,000 was made; the balance was later financed over a ten-year period.

The recommendation to establish a college in Mount Olive was vigorously contested and the vote carried only by a narrow margin. The opposition argued that the "College" could not survive and would become a disgrace to Free Will Baptists.

Today, we join with the Apostle Paul in proclaiming: ". . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

In these twenty years—1953-73—Mount Olive College has increased in value from $25,000 to approximately $3 million, more than 3,000 students have been served, full accreditation has been attained, and the College has become not only a place of learning but a channel for the spiritual development of our church.

Chapel: One year ago plans for a chapel at Mount Olive College were on the drawing board and only a challenge gift of $60,000, plus $14,000 which had been raised over a ten-year period, were available to finance this project. Today contracts have been awarded and construction is underway. Gifts and pledges now total $230,000 toward a goal of $250,000.

Holy Land Study Program: Last spring our Board of Trustees authorized a stu abroad program with Birzeit College, cated approximately eighteen miles fr Jerusalem in the West Bank of Jord Birzeit is a private college with an rollment of approximately three hundi and the instruction is in English. Wh in the Holy Land in April, I met with ficials of Birzeit and we agreed upon student exchange program to begin w the spring semester of 1974. Our fi students are scheduled to leave in Jai ary for a four to five months period study in the land where our Lord w born, lived, taught, died, and rose aga

Four-Year College Study: We are p ceeding with our study to determine feasibility of Mount Olive becoming four-year College authorized to offer b calaureate degrees. To date the requi ments have been studied, informati from high schools has been gathere visits have been made to selected c leges which have recently become fou year institutions, and the thinking of c nominational leaders has been sough We hope to submit our finding and reco mendations to the 1974 session of th convention.

Future Buildings: In addition to t chapel now under construction, speci cations are being prepared for the ne two buildings on the new campus—a C lege Union (for food services, bookstor student activities, various personnel c fices, and related functions) and a ph sical education center. The constructic schedule will depend upon the prepar tion of architectural drawings and th success of our fund-raising endeavors.

Eagles Nest Conference Center: In D cember the W. P. Kemp Foundation c Goldsboro presented as a gift to our Co lege a beautiful and valuable 50-acr camp located seven miles from Mour Olive. The site includes a five-acre lak suitable for swimming and fishing, kitchen and dining facility, furnishe kitchen and dining facility, furnished cab ins adequate for approximately one hur dred campers, and two small houses. I addition, the Kemp Foundation is provic ing funds for the development of th

roperty to make it fully operational. The roperty is now available for limited use nd by next summer plans are being ade for a full camping season. Church- s and other groups which wish to use his property for a retreat, picnic, recrea- on, or study purposes may make reser- ations through our business manager, harles Harrell (telephone 658-4933). usiness and industrial groups are charg- d $100 per day, but churches may use for a contribution in the amount of heir own choosing plus $2 per person r overnight. All funds go into the agles Nest account for the maintenance nd development of the property.

Enrollment and Financial Aid: The bility of Mount Olive College to fulfill s mission to Free Will Baptists depends large measure upon the enrollment of ur young people. We believe Mount live has distinct educational advantages r Free Will Baptists that are not pro- ided by any other college, and we hope hat all pastors, youth workers, and parents will encourage your high school graduates to carefully investigate our College. The College will provide full funding in financial aid to the level of need for every qualified and worthy applicant.

Ministers' Wives: Because of their important role in both the home and the church, this fall the College began a special scholarship program for the wives of ministers, licensed or ordained. The scholarship covers all tuition and fees except $10 per course, and ministers' wives may select and enroll in as many courses as they wish.

Denominational Services: Churches which need pulpit supply services or who desire special study courses in their area are cordially invited to contact Frank Harrison, director of denominational services. (Phone: 658-2502, office; or 658-9363, home.)

God's Will Through Your Will: We believe that Mount Olive College is a part of God's work on earth. By including the College in your will (estate planning) you can return to God part of what He loaned to you on earth.

Memorial Gifts: Relatives and friends may be memorialized through gifts to the Mount Olive College Library or Chapel. Gifts for these purposes are a **lasting** tribute to those whom we love and at the same time their memory is perpetuated through the lives of others.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Gifts: Financial support to Mount Olive College during the fiscal year which ended une 30, 1973, was the best in our history as is evidenced by the following summary f gifts and firm commitments:

Cash Gifts for All Purposes	$393,125
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whorton (Real Estate)	100,000
Eagles Nest Property and Related Gifts	100,000
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bryan (Real Estate)	15,000
Endowment Pledge (Anonymous)	200,000
Chapel Pledges (In Addition to Gifts)	133,000
Total Gifts and Commitments	$941,125

Budget: The 1973-74 operating budget of Mount Olive totals $1,082,451, and of his amount Free Will Baptists are asked to contribute $112,930. Challenges to meet his goal have been submitted to our churches and a series of county (or area) dinners vill be held again this year to assist our churches in their support of the College.

Analysis of Gifts for 1972-73 and Challenges for 1973-74 for Free Will Baptists:

orth Carolina Conferences	Member-ship	Gifts 1972-73	Per Capita	Challenge 1973-74
lbemarle	2,205	$ 8,497.10	$3.85	$ 6,825.00
ape Fear	4,161	23,755.16	5.70	16,375.00
entral	8,476	35,556.16	4.19	28,260.00
astern	10,720	52,636.14	4.91	33,865.00
ee Dee	1,214	460.80	.37	2,000.00
iedmont	839	30.00	.03	1,500.00
Vestern	7,839	28,211.35	3.59	24,105.00
pecial Gifts		7,931.24		
Vills and Bequests		5,671.36		
otal from North Carolina	35,454	$162,749.31	$4.59	$112,930.00
ther States		1,491.43		
otal from Free Will Baptists		$164,240.74		

The amount under "Gifts" includes chapel gifts.

The amount under "Challenge" does not include chapel gifts.

Under "Membership" the information for the Pee Dee Association and the Piedmont Conference is incomplete.

The "Wills and Bequests" are from the estates of Lynton B. Wilson (Cape Fear Conference) and Mrs. Huldah J. Bundy (Central Conference).

Barrow a Student At Dallas Seminary

The Rev. Clifton Joe Barrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, is a first-year student at the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, a graduate school founded in 1924 to prepare Christian leaders for service throughout the world as pastors, teachers, missionaries, evangelists, and administrators. Drawing its students from 41 different states, 10 foreign countries, and 219 colleges and universities, the seminary is one of the 10 largest theological schools in North America and is the largest independent seminary in the world.

While at the seminary Joe will be involved in a rigorous four-year graduate program which centers in the study of the Bible and includes strong emphasis in the fields of theology, missions, evangelism, Greek, and Hebrew.

In drastic contrast to many liberal seminaries who have "hit upon hard times," Dallas Seminary, according to a recent article in TIME magazine, is among the several evangelical schools singled out as being in the vanguard of vigorous growth and expansion. Currently the seminary is preparing more evangelical teachers for Bible institutes, Christian colleges, and theological seminaries than any other graduate school in the world. Dallas alumni are serving as presidents or deans of more than 60 schools and are on the faculties of 100 Bible schools, colleges, and seminaries.

Presently the seminary receives more than twice as many qualified applicants as present facilities will allow and therefore has undertaken an aggressive expansion program of $3,160,000 which will include a new academic center designed to accommodate up to 750 students. The enrollment for the fall semester has reached a new record high as the seminary continues to expand its facilities and multiply its outreach as it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

NEWS NOTES

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evening at 7:30. The Rev. Jerry English of New Bern, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. Special music will be rendered each evening under the direction of Durwood Woodall, choir director. Visiting groups and other church groups will also take part in the special music.

On Sunday, October 7, following the revival, the church will observe its annual homecoming. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Mrs. Alice Phillips will direct a short memorial service during the morning worship hour, followed with the morning message by a former pastor, the Rev. Gideon Stevens of Erwin, North Carolina. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. At 1:30 services will resume featuring an afternoon of singing with many visiting groups and church groups participating.

All former pastors, former members, and friends are urged to attend the homecoming services.

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Aspen Grove Announces Fall Revival

The Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 1-6. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Free Union church near Walstonburg, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, assisting Mr. Patrick. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Rose Hill Church Announces Singspiration

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will host an area singspiration on Sunday night, September 30, at 7:30. This singspiration is sponsored by three churches: Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, and Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the singing. If your singing group would like to participate, contact the pastor of Rose Hill church, the Rev. Dan Beaman.

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Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention

The Second Union Meeting and the Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference will convene on Saturday and Sunday, September 29, 30, respectively, with the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Everetts, North Carolina.

The Union Meeting will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, with the moderator, the Rev. Curtis Jones, presiding. The highlight of the union will be a program of slides by Dr. W. Burkette Raper taken on his recent visit to the Holy Land.

Sunday afternoon, September 30, at 3 o'clock, the Second Union Sunday School Convention will convene with the president, Mr. Steve Little, presiding.

All churches and Sunday schools of the Second Union are urged to be represented at these two important meetings. Visitors are also welcomed.

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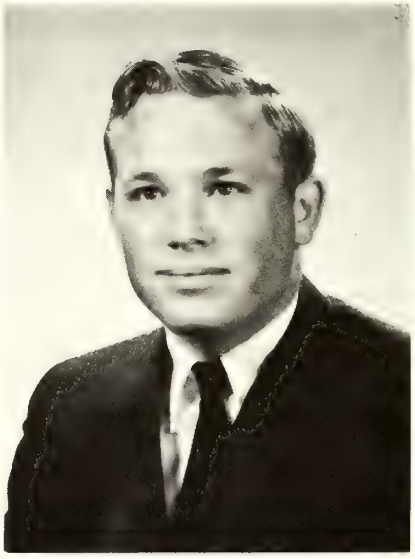
Fall Revival Announced At White Oak Grove



The White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for October 1-5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Rudy Shepard of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Robert M. Fader, will assist in the services.

The church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7, following the revival. Everyone is cordially invited to attend both the revival and homecoming.

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Rev. Floyd Cherry to Hold Revival at Selma Church

The Selma, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church announces that the Rev. Floyd Cherry will conduct revival services at the church beginning October 1, and continuing through October 5. The pastor, the Rev. Ray Wells, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

The church will also observe its annual homecoming on October 7. All former ministers, former members, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

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Rock of Zion Church Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 1-5, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Jack Mayo of Winterville, North Carolina. The Rev. James F. Johnson, pastor of the church, will assist. Special music will be featured each night.

The pastor and the members extend to everyone a cordial invitation to worship with them during this revival.

On Sunday, October 7, following the revival, the church will observe its annual homecoming. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. followed with the homecoming message by the pastor at the eleven o'clock worship service. At noon a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Everyone is extended a warm welcome to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Mount Pleasant Church, Host To Carteret County Union Meeting

The Carteret County Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention will convene with Mount Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church, Mill Creek, North Carolina, on Saturday, September 29. The program for this meeting is as follows:

Morning Session, Union Meeting

9:30—Devotions, Host Church
—Special Music

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Did Jesus promise to return this earth? Did God promise to send im? Will He return from heaven in odily form as stated in Acts 1:9-11, And when he had spoken these things, hile they beheld, he was taken up; and cloud received him out of their sight. nd while they looked stedfastly toward eaven as he went up, behold, two men ood by them in white apparel; Which so said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand e gazing up into heaven? this same Je- us which is taken up from you into eaven, shall so come in like manner as e have seen him go into heaven"? Are e saints to wait patiently for their re- ards and His coming?

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This judgment is final: "And I saw a reat white throne, and him that sat on , from whose face the earth and the eaven fled away; and there was found o place for them. And I saw the dead, mall and great, stand before God; and e books were opened: another book as opened, which is the book of life: nd the dead were judged out of those hings which were written in the books, ccording to their works. And the sea ave up the dead which were in it; and eath and hell delivered up the dead hich were in them: and they were judg- d every man according to their works. nd death and hell were cast into the ke of fire. This is the second death. nd whosoever was not found written in e book of life was cast into the lake f fire" (Revelation 20:11-15). It comes hen the thousand years of Jesus' reign n this earth is concluded. It even fol- ws what in some places is called the dgment of the living nations and which, the thinking of some, is one and the ame, a claim with which I cannot agree. ee Matthew 25:31-46.) Note that in erse 34 the nations on the right that ave been kind to Jesus' brethren or od's earthly people, the Jews, are evi- ently going to remain intact as an en- ty in the millennium kingdom. (Read nd compare Verses 34 and 40.)

One may note that following the judgment of nations that have survived the Great Tribulation, there is a kingdom—the Messianic kingdom. Also following the White Throne Judgment there is a new heaven and a new earth that has a new Jerusalem, the one seen by John in his Patmos vision coming down to the new earth. These are to be eternal; whereas, the reign and millennium kingdom are limited to 1,000 years on this earth—an earth yet doomed to melt with fervent heat accordingly. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3: 10); an earth that will forever pass away. The Great White Throne Judgment follows all others and includes destruction of the present heaven and earth. (See Revelation 20:11-15 printed above.) The white throne furnishes the scene for the judgments of the unrighteous dead only.

Then there is a judgment of Israel mentioned in the Bible. "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols. For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. I will accept you with your sweet saviour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 20: 33-44); "But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver" (Psalm 50:16-22). This evidently is to take place at the end of the Great Tribulation.

And finally for our purpose comes the judgment of angels. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6); "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (2 Peter 2:4). Believers are to associate

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STORIES

for our youth

THE BEST KITE

JANET HOEGH

"WOW, Jimmy, that's the best kite I've ever seen."

"Thanks, Terry. I decided to keep it a secret until just the right day came to try it. Dad gave it to me last week, and it's been pretty hard to keep quiet about it."

"Well, this is a perfect day for kites, Jimmy, so let's hurry and see how it will fly."

The two boys raced like the wind past the houses in their block. Soon the vacant lot beckoned to them.

"There's a good place to try it," puffed Jimmy.

"You mean you'd dare fly a kite in a lot next to old Mr. Black's house? He'd be sore as a gum boil if even our shadow touched his hedge."

"Oh, I've played here lots of times," said Jimmy. "Nothing's ever happened to cause trouble yet. I've heard Mr. Black is a grouch all right. But Mom says if anything happens, we'll have to do what we can to make it right. After all, a fellow's got to play somewhere."

It was a few seconds that had a chance to tick away before the kite began to soar. The wind was perfect! Up-up—higher and higher. Then it seemed the kite had reached its limit.

"Pull it in—let's try a shorter tail—maybe it'll go higher then," suggested Jimmy.

Down it came—slow and steady. Then once again the kite started for the sky. Jimmy handled it this time. Somehow it seemed less steady, though.

"Watch it, Jimmy," warned Terry. "It might take a nose dive."

"I think it will straighten out—I'll steady it before I give it more string to climb any higher."

"Good job, Jim," said Terry, as he watched the kite. "Oops," he shouted as the kite took a plunge and reached for the tree tops—Mr. Black's trees at that! "Hold it, Jim!"

Too late. The kite weaved and dropped into a big tree.

"Come on, Jim, let's get out of here."

"And leave my big beautiful kite? No, sir. I'm going to tell Mr. Black."

"You needn't tell him. You can be sure he's had his eye on us since we set foot here. He'll really make trouble for you."

"But, Terry, if we tell him the truth, it will work out OK."

"You and your telling the truth! Let's save our skin and scram."

"No, I'm not afraid of Mr. Black," Jimmy sounded so determined. "Besides, Miss Faye says if we don't straighten out our troubles, we just fool ourselves and have to live with guilty, troubled feelings."

"Who's Miss Faye?" sneered Terry.

"My Sunday school teacher," said Jimmy.

"Oh, you and your Sunday school talk. Jimmy, you're a fine friend, but I don't go for all that Sunday school stuff—and I'll tell you Mr. Black doesn't either! So long—I'm going, see you later."

Terry had just disappeared around the corner when Mr. Black made a sudden appearance behind the hedge. "Young man," he shouted, "you'd better explain yourself and that kite in my tree."

"I'm sorry," Jimmy began.

"Sorry!" roared Mr. Black. "That won't mend any damage to my trees."

"Mr. Black," Jimmy began again, "if you'd let me get my kite down, I'd get money from my bank at home and pay you for the damage I've done."

"You'd better be in a hurry to get your kite. Then I'll tell you what you ov me and I'll thank you to stay away fro my property with all your foolishness

Jimmy scrambled up the tree. Ca fully he edged out on the limb. There he could reach it now. He worked a worked. How could a kite get so ta gled?

"Hurry up, boy," shouted Mr. Bla "I haven't all day to stand here. A mind you, don't injure that branch."

There—the kite was loose. Jimm lowered it as far as he could with t tail and the short string and then let drop. Down—down the tree came Ji my.

"You owe me three dollars," Mr. Bla announced. "Hurry and get it to right away."

"Yes, sir," answered Jimmy as he pi ed up his kite and raced across the lo

"Hey, Jim, wait," whispered a famil voice. "I hid behind this bush on corner and heard everything. Look wh it cost you—three dollars and a sore man shouting at the top of his lun Lots of good it did to say you were s ry!"

"Well," replied Jimmy, "it does show on the outside, but I feel a wh lot better on the inside. Here we are my house. Why don't you wait here, after I get back from Mr. Black's, w play something."

It didn't take long for a boy like J my to return. He and Terry had a sv time playing the rest of the afterno The best part of the day, though, when Terry was getting ready to home and he said, "You know, Jimm can't forget what happened today. guess I'm a coward to run away leave my friend to face the problems just haven't the courage to face thi like that. Even when Mr. Black was grouchy, you were so sure of yours Maybe your Sunday school talk isn't dumb anyway. I'd like to take you on all the times you've asked me to if I still may. I don't want to grow to be like Mr. Black—he needs Sun school too, I think."

"I'll drop by for you Sunday, Ter Jimmy said as he closed the door a his friend. "Now, I hope someday Black will see it, too," he thought. "V ever would have dreamed my kite w get Terry to go to Sunday school? surely was right when he said, 'Th the best kite I've ever seen.' "—**Ju Challenge.**

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Life, like a mirror, never gives more than we put into it.

NEWS NOTES

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—Testimony Time, Young Converts
—Prayer
9:55—Meeting Called to Order, Clerk
—Moderator's Remarks
—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Recognition of Delegates
—Appointment of Committees
0:15—Congregational Hymn and Offering
0:20—Roll Call of Churches
0:35—Special Music
—Reading of Minutes
0:55—Business Session
1:00—Reports of Committees
—Special Denominational Reports
1:20—Congregational Hymn
—Message, the Rev. Floyd Cherry
2:00—Adjournment

Afternoon Session, Sunday School Convention

1:00—Devotions
—Special Music
1:15—President's Remarks
1:20—Congregational Hymn and Offering
1:25—Reading of Minutes
—Treasurer's Report
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches and Attendance Check
1:40—Special Music
1:45—Business Session
1:55—Promotional Period
2:10—Report of Committees
—Awarding of Banner
2:15—Sharing Christ Within Sunday School
2:30—Benediction and Adjournment

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ee's Chapel Church, Host o Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear onference will convene on Saturday norning, September 29, with Tee's Chapel ree Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithield, North Carolina. The moderator, he Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. he local church pianist and organist vill play for the service. The program or the Union Meeting is as follows:

0:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. Al Markuson
—Welcome, the Rev. Foy Futrell
—Response, the Rev. Melvin T. Moore
0:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Tee's Chapel Church
—Offering
—Message, the Rev. Edward Miles
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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May's Chapel 50th Anniversary And Fall Revival

The May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Dudley, North Carolina, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, September 30. Dinner will be served on the church grounds following the morning worship service. Also singing from various groups will be heard throughout the day.

ORIGINAL BUILDING

May's Chapel was organized on August 23, 1923, by Elder A. E. Rouse and his wife. Pictured above is the original building. Today the pastor of the church, as pictured below, is the Rev. Bryce Q. Rouse who has pastored the church for five years.

PRESENT BUILDING

May's Chapel announces its fall revival for the week of October 1-6. The guest speaker for the meeting will be the Rev. Billy Nowell, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Erwin, North Carolina. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend who possibly can.

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The mob has many heads, but no brains.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. J. Elmer Thompson announces that he is available for pastoral duties either on a full-time or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 384-K, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, or by phoning 965-6274.

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Paperback Hymnal for Sale

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., announces that it now has for sale a small paperback hymnal entitled "Selected Hymns of Faith" which contains 34 favorite hymns. The small hymnal sells for fifty-nine cents and is identical to the 1,000 complimentary copies which the Press gave to the State Convention which met recently at the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The hymnal was printed in observation of 100 years of service given by the Free Will Baptist Press from 1873-1973.

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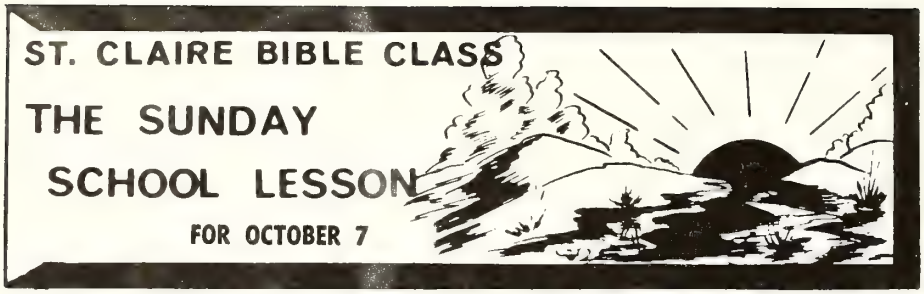
HOMECOMING AND HARVEST DAY AT ROBERT'S GROVE CHURCH

Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church located near Dunn, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming and harvest day on Sunday, October 7. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with worship service at 11 a.m. A picnic lunch will be spread on the grounds at noon.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will bring the homecoming message. In the afternoon there will be a memorial service, followed by gospel singing.

The homecoming and harvest day goal is set for $4,500. The church and its pastor invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend on this special day.



LAW AND GOSPEL

Printed Text: Romans 3:19-28

Memory Verse: Romans 3:28

I. INTRODUCTION

How does a citizen know when he has done wrong? He knows it because the civil law tells him. If we had no laws, we would not consider lawbreaking wrong. The same is true of the Christian; the law of God brings to us an awareness of sin. If there had been no Ten Commandments, we would not know that it was wrong to lie, to steal, to kill, and to do the other wrongs the law condemns.

The sinner should be aware also that the law cannot save him. In the first place, he is unable to keep the Ten Commandments, and if he could, they still would not save. If they could, then Christ's sacrifice on the Cross would be in vain. The sinner is saved through accepting in faith what God has done for him in Christ. After that, he strives to keep the laws of God because it is God's will that he do so.

But he cannot keep the law after conversion any more than before without offending it in many ways. So God provides forgiveness and cleansing through the same Christ that saves. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Christians seek to keep the law not as a way of salvation but as an expression of the will of God for His people.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If a man could lift himself by his own bootstraps, Christ would not have needed to die for something that a man could do for himself.

B. There are various degrees of morality, but all men apart from God's grace are lost; therefore, there is no reason for boasting on the part of any man.

C. There is no difference in Jew or in Gentile. All have sinned and all are lost, and all must be saved the same way.

D. If one can understand this third chapter of Romans, he can understand the whole plan of salvation because it is summarized here.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Paul declared in Romans 3:27 that boasting was "excluded" by "the law of faith." Salvation is not to be considered the achievement of man after a long process of laborious conformity to an exacting array of requirements. Rather, it is the free gift of God's love. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). It is not to be worked **up to,** but to be worked **out from.** We live for God in righteousness, not in timid hope that we **may be saved** but in confident abandon because we **have been saved.** Of course, there is a sense in which we are yet to be saved in that our full "redemption" awaits eternity. But as far as the penalty of sins goes, this has been paid.

Perhaps an illustration, imperfect to be sure, may help. Suppose there is a farmer who wants to secure some farm machinery, a corn picker, for instance. He scrimps and saves, he works long and faithfully, but has a very difficult time getting enough ahead so he can make this purchase. There are always other demands on his money; and he has a hard time getting his crops in, anyway, so he can get them stored or sold. Now, suppose someone lets him have a new corn picker and indicates he can pay for it as he uses it. He now already has what he never could have saved enough to buy. Meanwhile, the added efficiency of the mechanical picker allows him to plant more land and to harvest his corn much more quickly.

Our salvation in Christ is given us by God, rather than earned by us by scrimping along trying to keep God's law. We never could have earned salvation anyway; it was too much for us to achieve by our own efforts. Now, however, since God has given us His Son and His saving power, we have a means by which we can "work out" our salvation with His help. God expects us to bring forth fruit for Him, but the gift of His grace and His Spirit helps us achieve His own purposes.

There can be no boasting for the Christian since his salvation is God's gift and not his own accomplishment, and since every good impulse and effort of his is, after all, God's. "God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose" (Philippians 2:13, **Today's English Version).-Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. The law says: "This do, and thou shalt live." Grace says: "Live, and thou shalt do."

The law says: "The wages of sin is death." Grace says: "The gift of God is eternal life."

The law says: "Make you a new heart and a new spirit." Grace says: "A new heart will I give thee, and a new spirit will I put within you."

The law says: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." Grace says: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He first loved us, and gave His Son to be propitiation for our sins."

The law speaks of what we must do for God. Grace speaks of what God has done for us.

The law bears a nature prone to disobedience. Grace creates a nature inclined to obedience.

The law says: "Condemn Him." Grace says: "Embrace Him."

"By grace are ye saved."—**The Evangelical.**

C. Speaking of salvation by grace, Mr. Moody once said: "It is good that man cannot save himself; for if a man could only work his own way to heaven, you would never hear the last of it. Why, if a man happens to get a little ahead of his fellows and scrapes a few thousands of dollars together, you'll hear him boast of being a self-made man. I've heard so much of this sort of talk that I am sick and tired of the whole business; and I am glad that through all eternity in heaven we will never hear anyone bragging of how he worked his way to get there."—**Mid-Continent.**

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When adults learn that telling "secrets" is childish and immature, perhaps your day and mine will be easier to live through.

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There is no such thing as idle gossip. Gossip is always busy.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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y and keep your lights burning or maybe you not?" After that day the Kiplings ays kept burning the lights in the back the curtains and shades so that more t would shine out. As for your opportity in your community, "Be you going keep the light burning?"—*Secret Place.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

od's light is comparable to a lighthouse con. An earthly Christian's light is ilar only to a flashlight but most helpful he darkness.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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l church service. We would like to e this opportunity to invite other rches to come and visit.

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oyd-Jackson emorial Fund stablished

n early September, 1973, Mr. Howard Boyd of Virgilina, Virginia, visited the ldren's Home for the purpose of setg up an endowment for the Home. He osited an initial amount of $1,000, l he and other relatives intend to add the fund on a regular basis. The envment was established in memory of parents, grandparents, and the Rev. C. Prescott. Rev. "Mac" Prescott was tor of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church Pinetown, North Carolina, in the early t of the century and Mr. Boyd remembs him from his childhood days. Mr. yd is not a Free Will Baptist, but it is f-evident that a Free Will Baptist . Prescott) made a deep, lasting imssion upon him.

This endowment has been deposited h Church Finance Association, Inc., l the interest earned from it will be urned to the Home's general fund each r.

Persons desiring to place monies into Boyd-Jackson Memorial Fund may do by sending their contributions to the me, designated for that purpose.

We're very thankful for such friends Mr. Boyd. We're also very thankful our past faithful friends like the Rev. C. Prescott who indeed lives on ough his powerful witness. Incidently, Mr. Prescott was a member of the first Board of Trustees at the Children's Home. If anyone desires additional information about this memorial fund, please write the superintendent right away.

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Western District Auxiliary Convention

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Wednesday, October 3, 1973, with the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina. The convention theme will be, "Children—Our Heritage," with Scripture taken from Psalm 127:3, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, In the Service of the King"
—Devotion, Mrs. Carl Bagley, Micro
—Welcome, Mrs. J. B. Barnes, Kenly
—President's Remarks: Mrs. James Joyner, Kenly
10:15—Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story"
—Regular Offering
—"Reaching Out Through Missions," Mrs. Roland Cherry, Micro
—Special Music
—Our Children, Mr. Sam Weeks
—Special Offering for the Children's Home
11:00—Hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
—Morning Worship, Children's Home in Charge
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Help Somebody Today"
—Devotion, Mrs. W. E. Renfrow
—Special Music
—"Sharing Our Love Through Benevolence," Mrs. Joe Sasser, Piney Grove
—"Our Youth — The Gift of God," Mrs. Charles Sullivan, Wilson
—Business Session
—Closing Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
—Benediction

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Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, Saturday, October 6. The convention theme is "Lovest Thou Me?" The president, Mrs. Rachel Duncan, will preside, assisted by the secretary, Mrs. Nancy Hardee. Mrs. Hulda Kinlaw will serve as song leader. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Lois Sprouse
—Welcome, Mrs. Gayle Bryan
—Response, Mrs. Katy M. Duncan
—President's Message, Mrs. Rachel Duncan
—Special Music
—Business Session
—Denominational Reports
—Hymn
11:30—Message, the Rev. David C. Hansley
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Kathleen Davis
—Business Sessions (Recommendations of Chairmen)
—Installation Service
—Hymn
—Benediction

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A hangover is something to occupy a head that wasn't used the night before.

Questions & Answers

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with Christ here. "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:3).

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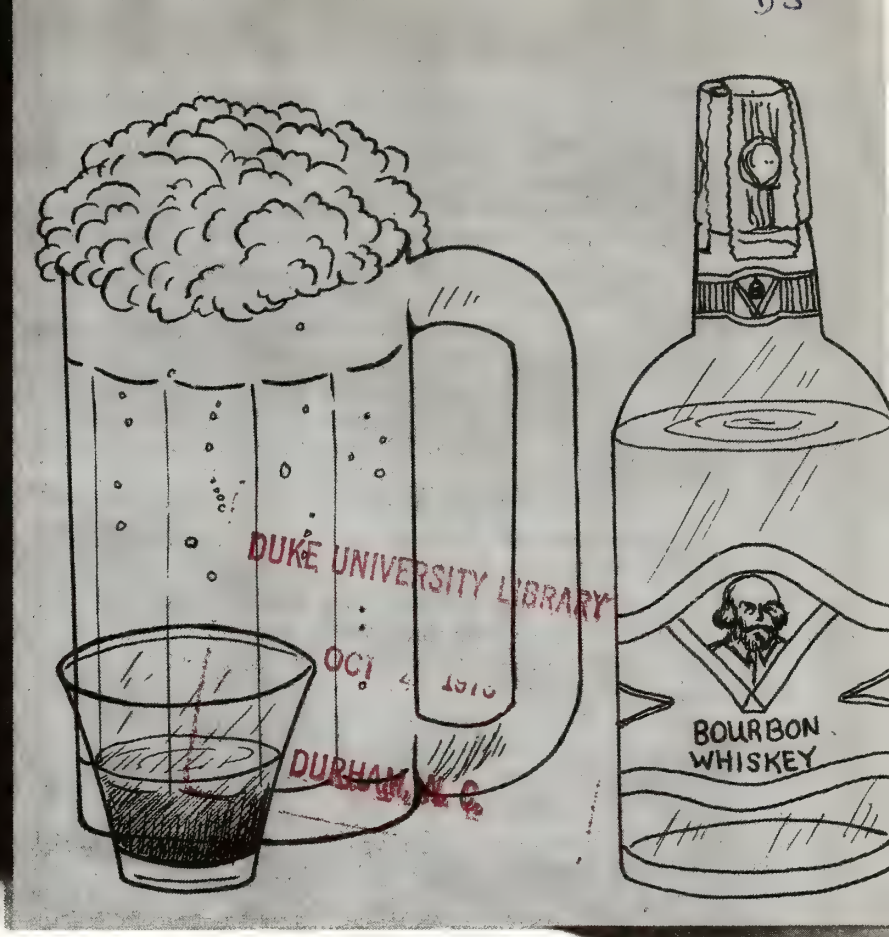

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Cigarettes are a "no-no." We learned this sometime ago when they were proven to be "hazardous to your health." So now all advertising of cigarettes on TV has been banned by an arm of the federal government.

Because of this action, there might be fewer smokers than ever before; for it is a known fact that one of the best ways to sell a product is to flash it on a TV screen amid music and laughter and scenic beauty. One of the best ways to kill a product, then, is to take it from public view; and so far as TV is concerned, favorable advertising of cigarettes has been canceled.

The tobacco industry may be losing a lot of money as result of the ban (we have no reliable figures to prove or disprove this fact), but there's one thing for sure: The **liquor** industry isn't hurting from lack of advertising. No matter how evil and injurious to health tobacco is, in this writer's opinion it can never so much as touch the damage—healthwise and morally—that alcohol can cause. Certainly cigarette smoking never improved anyone's health or morality, but by the same token it's going to take a lot of proof to convince this writer that drinking ever did either. There is more to the tragedy of alcohol than death on the nation's highways; there are broken families, starving children, sick bodies, and pickled brains!

It is most peculiar indeed that since the cigarette ban that liquor advertising has skyrocketed. (We use the term "liquor" generally, to include beer, wine, and distilled beverages as well.) In one night's viewing we counted six liquor commercials; whereas, less than a year ago there would have been only one commercial for a well-known malt liquor or a popular beer during the course of an evening's viewing. On one occasion we saw a commercial which featured a young singing group of the young American style, and we thought that we were in for some patriotic commercial or other. But what was it? You guessed it.

Isn't it ironic that we take the smoke out of our young people's lungs and clear up their hacking coughs and clean their stained teeth only to fill their bloodstreams with alcohol and dull their senses and make them oblivious to care or responsibility? When this writer's child grows up, his father would rather that he neither smoked nor drank; but, if he has to do one or the other, his father would rest a little easier knowing that he was "under the influence" of tobacco instead of alcohol. Lest our readers misunderstand, we are not championing the cause of the tobacco industry. This writer neither smokes nor drinks.

Personalities taking part in liquor commercials get younger every year. Those who are depicted as enjoying the alcoholic beverages are always youthful, wholesome-looking, healthy, and fun-loving. Is it possible that the liquor industry is appealing to the young segment of society? Where are the men with graying temples and big stomachs who use to praise the merits of a bottle of beer or a jigger of wine? Ah ha! Advertisers are shrewd. They know where the action is, and they want to be where "it's at!"

It's nothing short of tragic, really, when you consider where all this can lead to. Needless to emphasize, a person would be better off if he never smoked nor drank; but if a comparison is wanting, it is our opinion that alcohol is worse. Inasmuch as morals are concerned, the Scriptures teach in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Granted, smoking probably never uplifted a person spiritually. Similarly, how a person can drink alcoholic beverages to the development of good morals or physical and mental health is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Be that as it may, one thing is for certain: Since they have cleared all the smoke away from the TV screen we can see the alcohol better. In our opinion they are playing the devil—and we shall be playing the devil, too, if we allow ourselves to be sucked in!

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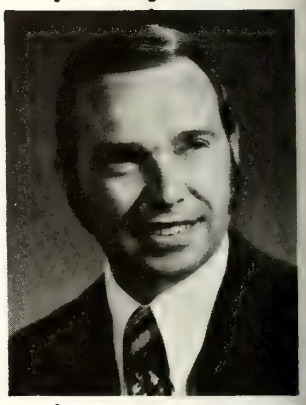

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"You...Jesus... and the Law"

by
LEIGHTON FORD

NEW wave of paganism is sweeping across the Western World. The al foundations on which our societies stood are steadily being chipped y. Disregard for the teachings of Ten Commandments and of Jesus is ming more blatant and obvious. The missive" society is becoming more all the time.

ecently the Supreme Court of the ed States made a sweeping decision h said that no state could bar abor- before the seventh month of preg- y. The court said much about the ts of the mother to control her own y, but little about the rights of the rn child and hardly anything about rights of the father. But the really ling thing is that the court appeared o base its decision partly on an ap- to pagan religion. It said that "an- t religion" did not bar abortion, but stianity and Judaism **did;** so the t can only be referring to paganism as existed in the Roman Empire be- Christ.

e are all aware, I am sure, of the ing cynicism towards honesty and al integrity. Many movies are clever- alculated to work up sympathy for criminal or for the couple having an amarital affair. Even highjackers, ticularly those who have escaped with e sums of money, earn the admira- of some people. Surely this says ething about the breakdown of our ls!

lthough I'm not at heart a pessimist, lieve we can expect more lawlessness further we get from God. One of basic definitions of sin in the Bible lawlessness." In society this means rchy; in individuals it implies, "do r own thing."

et there is a countertrend to lawless- s. We are learning that we cannot effectively without law, either as individuals or as a society. A reaction is setting in against soft living and low standards. Dr. Dean Kelly in his book, "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing," shows that since 1960 liberal churches have lost ground while churches which make hard demands on people have mushroomed!

What should be our stance as Christians at this point in time? While we can't go along with the "anything goes" attitude, we also have to beware that we do not just react and become hard-line legalists. There is a grave danger that an overpermissive society can suddenly swing into a dictatorship. The answer is that we are not to conform either to the anarchy or the legalism of our times. Rather we are to be transformed by the "mind of Christ" (see Romans 12:2), which is revealed to us in the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus stated: "Think not that I am come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-20, Revised Standard Version).

Jesus made His position clear: fulfillment, not abolition, was His purpose! Christ "fulfills" and "completes" the law in three ways.

First, He gives it a deeper meaning. He shows that the law of God demands more than living by a code of rules. It demands both clean hands and a pure heart. The law said, "Do not kill." Jesus said, "Do not have unjust anger." The law said, "Do not commit adultery." Jesus said, "If you look on a woman to lust you have already committed adultery in your heart." "God looks on the heart, not just the actions," says Jesus.

Second, Jesus fulfilled the law by perfectly obeying it in His own life. He "fulfilled all righteousness" by His actions and in His Spirit. And He did this not only in His sinless life, but in His atoning death. By His death, Jesus gave us a new motive for righteous living. "If you love me," He said, "keep my commandments."

Third, Jesus fulfills the law by giving us the power to live it. "I can will what is right but I cannot do it" (see Romans 7:18). That's the common human confession—doing wrong is like going downhill; doing right is like going uphill! But if we let Jesus actually come and live in us, through His Holy Spirit, what a difference that would make. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do; sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:2-4, Revised Standard Version).

Perhaps you've been struggling with some terrible temptation or trying to find God by good works and obeying the law. But God's goodness is only found by faith! Receive the goodness that Christ provided **for** you by His death on the Cross; and, receive the goodness that Christ will work out **in** you by His Spirit. That is the way to the righteousness of God!

A nation and society that turns from God's laws is inviting disaster. We can no more break God's laws than we can step off a building and defy the law of gravity. In Edmund Burke's famous words, "Society cannot exist unless a controlling power on will and appetite be placed somewhere and the less of it there is within, the more there must be

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture Reading—Revelation 3:14, 15

"WE'RE HOLDING OUR OWN!"

Dr. Len G. Broughton, founder and first pastor of the great Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, used to chuckle as he related the following story to different gatherings of Southern Baptist:

Among the annual reports read one year at an association meeting was one which ran as follows:

Additions to church during the year by profession of faith, none; additions by restoration, none; additions by transfer of letter, none; losses by transfer of letters, none; losses by withdrawal of fellowship, none; losses by death, none; marriage, none!

The report closed with the following notation:

"BRETHREN, WE ARE HOLDING OUR OWN! PRAY FOR US!"—*W. B. K.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus did not care for a lukewarm Christian. He doesn't care for fallen-away or indifferent Christians either.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture Reading—John 12:43

BURNING BRIDGES

A young woman who was converted several years ago wrote me a letter. She had made a profession of salvation, but had never gone on. Her experience is just what keeps many from walking in close fellowship with Christ. In her letter she said: "I had so many idols, I wasn't willing to face the ridicule of my office associates, yes, and of my own relations; also I belonged to several worldly clubs. I loved the friendship of worldly people whom I was sure would scorn me if I was a true Christian. I loved too well the good things of the world, like clothes, beyond what I could afford; but as this year draws near its close, by God's help, I am going to 'burn my bridges,' and tear every idol from my heart, and from henceforth be a true Christian." —*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should love one another, not idolize our fellowmen. God has said that He is a jealous God.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 19:18

THE FAMILY ALTAR

With juvenile crime steadily on the increase, Americans must "clean up democracy at home" by rebuilding their religious fiber and restoring their home values, is the view of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover asserts, "This country is in deadly peril. A creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. I am not easily alarmed or shocked, but today like thousands of others, I am both alarmed and shocked. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering and they are danger signals which every parent, every responsible American should heed.

"It is not too late to corrupt the situation. If every home were awakened to its responsibility, over night there would be a renaissance of that virile, indomitable spirit which is only found in free and God-fearing people. I am sure if more emphasis were placed on the gospel of salvation, and less on social justice, the latter would be a greater reality.

"What we need is a return to God, more specifically a return to the practice of religion. That without doubt is the greatest need in America today."—*Sword of the Lord.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many of us today expect our schools to instill in our children moral standards that can be obtained only through religious training.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:28

THE CURE IS IN THE BLOOD

The International News Service has published an account of Mrs. Rose L. McMullin, who has traveled from coast to coast, donating her blood for more than 400 transfusions in forty states. She just arrived in New York to aid in a transfusion for a twenty-five-year-old mother, having hurried east from Salt Lake City on an urgent wire from doctors in New York. The donor is a phenomenon in the medical world. She is one of the very few persons whose blood can resist staphylococcus aureus, a disease of the blood stream. She is said also to be the only person who has been able to offer blood simultaneously for two transfusions; this was done in Portland, Oregon. While over 400 persons thank generous Mrs. McMullin for her blood, unnumbered hosts sing the praises of the Lord Jesus Christ for the shedding of His precious blood which cleanses from all sin. Sin is the real disease in the blood stream of humanity.—*Now.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even a good Christian can benefit from an occasional transfusion of the Holy Spirit.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture Reading—James 1:19, 20

"HE SERVED ME CRUELLY!"

A man came to me and said: "I can understand it, sir, but it seems as if God blotted out of my life. I used to be happy."

I said: "How is it?"

Said he: "I think it has to do with treatment of my brother. He served cruelly over my father's will, and I said would never forgive him. I am sorry I s it, but he has been going from bad to wo has lost his wife and child, and is now a bed of death, and I cannot go in to because I said I never would."

I said: "My friend, it is better to br a bad vow than keep it. Go."

He went, and the smile of God met just there.—*F. B. Meyer.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are able to erase pencil and ink m ings but our spoken words are not retr able.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12:

KICKING BACK

One frosty morning a little girl stood lo ing out of the window into the farmya In the farmyard there stood many co oxen, and horses, waiting to drink. cows stood very still until one of them tempted to turn around. She happened hit the cow nearest her whereupon t cow kicked and hit another. In five minu all of the cows were kicking one another fury! The mother of the little girl laugh and said, "My dear, do you see what co from 'kicking' when you are hit? Just I have seen one cross word set a wh family saying angry words!" Later, wh the little girl and her brothers were i table, Mother said, "Take care, my childr remember how the fight in the barny began. Never give back a kick for a and you will avoid lots of trouble."—*Sele ed.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How often we have been caught up i wave of discontent. Malice and ill spread as rapidly as the plague.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:8

LEARNING TO PRAY

The following testimony was given by convert in a meeting: "One night when was about to retire, my little three-year- girl, who was awake, said to me, 'Pa don't you know how to pray?' I s thoughtfully, 'No.' In a moment she was my bedside, saying, 'I will teach you h to pray.' With all my excuses she wo not sleep until I arose and, kneeling by side, repeated after her, 'Now I lay down to sleep.' Then she went to bed, a was soon in the land of dreams. I did sleep that night. God had spoken to through my baby girl, and I felt that i

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If You Answered Prayer

by
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Wilson, North Carolina

UPPOSE you were given the power to answer prayer. You're not God who loving and giving, but yourself—a human who thinks human and acts human, ut one who has this power. Your day ay be like this. Get ready, here comes e first one.

a.m.—"As I begin this new day, Lord, lead me in everything I say or do."

You said that yesterday and I tried. Oh, how I tried! I led one way and you pulled against me. Finally, you jerked the reins completely out of my hands to go your own way."

* * *

:30 a.m.—"I could understand it if Uncle Joe had a heart attack but not Aunt Lucy. She never hurt a flea."

You have so little faith. This is the first time Uncle Joe has ever thought about anyone other than himself. Can't you see a difference in him already? Aunt Lucy's life will be easier, so will Uncle Joe be a better person because of this attack. Would you want them to continue as they were instead of rising to a higher plateau?"

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0 a.m.—"I can't draw a deep breath and I feel pains in my chest. I tire so easily. Give me breath, Lord. Please!"

For twenty years you've had warnings against overindulgence. How can I give you breath when your lungs are weak from inactivity and enclosed in fatty tissue so they cannot expand? Sure I am miraculous, but do you think you deserve a miracle?"

11 a.m.—"Look on this service with love."

"I am looking on with love. I was also looking yesterday during your business transaction with poor old Mr. Porter. Because of your shrewd tactics in overcharging, Mr. Porter has to undergo the traumatic experience of trying to stretch finances that do not cover meager necessities."

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11:55 a.m.—"Rain your blessings on us."

"Blessings are raining down continuously. Maybe I need to send a tornado first to blow away your umbrellas of greed, lust, selfishness, and envy."

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12:30 p.m.—"Bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies."

"How can I bless your main meal of the day for the good of your body when there's nothing nourishing on your table? Do you want me to take soda pop, pretzels, and a chocolate candy bar and bless these into proteins, vitamins, and minerals? A monkey would know better than to ask that!"

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3:30 p.m.—"Lord, what would make Susie, supposedly a friend, say those awful things about me?"

"Are you upset because of her deceitfulness or because your sin is exposed? How about the times you told Mary and Betty something about Susie? And Susie and Betty something about Mary? And Mary and Susie something about Betty? It doesn't feel so good when you're the object of conversation, does it? Don't look to me for Sympathy. Next time you feel a malicious tongue coming on, remember this incident."

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4 p.m.—"Convince Mom and Dad I need a yellow one with black racing stripes, Mag wheels, four in the floor."

"No."

"It's not like I was asking for a big car. Just a little sports model."

"No. A car of your own would not be good for you at this time."

"I don't see why not. All my friends are getting one and they don't even claim to know you. I could serve you so much better with a car of my own."

"Don't try to bribe me! Do you think I don't know what I'm talking about?"

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10 p.m.—"Lord, you just have to help me. I'm in trouble. I had no idea it would develop to this."

"No, you only wanted a little fling. I did everything but knock you down to warn you, but you wouldn't listen. Now you have the nerve to tell me I just have to help you. I had nothing to do with getting you into this, now get out the best way you can."

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11 p.m.—"Lord, the day is over. Take every word I've said, my every action, and use them for thy glory."

"How under the sun do you think I can take some of the things you've done and said today for glory? I want no part of them. In fact, I wouldn't touch them with a ten foot pole."

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Now that you've had a day to view the other side, aren't you glad we don't have to trust someone to deal with us like we deal with other people? How great God is! How kind and loving! And most of all, how forgiving!

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If There Is—

The Chinese have a proverb, in fact a precept, which if carried to fruition would cure the ills of the world. It is this:

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Peace Church Revival Week of October 8-13

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, the week of October 8-13. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with Danny Braswell, supply pastor, assisting. Special music will be a feature each evening, along with good gospel preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Braswell, the supply pastor, is a student at Mount Olive College and is doing good pastoral work. Everyone is invited to visit the church on second and fourth Sundays (morning and evening) and hear Mr. Braswell speak.

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Sound Side Homecoming Sunday, October 7

Homecoming services will be observed at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina, Sunday, October 7. The pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, will bring the homecoming message at the worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church lawn.

Afternoon services of singing and testimony will be held. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend.

Western Conference Ordaining Council to Meet

The Ordaining Council of the Western Conference will meet at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 13, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. Any one having business with the board is invited to be present at this time.

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Albemarle District Youth Convention

The Albemarle District Youth Convention will meet on Saturday, October 6, with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina. The convention will begin at 10 a.m. Mrs. Betty Sawyer, district youth director, will be in charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Spring Branch Church Announces Homecoming

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church located three miles north of Walstonburg, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the worship hour by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. At the noon hour lunch will be spread on the church grounds. The homecoming program committee has an afternoon program planned.

All former pastors, nonresidential members, and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

Mt. Tabor Church to Observe Homecoming

The Mount Tabor Free Will Baptis Church of Creswell, North Carolina, wi observe its annual homecoming on Sur day, October 14, beginning with Sunda school at 10 a.m. This will be followe with the homecoming message by th Rev. C. L. Coats of Smithfield, North Car lina. At the noon hour a picnic lunc will be served on the church grounds.

In the afternoon a service of singin has been planned with various visitin singing groups along with local talen The pastor, the Rev. William Littletor and the church members extend to ever one a cordial invitation to worship wit them on this occasion and enjoy the wo ship and Christian fellowship.

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Saint Mary's Grove Church To Observe Homecoming

The Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Bap tist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Car lina, will observe homecoming day o Sunday, October 7. The day's service will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m followed with the homecoming messag by the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson. picnic lunch will be served in the activit building at the noon hour.

The afternoon service will consist o singing and a memorial service. The pas tor and the church membership extend warm invitation to everyone to atten and enjoy a day of worship and Christia fellowship.

Coming Events . . .

October 6—Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliar Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Bap tist Church, Bladenboro, North Car lina

October 10—Albemarle Conference, Unio Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ply mouth, North Carolina

October 18—Western Conference, Nort ern Free Will Baptist Church, Durham North Carolina

October 20—Pee Dee Association, Beave Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Colum bus County, North Carolina

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference o Original Free Will Baptists, Macedoni Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Conference Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church Favetteville. North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, Mar boro Free Will Baptist Church, Farm ville, North Carolina

ll Revival and Homecoming t Rooty Branch Church

The Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist hurch, Route 2, Mount Olive, North arolina, announces its fall revival for e week of October 8-13. Services will egin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. yde Cox as the guest minister. Mr. ox will also render special music each vening. Everyone is cordially invited attend.

On Sunday, October 14, following the evival, Rooty Branch church will observe s annual homecoming. The day's acvities will begin with Sunday school at 0 a.m., followed with the morning mesge by the pastor, the Rev. Jack Burett. A picnic lunch will be served by e ladies of the church at the noon hour. uring the afternoon service a devotional ill be brought by the Rev. Terry Woodrd, a former pastor. The pastor and hurch members invite all former pastors, embers, and friends to enjoy this day f worship and fellowship with them.

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omecoming Announced t Pleasant Grove Church

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist hurch, Route 2, Pikeville, North Caroa, will observe its annual homecoming n Sunday, October 7. The Sunday school sson will be taught by Mrs. Jane Gale oodard. The morning message will be elivered by the pastor, the Rev. James upton.

The senior citizens of the church will e honored on this day and given special ecognition by the night auxiliary.

Following the picnic lunch on the rounds, a memorial service and singpiration will be held.

The pastor and the members invite all ormer pastors, former members, and riends to attend.

New Sandy Hill Church Announces Homecoming

New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Bailey, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming day which will be held on October 7. The Rev. Jessie P. Barrow, a former pastor, will bring the morning message which will be followed by the customary dinner on the grounds.

In the afternoon there will be a memorial service and a musical program. You are asked to make your plans now to attend, and to bring your friends and a picnic lunch. If you cannot attend, the church requests your prayers. Please note that any word of greeting will be recognized at roll call.

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Pleasant Hill Church to Observe Homecoming

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43 between Vanceboro and Greenville, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 7, with a full day of activities planned. Following the morning worship, a picnic lunch will be served. A special program of music and singing has been planned for the afternoon service.

The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and the church membership extend to everyone a warm welcome to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship.

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Homecoming and Revival At Flood's Chapel Church

Flood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Spring Hope, North Carolina, announces homecoming services for Sunday, October 14. Sunday school will begin at 9:45, followed with the homecoming message at the worship hour. At 12 noon lunch will be served at the Stanhope Community Building.

On Monday evening following the homecoming revival services will begin at Flood's Chapel, continuing through Saturday evening, October 20. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, North Carolina. Everyone is invited to attend both events.

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Homecoming and Revival at Spring Hill Church

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 70 West, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. William L. Dale. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service will consist of singing and fellowship. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

On Monday night, October 8, the fall revival at Spring Hill church will begin with the Rev. Joe Ingram of Goldsboro, bringing the messages each evening at 7:30. The pastor and the church congregation extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

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Everett's Chapel Observed Seventy-First Homecoming

On Sunday, September 23, the Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, observed its seventy-first homecoming anniversary. The guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Harold Jones, missionary to the Philippines.

The highlights of the day included an offering of $6,420.30 toward a proposed educational and recreational center, designed especially with the youth in mind, costing in excess of $100,000. The pastor, the Rev. Billy Yawn, receiving the offering from ushers Mark Christian Yawn, Meryle Hall, and Mark Hall, emphasized that the church of this age must provide "out-of-church activities under Christian supervision" in order to remain in contact with the youth. The record offering brought the total raised in two years for the land and building to $47,000.

The largest single offering of $1,542 was given by the Grover Stephenson Sunday School Class of the church. The previous homecoming offering one year ago amounted to $3,730.

Following the morning worship a fellowship lunch hour and a singspiration service was held. Twelve quartets and choirs provided the 500 persons attending a gospel concert.

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Kenly Church Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the worship hour at eleven. The Rev. James A. Evans, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the Legion Building, located on Highway 222, west of Kenly, following the worship hour. An afternoon service at two o'clock in the church sanctuary, will consist of a reading of the church history, singing, and a

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Meet the New Director of Campus Life And His Famliy

Mr. Britt, his wife Betty, Gene Jr., and Kathy.

The Rev. Gene B. Britt is a native of North Carolina, born at Southern Pines. He is the son of Mrs. Ann Britt and the late Mr. K. B. Britt of Wilmington, North Carolina. Mr. Britt is married to the former Betty Lois Daughtey of Princeton, North Carolina. They have two sons, Gene Jr., age 9, and Timothy, age 3.

Mr. Britt graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington in 1959. He has taken various courses from Mount Olive College, Carter Bible College, and the American Institute of Banking. He worked in the banking field for nearly ten years. His final position was Bank System Officer for the Eastern Region of First Union National Bank.

In 1971 Mr. Britt was licensed to preach by the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church in Princeton. He served as the interim pastor of Lanwood Chapel church before he was ordained. Before coming to the Home, he was pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mr. Britt has been active in various programs of the denomination. He is now the president of the Cape Fear Ministerial Association and secretary of the North Carolina Ministerial Association. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Cape Fear Conference of which he is a member.

Mr. Britt became director of campus life on September 1, 1973, relieving Mr. Stewart Humphrey. As director of campus life, Mr. Britt is responsible to the superintendent for the child-care program. He supervises the work program of the housemothers, the health program, the children's activities, and visits. His duties are varied and too numerous to cite in this article, plainly spoken he is the assistant superintendent.

Mr. Britt is a highly qualified, competent person for this job. His integrity is of the highest degree and he is completely dedicated to the cause of Christ. He is off to a good start with the staff and children. We all hope that he will serve God in this ministry for many years to come. Please pray for Mr. Britt and his family as they continue in this field of service helping to make possible a Christian home for boys and girls.

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Thanksgiving Turkey Folders

Turkey folders are now on hand at the Children's Home and are available for the churches who wish to use them for their Thanksgiving offering. They **will not** be automatically mailed out to all churches, due to the high cost involved. Churches desiring to use them should send a request to the Home by October 10. In your request, state the number desired and a mailing address. Send your requests to: Superintendent, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

Sound Side YFA's Visit Home

Shown in the picture is the YFA gro from Sound Side Free Will Baptist Chu of Columbia, North Carolina. The gro visited the Children's Home on the aft noon of September 22. They talked a played games with our children duri their visit. While they were here, t president of the YFA presented a che for the Home to Mrs. Weeks. The Y leader, Mrs. Sawyer, was in charge of t visiting group.

We are always happy to receive vis ing groups such as this one. If yo church, its youth, or auxiliary has n visited the Home recently, then plea make plans to do so very soon.

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STATE CONVENTIO OFFERING

The convention offering for the Cl dren's Home was one of the best ever ceived. The offering has reached a to of $9,808.49 and more is still coming The Home is very grateful to each pers and church who gave so freely. Sho below is the list of all who participat in this special love offering at the Sta Convention:

Albemarle Conference

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Mount Zion
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Hickory Chapel
Plymouth
Union Chapel
Mount Tabor
Sidney

Cape Fear Conference

Robert's Grove
Saint Mary's Grove

Lee's Chapel
Shady Grove
Goldsboro
Riverside
Casey's Chapel
Powhatan
Hopewell
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Walnut Creek
Smyrna
Lanier's Chapel
Snow Hill
May's Chapel
Sandy Plain
Saint's Delight

MY GRANDMOTHER

by Terri Jean Windham
Route 4, Box 50, Greenville, N. C.

My grandmother is so sweet and dear;
She always tries to be very near.
She is so sweet—she really is;
She really loves little kids!

Her wisdom I always try to heed;
She's a very good grandmother indeed!
She does all within her power
To make us happy every hour.

She always tries to do for us,
And I never even hear her fuss.
She is as cheerful as can be—
Full of trust and loyalty.

My grandmother loves to go to church.
It is very difficult to find such
A woman so faithful and true—
That's my grandmother, that's who!

There's something special about her to me—
When she dies I know where she will be.
She will be in heaven, the greatest place of all;
And she will be ready when she hears her Master call.

I want to be like her as I grow each year—
Full of love, good deeds, and cheer.
Always doing for others—no time left
To spend in things just for herself.

My granddaddy died a few years ago;
He was wise and good also.
He never walked around with a frown;
He turned his frowns all upside down!

My grandmother and my granddad
Liked to make other people glad.
Could you find anyone any nicer?
If so, I'm sure you'd need an advisor.

What I've written is really true—
Grandmother, I dearly love you!
You could never know what you mean to me;
You are as good-hearted as can be.

I am only a child eleven years old,
But I know my grandmother's good as gold;
And that I am really a lucky girl
To have had the best grandparents in this world!

(Note: This poem was written in honor of Terri's grandmother, Mrs. Bernice Harris Clark.)

Reunion Chapel

Pee Dee Association

White Oak
Oak Grove

Western Conference

Marsh Swamp
Stancil's Chapel
Holly Springs
Selma
Pleasant Grove
Little Rock
Kenly
Branch Chapel
Pleasant Hill
Micro
Spring Hill
Mount Zion (Wilson)

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ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OFFER

In celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., we are offering to you, our Free Will Baptist people, a one-year subscription to "The Free Will Baptist" for $2, plus tax. This offer will continue through December 31, 1973. (Please limit your subscriptions to one per person.) We feel that every Free Will Baptist should be receiving this publication, and now is a good time to take advantage of this anniversary offer.

WALTER REYNOLDS, Manager

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THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Give me money that has been spent in war and I will clothe every man, woman, and child in an attire of which kings and queens will be proud. I will build a schoolhouse in every valley over the whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to the gospel of peace.—**Charles Sumner.**

NEWS NOTES

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brief memorial service. There will be no evening service on this day.

Revival services will begin on Monday evening following homecoming and will be in progress through Saturday night, October 13. The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor of the Lee's Chapel church near Dunn, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. Services begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, assisting. According to the pastor, "the church already is experiencing the spirit of revival, so you will be inspired by attending these services. If you live in the Kenly area, come and be with us and be praying for a true spiritual revival."

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Stancil's Chapel Revival October 8-13

Revival services will begin Monday night, October 8, and continue thru Saturday night, October 13, at Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina. The Rev. Larry Barbour of Saratoga, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Godwin. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with special singing being featured throughout the week. A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

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Woodington Church Announces Revival

The Woodington Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 15-19. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston. Good preaching and special music will be featured each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Stony Hill to Observe Homecoming and Revival

The Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming service, Sunday, October 7. The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. with the Sunday school hour. The morning service includes the annual sermon by a former pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, music by the adult choir, and the annual love offering for building fund purposes.

The noon hour will be a time of fellowship as well as enjoying dinner on the grounds. The church was organized about the year 1880, and it has many former pastors, members, and former members, as well as friends who look forward to "going back home" to Stony Hill. The afternoon service will include music by church choirs and special music by other groups who have been invited to sing.

The annual fall revival services will begin Monday, October 15, and continue through Saturday, October 20. Evangelist for the revival will be the Rev. Davie Brinson, pastor of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. Special music will be rendered by the church choirs and other groups.

The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, pastor, and the church members extend a cordial invitation to their many friends to participate in these services and pray that the revival might be a spiritual blessing for the church and church community.

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Homecoming Sunday at First Church, Wilson

Sunday, October 7, 1973, will be homecoming Sunday at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. The memorial service will be held during the morning worship service which begins at 11 a.m. The church choirs and soloists will be singing in the afternoon along with the featured singers which will be the male quartet from the church, The quartet is composed of Charles Sullivan, Steve Wilson, Ricky Cook, and Franklin Vester. Mrs. Sandra Pearson accompanies the quartet with the piano and Harold Davis plays the bass guitar.

The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, extends an invitation to all former members and friends of the church to "come home" for this special day.

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Revival and Harvest Day At Faith Church

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 14-21. The pastor, the Rev. Larry Coats, will be bringing the messages each evening. Along with the message, there will also be special music. Great blessings are in store for all who attend.

On Sunday, October 21, the Faith church will observe harvest Sunday. After the morning worship service a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. In the afternoon a program of special singing has been planned. Everyone is cordially invited to attend all of these events he possibly can.

Homecoming and Singspiration At Unity Church of Durham

The Unity Free Will Baptist Church Purvis Road, Durham, North Carolina, wi observe its homecoming on Sunday, Oc tober 14. The services will begin a 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school, followe by the worship service at eleven with th pastor, the Rev. Raymond E. Jones, de livering the sermon.

Lunch will be served on the churc grounds after the service. Immediatel following lunch, a singspiration will b held. Music will be under the directio of the choir director, James R. McGhee assisted by Sandra Powell, pianist.

All former members and friends are ir vited to attend and enjoy this time o fellowship.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Question: Please explain, "For if we n wilfully after that we have received e knowledge of the truth, there re-ainеth no more sacrifice for sins" (He-ews 10:26). Does this destroy all hope r a backslider?

Answer: I do not think it does. To e, what is meant here appears more rious than what is generally designated ackslіding. This, I think, is the kind of rning from Christ more generally refer-d to as apostatizing. Hebrews 6:4-6 lls us of a state one who has become a artaker of the Holy Ghost" may find mself in that makes it impossible to turn to fellowship with God. "For it impossible for those who were once lightened, and have tasted of the heav-ly gift, and were made partakers of e Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good ord of God, and the powers of the orld to come, If they shall fall away, renew them again unto repentance; eing they crucify to themselves the n of God afresh, and put him to an pen shame. . . . But that which beareth orns and briers is rejected, and is nigh nto cursing; whose end is to be burn-d" (Hebrews 6:4-6, 8); "For if after they ave escaped the pollutions of the world rough the knowledge of the Lord and aviour Jesus Christ, they are again en-angled therein, and overcome, the lat-r end is worse with them than the be-inning. For it had been better for them t to have known the way of righteous-ess, than, after they have known it, to rn from the holy commandment de-vered unto them. But it is happened nto them according to the true proverb, e dog is turned to his own vomit again; d the sow that was washed to her wal-wing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:20-22); Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know ese things before, beware lest ye also, eing led away with the error of the icked, fall from your own stedfastness' Peter 3:17); "And hereby we do know at we know him, if we keep his com-andments. . . . But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:3, 5, 6).

Dr. L. T. Talbot has somewhat a different approach to such a question on Pages 121, 122 of his book **Bible Questions Explained:**

"The apostle is addressing Hebrews; and the warning is based upon the perfection of the one sacrifice of Christ, as the context clearly shows. The 'sinning wilfully' here is the definite turning away from, or refusal of, that one perfect sacrifice—the finished work of Christ. To do so means eternal ruin, because there is no other sacrifice that can meet the sin question.

"The apostle is not discussing the failures that all too often are found in the life of a Christian. For such a discussion, see 1 John 1:9; 2:1, for some of the clearest passages.

"In Hebrews 10:26 the Holy Spirit is speaking of the wilful definite rejection of Christ's atoning sacrifice. In other words, He is saying that if, after examining what the Old Testament Scriptures teach concerning Christ and His work; if, after comparing these prophecies with the New Testament presentation of Christ, thus obtaining a knowledge of the truth; if, in the light of all this knowledge one deliberately and permanently rejects Christ, then God has nothing more to say to him, except to mete out judgment. Why? Because in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Triune God, has offered the only way of salvation. Christ crucified is 'the wisdom of God.' That is the only way of salvation the wisdom of God has devised.

"The backslider is not in view in this text at all. It is the man who has 'trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing,' who is under consideration here (Hebrews 10:29)."

We have other verses that should help us on this subject: "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. . . . An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked" (Proverbs 29:1, 27); "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou went cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

What else those believing differently may say, the Bible seems to teach that there is a line one knowing the Lord as Saviour may cross in spiritual and moral decadence from whence there is no return.

Saul of the tribe of Benjamin is reported in 1 Samuel 10:1-13 as the anointed king of Israel and the prophet of God. "And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand" (1 Samuel 19:9). What a change! The evil spirit took over when he rebelled against God's Spirit; until the end of his earthly life. (Read the chapters depicting his life unto the end.) Solomon, in Proverbs, says: ". . . the way of the transgressors is hard" (13:15). In Saul's case it followed him to the end and may, I think, apply to Christians who turn completely to the ways of the carnal mind.

If one doubts or questions his own behavior before God and man, it is time to pray and take inventory of his relations with God and man. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14); "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Most backsliding and perhaps apostasy comes as a result of the subject's not keeping up his prayer life and Bible reading habits—habits second nature to him when he kept close to God through these media. A consistent prayer life and devotional Bible study schedule are essential to correct Christian living and unbroken fellowship with God.

STORIES

for our youth

THE YELLOW SCHOOL BUS

by
SARA BRANCH

IT was a warm day in early fall, and Kathy, who was too young to go to school, rode her red tricycle back and forth on the pavement of the driveway. Mother had told her many times not to ride her "tri" (as she called it) in the street, because of cars.

Kathy was a little five-year-old girl with blonde hair and blue eyes whom her parents loved and adored. She liked the outdoors and especially riding her "tri," because she was the only child. Sometimes Kathy would see a yellow school bus pick up Sally and Jim, who lived next door. Sally was six years old and Jim was eight. How Kathy wished she could go to school too! She felt very sad and alone seeing her friends enter the bus. Tears formed in Kathy's little blueberry eyes. "If only I could go too!" she thought. "Why do I have to be left alone?"

Suddenly Kathy heard a voice from the kitchen. It was her mother. "How would you like to go with me to take your father to work? We might even stop downtown to shop before we come home. I have to get some milk, eggs, and butter from the grocery store. Is there anything special that you would like?" questioned her mother.

Kathy stared at her mother with pleasure for her little heart felt lighter and not quite as lonesome, but still she saw in her mind the yellow bus which carried her friends to school.

"Yes, Mother," Kathy replied, "I will go with you to take Daddy to work and let's go to the grocery store. I'll help you shop today."

"Oh, my sweet child," said Mother. "Your father and I are so proud of you and glad to have you around."

Kathy, dressed in a pretty dress and a ribbon in her golden hair, opened the car door and sat as an adult next to her parents as her mother drove downtown. Kathy's father worked in the factory on First Street. Soon Kathy's mother arrived there and Kathy's father got out of the car.

"Beep, beep," Kathy repeated over and over as they rode along.

"What are you saying?" asked her mother.

"Beep, beep," Kathy repeated to her mother. "I'm a horn."

"Ah, a horn!" exclaimed her mother. "Why are you a horn?"

"I'm the school bus horn I heard this morning," laughed Kathy.

"Oh, my silly child," said Mother.

Deep down Kathy still remembered the school bus—if only she could get it off her mind!

Finally the car stopped in front of Mr. Brown's grocery store. Kathy and Mother got out of the car and entered the store. Kathy pushed the cart as Mother picked up the milk, eggs, and butter.

Suddenly Kathy spied the school supply shelf and there before her eyes was a book about a school bus. How Kathy wished her mother would buy it for her?

She ran to the shelf and asked, "Mother, can I get this? Oh, how I want it!"

"How much is it?" asked Mother.

"I don't know, but it is about a bus like Sally and Jim ride on," said Kathy.

"I'll ask Mr. Brown," said Mother, "and if it doesn't cost too much we'll get it."

"Thank you," said Kathy. She felt much better now.

"How much is the book about t school bus?" Mother asked Mr. Brov "My little girl wants to buy it."

"Fifty cents," said Mr. Brown.

"That's fine," said Mother. "Kat you may get the book."

Kathy was happier now than she h been all day. She would show her n book to her friends.

After Kathy and her mother paid t the milk, eggs, butter, and the storybo about the school bus, they rode home

When they arrived home, Kath mother began cooking a chocolate ca It smelled so good. Kathy helped h mother beat the eggs for the cake.

"Mother," asked Kathy, "may I ha a piece of cake?"

"No dear, this is for Mrs. Smith, w lives about a block from us. She is si and has not been able to go to churc Haven't you missed her?" asked Kath mother.

"Oh, she's a nice lady," said Kathy.

"How would you like to go with m to carry the cake to Mrs. Smith?" ask Mother.

"Can I?" asked Kathy. Her eyes we bright again with excitement. "C Mother, when we come home, can I ta my new storybook about the bus ar show it to Sally and Jim?"

"Yes," said Mother, "if they are hom Today is Friday and they might have go somewhere for the weekend as it is no six o'clock."

When Kathy and her mother arrived Mrs. Smith's house, Kathy knocked the door. A voice said, "Come in." was Mrs. Smith's voice. She was ve happy to see Kathy and her mother.

"Here is a cake especially for you said Kathy's mother to Mrs. Smith.

"Oh, thank you," said Mrs. Smith.

"We have missed you at church," sa Kathy.

"My dear child," said Mrs. Smith, have missed it too. I know Pastor Jon has delivered some good sermons. I a ways enjoy hearing them and hope th it will not be long before I am able t go to church again." Not taking h eyes off Kathy, Mrs. Smith noticed th she had a book in her hand. "What the book, my child?" asked Mrs. Smit

"It's my new book about a school bus, said Kathy, "like the one Sally and Ji ride."

"Did you know their family moved th afternoon in a new home across town? questioned Mrs. Smith.

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

AUGUST, 1973, MISSION LOGBOOK

by S. I. Perocillo

On the first to the third day of this month, by force of circumstances, I went to Brook's Point to survey for food. There I found plenty of corn grits but no rice. But most important of all, I found several different groups of people. One group was the Tagbanuas (probably the most primitive group of all) where Christian civilization is practically unknown.

In the picture above there is a Tagbanuas couple walking the street with the woman carrying the baggage while the man is carrying practically nothing. Another group were the Muslims, almost equal in number with the Tagbanuas, about 5 to 7 thousand in Northern Palawan. Both of these tribes are unreached by the gospel. These people were members of different evangelical groups in Mindanao who came to Palawan because of the insurrection there. These people are badly in need of spiritual nourishment. They are like sheep without a shepherd.

On August 21 and 22 we were in Isaob, Aborlan, a barrio about 50 kilometers from Puerto Princesa. While there we were able to convert a family of Tagbanuas who are relatives of Mrs. Swatel. Since they were a leading family, it was easier to lead to conversion a hundred family clans scattered in this barrio.

On August 23 we went to a barrio of about 70 houses in Buncag. There we won two families to Christ. Also we distributed plenty of tracts to the people.

On the twenty-fourth we went to Tagboros to distribute tracts and make a survey of the whole barrio. This barrio is practically dominated by the Iglecia Ni Kristo. Our strategy here was to find out the families who have been expelled from this cult and present Christ to them.

Of all the tribes surveyed, the Tagbanuas seemed to be the easiest to lead to Christ, for they do not have any religion of their own. However, they are the most dangerous to deal with at the beginning because they are treacherous—they will poison anyone they like. So when we went there we followed the instructions of our guide and were extra cautious in our dealing with them. But they are the most humble and kindest people I have ever known when they become your friend.

In the picture above we see Mrs. Perocillo with some Tagbanuas women. This is the first time any Christian missionary has visited this group. To my observation this is a tribe of people whom practically no one cares for except God. For God's sake they should be the ones to be given a chance to hear the gospel message before the nominal Roman Catholic has another chance of hearing it!

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An old man used to go about selling little boxes of cement which could mend all family jars and even broken hearts.

Some only laughed at him, but those who purchased one of the little boxes for a cent or so found a small piece of paper inside. On it was written the word **Love.** What a sure cure for family jars and broken hearts.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. J. Elmer Thompson announces that he is available for pastoral duties either on a full-time or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 384-K, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, or by phoning 965-6274.

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Change of Addresses

The Rev. Clyde Cox would like to announce a change of address. His old address was 300 Fleet Street, New Bern, North Carolina; his new address as of October 1 is Box 866, Kenly, North Carolina. His new pastorate is the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly.

All correspondents are advised to take notice of the change.

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The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey announces his change of address from Route 2, Box 15-A, Middlesex, North Carolina, to Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. All correspondence should be directed to this new address.

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Paperback Hymnal for Sale

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., announces that it now has for sale a small paperback hymnal entitled "Selected Hymns of Faith" which contains 34 favorite hymns. The small hymnal sells for fifty-nine cents and is identical to the 1,000 complimentary copies which the Press gave to the State Convention which met recently at the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The hymnal was printed in observation of 100 years of service given by the Free Will Baptist Press from 1873-1973.

Reconciliation Through Christ

Printed Text: Romans 5:1-11

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today deals with the manifestation of God's love for sinners. It reveals the means provided by Him wherein wrongdoers—those who are at enmity to God and all that He represents and tries to accomplish in the world—can be reconciled to Him and find purpose and direction for their lives.

The scriptural text will furnish ample material to show that God's love for us is continually manifested, and that He not only helps us to find a new life, but that He furnishes us also with the means and provides the guidance for the building of Christian character and the possession of the more abundant life which the Lord Jesus promised His followers.

When we find reconciliation with God through the exercising of faith in the redemptive work of Jesus, we at the same time find an inner peace and tranquility that we have never known before, and experience a fervent desire to live in peace and harmony with all mankind.

Our lesson text is composed of another selection from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, and serves to remind us of the fact that God loves us and has done and is still doing everything possible to restore man to his lost estate: God helps man to grow in grace and knowledge of Christ that he might perfect the potential which lies within him.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince teen-agers that they can find reconciliation in Christ by responding to the great love which God has shown toward them.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If it were possible to get people really to understand what it means to be lost, and what it means to be saved, most of them would turn to Jesus as their Saviour. The most terrible thing that can happen to a soul is to be lost, and the most wonderful thing that can happen to anyone is to be saved. Are you saved?

B. Man by nature is not righteous and can never become righteous. But when we accept Christ as our Saviour, His righteousness is imputed to us. So we do not have any righteousness of our own, but we stand justified before God because of the righteousness of His Son, Jesus Christ.

C. There is the story of the man who dreamed that he was traveling when he came to a church where there was just one devil asleep on the front steps. Soon in his journey he came to a modest house, but there were many devils. He asked why the difference. He was told that the church was asleep so it took only one devil to take care of it, but that in the house a praying man and woman lived and it took a large, live group of devils to work on it.

D. Men sometimes speak of the pleasures of the world and the things that a Christian gives up as though there were no pleasure in being a Christian. There is much more pleasure in being a Christian than in being unsaved. There is real joy in knowing that your sins are forgiven and that you would go to heaven if you died. Do you know this?

E. Have you ever seen anyone who acted as if he thought that he had done God a favor by letting Him save him? Yet the Bible says, "not by works of righteousness lest any man should boast" (see Titus 3:5). Why don't we just praise God for our salvation and stop trying to take any credit for ourselves?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The theme of man's reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ is at the very center of all biblical revelation. It involves man's sin and God's efforts to overcome the effects of that sin. It is as if our sins have erected a wall between us and our Creator.

We cannot remove the barrier of sin. Neither can we climb over it nor pen trate it. Even if there were a door the wall, we would be unable to unlo it.

God, however, has provided the mea whereby the dividing wall of sin may b overcome (the Cross).

Jesus died on the Cross. Even thoug His death occurred many years ago in distant country, Jesus' death is the rem dy for our sins. His Cross answers ou need. Paul says that the death of Chri was God's remedy for man's sin: "Whe we were enemies, we were reconciled t God by the death of his Son" (Roman 5:10).

The Cross of Christ is the key tha opens the door for us to God. His deat removes the power of sin and makes i possible for us to be reconciled to th Father.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. Paul wrote: "Thanks be unto Go for his unspeakable gift." He could hav used other adjectives to describe Chris the greatest of God's gifts to man. Fo example:

Unexpected. Men, reading the Ol Testament prophecies, looked for a com ing Messiah, but they scarcely expecte Him to be born a babe in Bethlehem.

Unbidden. Because men are so limite in their understanding of God, they ha not considered asking for such a gift.

Undeserved. Man as a sinner deserve only judgment from God, and yet Go gave man His Son.

Unearned. When we exchange gifts we use the term "gift" in a somewha distorted sense, for we thereby onl trade one item for another. But ma has given nothing and can give nothin to earn God's gift.

Unconfined. Although Jesus was bor in Bethlehem to a Jewish mother, thi gift is not confined to race or clime.

Unlimited. Gifts men give wear ou and are discarded, but God's gift of hop knows no barriers of time.

Unequaled. No other gift given to ma or God is capable of meeting man's need as does this gift.

Unappreciated. The shepherds cam and marveled, but did not appreciat fully because they did not understan fully. The Magi came, worshiped, lef their gifts, and departed, not fully ap preciating God's gift either. How man today are like these!

Unaccepted. And because the gift wa not appreciated, it has not been accep ed by so many who desperately need it.-**Inspiring Illustrations.**

C. The writer recalls the experience c

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YOU, . . . JESUS, . . . AND THE LAW

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thout . . . men of intemperate minds nnot be free. Their passions forge eir fetters."

What our world desperately needs, as e outer buttresses of morality are reoved, are men and women and young ople who will demonstrate by their es an inner commitment to truth and egrity. Jesus' people ought to be livg models today of the mind of Christ—ither soft-living anarchists nor hard-livg legalists, but people disciplined in nd, body, and actions to show that the swer is "faith working by love."

God help us to turn to Christ in faith d by the power of His Spirit to show at His commandments are not grievous rdens, but the gateway to freedom that freedom indeed!

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oys' and Girls' Stories

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"Oh, they did," said Kathy, dropping r head in disappointment. "But I want- to tell them about my book."

"Wait until Sunday morning when you e them at Sunday school and then you n tell them," said Mother.

Sure enough when Sunday morning me, there sat Sally, Jim, and five-year- d Kathy side-by-side. Kathy was so ad to see her friends. Their teacher ld them that they should love their ighbors as well as God.

At the close of the Sunday school class, thy said, "Let's sing, 'Jesus Loves the tle Children.' "

The class agreed and joined hands hile they sang. Sally, Jim, and Kathy smiled at one another. They were so ppy.

After church, Kathy invited Sally and n to come home with her to see her w storybook about the school bus. lly and Jim were delighted to go home th Kathy, even if they were older than e. Kathy was like a little sister to em and they wanted to see the old ighborhood once again.

Before bedtime that night Kathy said, Mother, we sure did have a good time gether this past weekend—just you and You saw Mrs. Smith and made her ppy, but as for me I saw Sally and Jim, y old friends. Good night, Mother."

"Good night, my child," said Mother. 'm sure that Jesus was pleased with what we did today, because He loves everyone. Pleasant dreams. Now go to sleep."

Kathy closed her blueberry eyes as her mother tiptoed out the door. Did Kathy dream about the yellow school bus? Only Jesus knows because He loves little children.

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Sunday School Lesson

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a friend who lived deeply in sin, so much so that he could not believe God would save him. When the truth of God's promise was made clear to him by the Spirit, he joyfully received Christ as Saviour. He was amazed at how his doubts all melted away. No one could thereafter cause him to feel that he was not reconciled to God.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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died before I waked my soul would be lost. All this day I have been miserable, but tonight I have found peace. I expect to pray that little prayer with my child tonight knowing that living or dying I am the Lord's."—*Epworth Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How often have you felt as though you had outgrown religion and prayers? Do you really believe them to be childish and beneath your dignity?

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations,* Eerdmans Press.)

our Church Auxiliaries

Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, will host the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Wednesday, October 10. The convention theme will be "The Mission of the Church." The Scripture text will be ". . . that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47). The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "O Worship the King"
—Devotions, Mrs. Sarah Johnson
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Jean Byrd
—Response, Mrs. Lois Hill
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. R. H. Jackson
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Children's Home Report
—Hymn, "Bring Them In"
11:15—Special Music, Saint Mary's Grove Church
—Convention Message, the Rev. Al Markerson
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
1:05—Life Membership Award, Mrs. Pearl Johnson
1:25—Report of Youth Chairman
1:30—Report of Mount Olive College
—Report of Cragmont Assembly
—Report of Foreign Missions
—Report of Home Missions
—Report of Superannuation Board
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
2:00—Business Session
—Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
—Benediction

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If you do believe in the Church of Jesus Christ and if you do believe in the good life, why don't you put them in first place instead of relegating them to a place of convenience? Why do so many of you in everyday life neglect the church and things of the spirit? "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?" This is finality. This is the gospel. This is God's truth. In the final analysis, it is only the good life that counts.—**C. Wesley Israel.**

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TIME OUT!

by Bobby Taylor

There are times when it would be nice if we could simply call, "Time out," as they do in a ball game, to give us time to regroup our thoughts and ideas. But we are in a ball game that we are not allowed any time outs.

The ball game is the issue on Liquor-by-the-Drink. We are in the last quarter and time is running out, and we can't call "Time out." It is a necessity that we as Christians work as a team to encourage people to register to vote. Yes, the deadline is October 8, 1973, for registration.

Liquor has been the bondage of many people and it still has many locked in its bondage now. As Christians we must **stand fast** against this issue. Paul wrote in Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Anything which causes sin will become a bondage to man. Let's get on the move and register to vote before the time runs out on October 8, 1973.

(Bobby is a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina, and is a student at Mount Olive College. This article was written because of his own personal convictions.)

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Dr. Shami to Visit Pine Level Church

Since Dr. Jamil Shami, director of college relations at Mount Olive College, is a native of the Holy Land, he will speak on the subject of the Holy Land at the 11 a.m. worship service, Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina, on October 7. The Rev. Robert Langley, pastor, extends a welcome to everyone.

Dr. Raper Honored On Birthday

President W. Burkette Raper was honored recently by the Mount Olive College family at a surprise birthday party. Raper was presented a "Free Spirit" bicycle and his ten-year-old bike was auctioned at $75 for the Chapel Fund.

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Chaplain of Mount Olive College to Speak

On October 7, 1973, the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain at Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden, North Carolina. All are invited by the pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, to be present at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Raper Speaks At Robert's Grove Homecoming

Robert's Grove Free Will Bapt Church near Dunn, North Carolina, w observe homecoming, Sunday, October The Rev. Francis Garner, pastor, has a nounced that Dr. W. Burkette Rap president of Mount Olive College, w deliver the message during the 11 a. worship service. All friends and form pastors are invited to attend.

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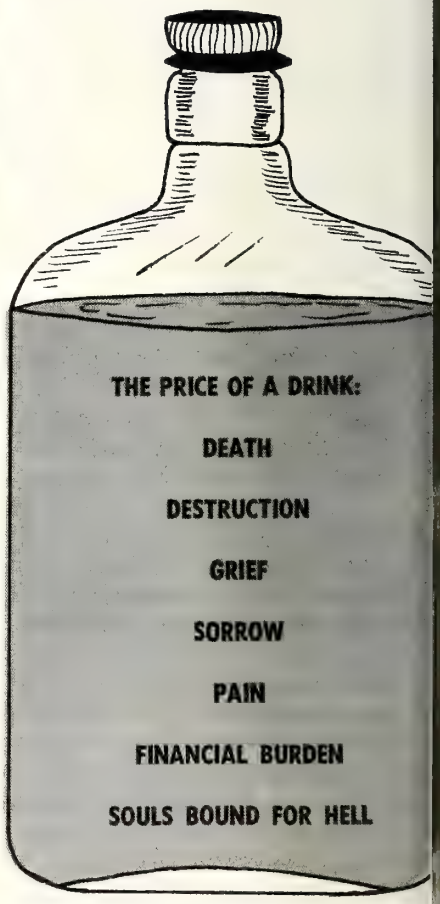

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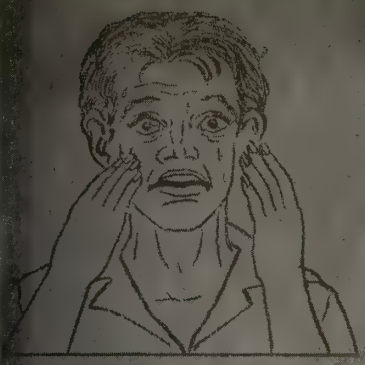

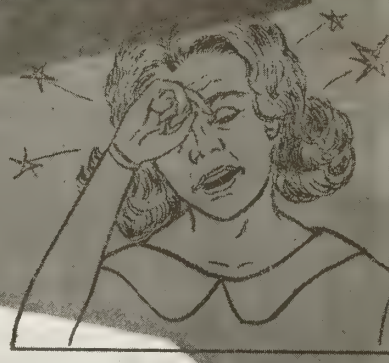

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DYING FOR A DRINK

The man slips up to the bar, lights a cigarette, snaps his lighter shut, shifts to a comfortable position on the stool, rests his elbows on the counter, and says to the bartender in the traditional sigh, "I'm dying for a drink."

If the bartender knows the customer, he doesn't have to ask what brand of beer he'd like; he immediately draws it from tap, pops a can, or opens a bottle; and, when it is finally in the grasp of the customer, he (the customer) takes one long swallow, exhales a stinking breath and smiles, anticipating a night of relaxation and contentment. The busy day has come to a close, and now he can enjoy himself in a dim-lighted bar decorated oftentimes in the modern fashion with ultraviolet (black) lights and fluorescent pictures that give off brilliant reds, greens, blues, and a myriad of eerie hues.

And, the man isn't alone. Lined up and down the bar rail are other men (and women), and several are seated in booths or around tables; and in the semidarkness the smoke is seen as it curls above their heads or from the ashtrays in which have been placed lighted cigarettes or cigars. The layering smoke mixed with the smell of the beverage provides an atmosphere which depresses rather than uplifts, and the dismal gloom of the room cannot be altered even by the sound of the jukebox, which plays song after song—some sad, some happy—but all too loud.

Here and there are heard little chuckles or boisterous laughter at some off-color story. The barmaid's shrill voice in an amplified tone is heard as she asks in her witchy way almost continuously, "Will you have another?" (Many bars employ girls or women as an enticement to the male customers on the premise that the female sex is more adept at selling the beverage, especially if the barmaid is attractive or particularly attentive to the customers.)

Drinking, drinking, drinking! More cans or bottles are pushed in front of some already well-drunk individuals, and those who are a little jittery cringe at the crash of glass as empty bottles are thrown into a trash box and the clang of metal as the empty cans are gathered and thrown into a similar receptacle.

In the corner, with beer in hand and tears on the face, sits a lonely man who is pouring his heart out to another, as he attempts to forget his perplexities by the way of his favorite brew. He twitches nervously, frantically attempting to light a cigarette. His "friend," observing his difficulty, lights the cigarette for him and encourages him to talk on. The friend, though well-drunk himself, is a little more used to the liquid; and though having consumed a greater quantity, he is steadier, more rational; and, at least to his mind, able to help this poor soul. So, the crying man continues to pour out his heart, prompting the remembrance that somewhere it was said that more confessions are made at bars than at altars. This may be mere conjecture, but nonetheless, it's worth thinking about. . . . Yet, we cannot attest to barroom conversions. . . .

Isn't this a sad scene? Isn't this a pitiful picture? We didn't mention the fallen women who frequent these places and sit in the usual manner, waiting for someone to offer them a drink, hoping perhaps that someone will begin a conversation which will lead to a pickup and a prosperous night for them and a conscience-induced headache for the men. Neither did we mention the topless waitresses who are now a part of the modern bars, who savor the delights of the men's thirsts both in a physical and mental way, providing lust where lust is wanted; and, well, there's little need to go on. Nevertheless, we must accept reality, however sickening it gets to be.

Sometimes a teen-ager (under 18) will come in, and if somewhere in the group there happens to be a man drinking a soft drink and who is suspected by the sharp-eyed bartender to be an ABC officer, the underaged teen-ager will be refused the drink. Yet, if the place appears "clean" and the clientele familiar, the bartender has no compunction at the serving of beer to the youth.

The hours come and the hours go. Men drift in and some slip out—possibly to their homes or apartments where they will be greeted by tearful wives or crying children. If the man is in a particularly bad mood, his wife and children will suffer for the "fun" he has had at the bar. They will endure cursings and possible beatings. If they're lucky, the intoxicated husband and father will be so stoned that he'll fall asleep when he arrives; and though half of his money may be gone, his family can at least rest in peace for one night.

Now, in North Carolina, some big shots are champing at the bit for the liquor-by-the-drink bill, to make legal the selling of *mixed* drinks or small quantities of the *hard stuff* in various public places. Thus far the bill has been defeated, but we wonder how long it will be before one will be able to enter any restaurant, lounge, or bar and order anything he wants "on the rocks." Debate after debate has been heard in regard to this issue, but no real answer has been provided except by us who are convicted that consumption of alcohol in any form (other than by prescription) is a violation of the Christian code. Of a surety, one can never become an alcoholic unless he takes the first drink; and *to make it so available* would, in our opinion, only *increase the number of potential alcoholics.*

Indeed, when the man (or woman) slips up to the bar and says that he or she is "dying for a drink," there may be a lot of truth in the statement. As beer can after beer can is lined up or grouped by the customer to determine the amount he has consumed, and as mixed drink after mixed drink is poured into his little glass, he may pride himself in the fact that he is a big fellow, that he can "drink *anyone* under the table." That's a lot to brag about, isn't it?

Emotionally and physically and spiritually, however, the drinker is suffering. He is losing his self-respect (if he had any to begin with), the respect of Christian society, and is fast passing from this life. Rather than "dying for a drink," he may very well be dying *because* of it!

Speak out, O ye people! Let your objections be known! In an editorial a few years back, your editor posed this thought: "To Drink or Not: That Is the Question." Now say we as then, "*Drink Not at All: That Is the Answer.*" Agreed? In our opinion, liquor-by-the-drink or any other way stinks!

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Why I Oppose the Liquor-by-the-Drink Bill

by the Rev. Walter Reynolds
Ayden, North Carolina

AM OPPOSED TO LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK, FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE IN MY OPINION IT IS A MORAL ISSUE.

A. I believe the Bible condemns drunkenness:

1. Drunkenness is listed among the "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21.
2. Ephesians 5:18 says, ". . . be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."
3. Paul instructs us in 1 Corinthians 5:11, ". . . not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a . . . drunkard, . . ." He also warns in 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither . . . drunkards, . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God."
4. There are several verses in the Bible that speak out against strong drink (the term **woe** means miserable):

   Leviticus 10:9 says, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations."

   Proverbs 20:1 says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

   Proverbs 23:29, 30 reads thusly, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; that go to seek mixed wine."

   Isaiah 5:11 says, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!"

   Daniel 1:8 says, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, not with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

   Romans 14:21 reads as follows: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

B. The two great commandments according to Matthew 22: 37-40 teach, first of all, love for God; and, second, love our fellowman.

1. How can we love our fellowman if we help him become an alcoholic? (There are nine million Americans today with a drinking problem.)
2. How can we love our fellowman if we help him deprive his family of the necessities of life?
3. How can we love our fellowman if we help him kill someone or kill himself as a result of drunkenness? (Over one half of the traffic deaths in North Carolina last year were caused by alcohol—1,981.)

   Habakkuk 2:15 reads, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!"

II. ALSO I AM OPPOSED TO LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK ON JUST GENERAL PRINCIPALS.

A. I believe more liquor will be consumed if House Bill Number 9, which is a statewide referendum on mixed beverages (meaning liquor-by-the-drink), passes. It will make liquor more accessible, more readily available to all. There are presently 324 ABC stores in North Carolina. There are more than 3,000 Class-A restaurants in North Carolina, all of them eligible to qualify to sell liquor-by-the-drink. This would give 10 times more outlets for liquor sales than we now have. **NO ONE** will ever be able to convince me that with 10 times more outlets for selling liquor that we are going to sell less than we are now selling.

B. I believe more people are going to be hurt. This past year over one half of the 1,981 traffic deaths in North Carolina were caused by alcohol. Forty percent of all admissions to state mental hospitals have alcohol in the background. The Number 4 disease in America is alcoholism. The **SLIGHTEST** increase in the sale and consumption of liquor is certain to hurt someone—and it could be **you!**

C. I do not believe passage of this referendum on mixed beverages will attract more tourists to our state. If this is what North Carolina has to do to attract tourists, I for one would rather they did not come.

A U. S. Department of Commerce study on tourist motivations indicate that climate, scenery, relatives, and family entertainment are the main tourist attractions. Income from tourists in North Carolina is approaching $900 million a year, one of the highest in the nation. North Carolina attracts more than 40,000,000 tourists a year because of its beautiful mountains, seashores, outdoor dramas, nationally famous golf courses, and warm, hospitable people. (What family from another state is going to call and see if North Carolina has

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 49:15

SEEN THROUGH THE DOCTOR

A Navajo woman was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. She was tenderly cared for, for some time. Finally, when she seemed on the road to life again, the missionary, in simple words presented the claims of Christ for some time, but there was no answer. The woman lay there perfectly quiet, but it was evident that she was thinking things over. After some little time the door at the end of the ward opened and the doctor looked in just to make sure that everything was all right with his patient. She looked up and her bright eyes expressed the gratitude she felt as she softly replied in the liquid tongue of the Navajos, "If Jesus is anything like the doctor, I can trust Him forever." She had seen Christ magnified in a man, and her heart was won. —*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we have God in our hearts, He will be reflected in our words and actions.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:7

THE DYING FIRE

A certain Sunday school superintendent felt very keenly the absence from the Sunday school of a once faithful member. After some time had passed, he called at the home of the absentee and found him sitting before the fire.

Somewhat startled by the intrusion, the member hastily placed a chair for the visitor, and then waited for the expected rebuke. But not a word did the superintendent say. Taking a seat before the fireplace, he silently took the tongs and, lifting a glowing coal from the midst of its fellows, laid it by itself on the hearthstone. Remaining painfully silent, he watched the blaze die out.

Then the truant murmured: "You needn't say a single word; I'll be there next Sunday morning."—*Rod and Staff.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we are inactive we tend to deteriorate and die out.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Scripture Reading—Psalm 32:10

THE BARRIER BETWEEN

When I was in England, during one of the conferences, a woman told me she was once awakened by a very strange noise of pecking, or something of the kind. When she got up, she saw a butterfly flying back and forth inside the window pane in a great fright, and outside a sparrow pecking and trying to get in. The butterfly did not see the glass, and expected every minute to be caught, and the sparrow did not see the glass, and expected every minute to get the butterfly. Yet all the while that butterfly was as safe as if it had been millions of miles away, because of the glass between it and the sparrow. So it is with Christians—Satan cannot touch the soul that has the Lord Jesus Christ between itself and him.—Josiah Strong in *Earnest Worker.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God takes care of the birds and the flowers of the fields; He will surely take care of all who believe in Him.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Scripture Reading—1 John 2:9

KILLS HIMSELF BY ILL-WILL

There was a man whose health was good; he was sturdy and strong; his heart action and blood pressure were fine. Then his father died, and he got into a prolonged legal dispute with his sister about their father's will. The case went to court, and the sister won.

From that day on the man could think about nothing but the lawsuit and his sister He talked about it, thought about it, filled himself with it; it became his obsession. And, each day, he grew to hate his sister more.

Then he began to have difficulty with his heart and his blood pressure. Next his kidneys bothered him. Before many months, various complications killed him.

In commenting on this case, the doctor said, "It seems obvious that he died from bodily injuries wrought by powerful emotion." The man killed himself with ill-will—literally committed suicide.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are you holding a grudge against your fellowman? If you are, think back. Can you even remember what caused the grudge?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Scripture Reading—Revelation 21:4

HE NEVER DISAPPOINTS

"You seem in unusual pain today," I said one afternoon to a lady who suffered terribly and was also blind. Her response amazed me. "I once heard Pastor Hood preach, sir. It was in the days when I could see. He told us in his sermon of a visit to a friend who was dying, and when he asked him how he was, the answer came: 'My head is resting very sweetly on three pillows—infinite power, infinite love, and infinite wisdom!' And my poor head i those same pillows now, so that my l is at rest. I go to God for comfort, anc never disappoints me."—Linton Romain *The Sunday at Home.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God never tires of hearing our pra He never tires of answering our prayers order to have a prayer heard or answ we must pray.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:18

A BABY—DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, A OVERWORKED PHYSICIAN

One stormy night, a clamorous knock heard at the door of the town's overwo physician. He was needed urgently ir home of a poor miner. The doctor's impulse was to offer some excuse for going. He reasoned thus, "A new li coming into the world only to live in erty and filth. The world will be none poorer if I fail to go." However, the of duty and humanity prevailed, and ently the doctor was breasting the terro the stormy night. As day dawned, a boy was ushered into the world! That boy grew into manhood, and became of the world's greatest Christians and st men—David Lloyd George, England's W War I Premier.—*W. B. K.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Everyone has an opportunity to b himself. Environment plays an impo part in our lives but we are able to imp our environment.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:26,

A CURE FOR BAD TEMPERS

The manager of a large laundry bus cured two of his men who could never a with each other on account of their tempers. These men's duties caused to work side by side in the laundry; owing to their quarrelsome natures, were constantly in hot water in more se than one. At last their employer hit the following plan to cure them:

He put the two men, one inside the b ing and the other outside, to clean all windows on the premises. There they v face to face with each other, without b able to exchange a word. At last the cl began to work, for all of the working ple were laughing at them. Noticing the two men could not help but smil each other, and at last broke out in a h roar of laughter. The cure was perma for they have been good-tempered fri since.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Life here on earth is too short to u our time with petty differences.

(Devotions used by permission, *Kni Master Book of New Illustrations,* F mans Press.)

The Role of a Minister

by Dr. Michael Pelt, Chairman
Department of Religion,
Mount Olive College

(Text: 1 Timothy 4:11-16)

(This sermon was preached recently at the ordination of the Rev. Scott Sowers at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina.)

HE Pastoral Epistles, from which this text is taken, are so named because y are addressed to "pastors"—to men o have assumed the oversight of rches committed to their charge. The ng minister will do well to acquaint nself with the challenges presented to n in these letters.

The minister today is thrust into a rk that has many facets. As leader of ongregation he has a many-sided role play. He ought to be a man of many ts, all of which he seeks to develop in e service of God. The work of the nister includes:

1. **Preaching**—(kerussein, used some 60 nes in the New Testament). "To each" means to make proclamation as erald. A "herald" or "preacher" is a blic messenger who lifts up his voice d claims public attention to some defi- e news he has to announce. There is difference between the proclamation of town crier in the Greek-speaking world d the preaching of the gospel. A herald y be more or less indifferent to the ws he proclaims. On the other hand e Christian preacher is a man who him- lf has been laid hold on by Christ Jesus e Philippians 3:12) and who personally lieves in the good news he announces others.

The message to be proclaimed centers on the saving words and work of Jesus rist. He came preaching and teaching out the kingdom of God, saying that e kingdom of God has drawn near. His inistry, death, and resurrection repre- nts the divine activity in bringing to s a gift of the kingdom. Apart from rist's coming, His gathering the nu- leus of a New Israel about Him, His eath and resurrection to make possible e forgiveness of sin, and the beginning f a new creation through the agency of is Spirit in the world there would be no essage for the preacher.

2. **Teaching**—But his preaching is augmented and supplemented by another function, that of teaching. Jesus preached openly to the crowds, but He was more likely to direct His teaching to His disciples. Thus He revealed to them His most profound thoughts and particularly the mystery of His own person (see Mark 8:31, 32). Likewise, the apostles taught those who had accepted the preaching (see Acts 2:42). The greater part of the New Testament letters is not preaching but teaching. In Paul's letters, he is mainly occupied with helping his converts to see the full implications of what they believed, or he is correcting some distortion of the truth or some example of improper conduct. Teaching develops the fullness of the gospel message in order that believers may become mature in Christ and in order that the church may be better equipped for ministry in the world.

We need to realize that good preaching involves teaching, or will certainly call for clear and earnest teaching if the gospel is to make its total impact on the lives of those who hear the Word. Good teaching aims to strengthen those who are already won by the proclamation of the gospel.

It is not strange that so much of the New Testament is taken up with teaching, for most of it was written after Christianity had become a Gentile movement and the Gentiles or pagans needed much instruction and exhortation to keep the faith. The Pastoral Epistles were themselves written after a period of advance and increase in numbers and the church stood in need of men who could faithfully pass on the tradition which they had received. Such persons must be not only morally sound and spiritually alert but they must be apt to teach. They must give attendance to reading, to preaching, and teaching (see 1 Timothy 4:13).

But if a man is to teach effectively, he must also be a learner; he must become a student in the broadest sense. This requires time and self-discipline. The minister who neglects his study will in the long run deprive himself and his congregation of the rich resources of the faith which can only be obtained through diligent and patient study.

3. **The Role of Prophet**—We are accustomed to think of the prophet as one who simply predicts the future, but this is not the basic meaning of the word in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. There the prophet is a messenger of God to his people, who tells them what God is doing or is about to do in view of their tendency to forget his law or his faithfulness. They speak of God's acts of judgment and of God's salvation which flow from the divine character which rules the world.

The Early Church had its prophets. Paul speaks of the gift of prophecy among other gifts of the Spirit and places it high on the list because it builds up the church. He seems to think of it as inspired preaching or exhortation. In the church at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers among whom are both Paul and Barnabas.

Prophets sometimes could speak falsely. They sometimes abused their office and it became necessary to correct their pronouncements when they contradicted the very essence of the faith. Paul said, "Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:20-22).

Does the minister today ever find himself in the role of a prophet? Yes, when he addresses himself to the great social issues of our time. Such statements will often touch on political matters as well since many of the great issues of our time are related to politics. I use the

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival and Homecoming at Howell Swamp Church

Revival services are in progress at Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church located one mile south of Walstonburg, North Carolina, with the Rev. Willis Wilson as the visiting evangelist. Services are beginning each evening at 7:45, and will continue through Friday evening, October 12. Mr. Wilson is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

On Sunday, October 14, Howell Swamp will observe its homecoming. Bringing the homecoming message will be Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. All these services will feature good preaching and special music rendered by the local church and guest singers from neighboring churches. The pastor and the church membership invite former pastors, former members, and friends to attend this day of Christian fellowship and worship.

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Revival and Homecoming At Pleasant Plains Church

Revival is now in progress at the Pleasant Plains Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, and will continue through October 12. Services begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Ray Wells of Selma bringing the messages. The pastor, the Rev. Ray Harrison Jr., and the church members cordially invite everyone to attend these services.

Following the revival, on Sunday, October 14, the church will observe its annual homecoming. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds following the morning services. In the afternoon a program of singing has been planned. Former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend.

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Gray Branch Church Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Deep Run, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming, October 14, and fall revival, October 15-20. The Rev. James E. Warren, pastor, will deliver the homecoming message. There will be special singing after lunch.

The pastor and the church members extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend the revival services and homecoming. All former pastors and members are especially urged to attend. The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist.

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Fall Revival to Be Held At Faith Church

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 14-19. The Rev. Eddie Edwards of Johnston Union church will be guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:45.

The pastor and the church members invite the public to join them in these revival services.

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Fall Revival In Progress At Hugo Church

The Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, North Carolina, announces that its fall revival is now in progress and will continue through October 13. The Rev. Wayne King of Pink Hill, North Carolina, is the visiting evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones. Ser begin each evening at 7:30.

On Sunday, October 14, the church observe its annual homecoming with pastor delivering the message. A p lunch will be served on the grounds

The pastor and the members invit former pastors, former members, friends of the church to join them in week of worship and fellowship.

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Winterville Church to Observe Homecoming

The Winterville, North Carolina, Will Baptist Church will observe its nual homecoming on Sunday, October The Rev. Harold Jones, a former pa and missionary to the Philippines, bring the morning message. After a nic lunch, a song service featuring l groups and groups from other churc will be held beginning at 1:15 p.m.

The church invites former memb pastors, and friends to attend.

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Owens Chapel Church Announces Homecoming

The Owens Chapel Free Will Bap Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Ca lina, announces its annual homecom services to be held Sunday, October with the Rev. Robert Rollins, a form pastor, bringing the homecoming m sage. Following the picnic lunch, an ternoon song service will be held.

The pastor, the Rev. David Powell, a the church members cordially inv former pastors, members, and friends the church to worship with them on t occasion and enjoy the Christian fello ship.

Coming Events . . .

October 18—Western Conference, Nor ern Free Will Baptist Church, Durha North Carolina

October 20—Pee Dee Association, Beav Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Colu bus County, North Carolina

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference Original Free Will Baptists, Macedor Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Conferen Eastwood Free Will Baptist Churc Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, Ma boro Free Will Baptist Church, Far ville, North Carolina

November 17—Thanksgiving Service, a.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Hom Middlesex, North Carolina

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ee Union Church

e Free Union Free Will Baptist ch near Walstonburg, North Caro- will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, October 14. There will be ecial program of sacred music and a orial service.

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Chocowinity Church

evival services will be held at Me- ial Free Will Baptist Church, Choco- ty, North Carolina, October 15-19, at m. each evening. The Rev. Delmas wn of Dover, North Carolina, will be guest speaker.

omecoming will be observed on Sun- October 21, with a picnic lunch fol- ng the morning service.

he pastor, the Rev. Roy Cauley, ex- ds a cordial invitation to everyone to nd these services.

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tern Conference Meets
Northern Church

he eighty-seventh annual session of Western Conference of Original Free Baptists of North Carolina will con- e with the Northern church, Bahama rth of Durham), on Thursday, October The church is located about twelve es out of Durham, just off Highway North. Take the by-pass around rham (Highway 70 West) to Highway North toward Roxboro. This exit is first one after merging with High- ys 1 and 85 West. Stay on 501 until u see the church sign on the right. Turn right and the church will be on your left.

The song leader for the conference will be the Rev. Royster Martin, with the pianist from the host church. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:00—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Devotions, Mr. Stanley Slaughter
9:40—Welcome, Host Church
—Response, the Rev. Paul Jenkins
—Roll Call of Ministers, Clerk
—Roll Call of Churches, Clerk
—Recognition of Visitors, Moderator
—Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Dewey Boling
—Business Session
—Appointment of Temporary Committees
—Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
10:45—Report of the Children's Home, Mr. Sam Weeks
11:00—Report of Mount Olive College
11:15—Song Service
—Offering
—Special Music, Host Church
11:30—Conference Message, the Rev. Frank Harrison
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, Mr. Howard Scott
1:10—Report of Missions Board
—Report of State Convention
—Report of Home Missions and Church Extension
—Report of Board of Ordination
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
—Report of Superannuation Board
—Report of Cragmont Assembly
—Report of Executive Board
—Report of Temporary Committees
—Report of Ministerial Character Board
—Final Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Treasurer
—Final Business Session
—Closing Devotions, Mr. Dwight Hawley
—Adjournment

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Bethany Church Announces
Revival and Homecoming

Revival services will be held at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, the week of October 14-19. The Rev. Bobby Bazen, pastor of Black Jack church, will be the evangelist for these services and will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Chandler. There will be special singing and good gospel preaching each evening. Come out and join with the congregation in these services. Services start each evening at 7:30.

On Sunday, October 21, Bethany church will observe its annual homecoming service. Sunday school starts at 10 a.m., and will be followed by the morning worship at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, will bring the homecoming message. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to join together in this time of fellowship and spiritual renewal.

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Taylor Hill Presents License
To Alton Howard

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, has recently granted a license to preach to Mr. Alton Howard. The pastor of Eastwood, the Rev. Taylor Hill, presents the license to Mr. Howard as his wife, Mary Helen, looks on. The Howards originated from the Kinston, North Carolina, area. They have two daughters, Linda and Diane, and a son, James.

Mr. Howard is presently manager of the River Terminal, Inc., Fayetteville. His pastor recommends him very highly for supply work while he is awaiting his ordination. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are faithful stewards and are making every effort to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There are three other ministers who were called to preach out of the Eastwood church in recent years that are serving faithfully and effectively: the Revs. Jesse Caton, Wooten's Chapel near Raleigh, North Carolina; Charles Parrish, Hahira, Georgia; and John Gilliland, West Clinton church, Clinton, North Carolina.

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Representative Dan Lilly
To Speak at Northeast Church

Mr. Dan Lilly, Representative for Lenoir, Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Coun-

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

AN OPEN LETTER

September 27, 1973

Dear Brother Pastors and Friends:

This is a most urgent request and it is our prayer that you will see the need to respond. The majority of our pastors have not shown any interest whatsoever in our newly organized home missions department, which leaves us in a most desperate situation. We have launched out by faith and have put to use the limited resources such as we have to work with. We do not have any paid administrators or promoter to head up this work, but some of us are doing our best to do a good job in that which we were elected to do.

As your secretary and treasurer, I beg you to rally to this cause and give it your immediate support.

I will respectfully ask you the following question: If you were to disregard this urgent plea for help in getting new soul-saving stations established in a dying nation, what sort of an excuse would you give to Jesus? Perhaps this approach is not as refined as some people would like, but I expect that Jesus would have been even more blunt than this.

Our chairman, the Rev. Noah Brown, is asking for the following pledges from our churches or individuals to meet our immediate need.

We hope that you will respond by marking and mailing the following. We need at least twenty-five $50 per month pledges and forty $25 per month pledges, but will appreciate a pledge of any amount.

Yours in Christ,
Taylor Hill

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Bringing the Church To the People

by S. I. Perocillo

The practice of bringing the church to the people is as old as the Christian church itself. But in a generation that is so conscious of the institutional church, so addicted to the idea that people come to church (gathered churches), the practice of bringing the church to the people (scattered churches) to worship and witness becomes, to my observation in the Philippines, less and less prevalent. As a result, the Philippine evangelical churches, especially those having liberal theological orientation, become like sweet candy placed in the mouths of the unsaved rather than a salt or a leaven as it should be in society.

This is not a criticism against institutional churches, but rather a challenge to do more. We realize that the institutional church is the only body of believers who can effectively bring the church to the people—to serve and witness.

Lanot Group Chapel

In our little way we now have three chapels: one donated by the mission and the other two built by the people themselves in their respective little village as in the case of the Lanot group and the Bapa Swatel group.

Bapa Swatel Group Chapel

We also go out with a few memb accompanying in visiting the houses their unsaved neighbors to witness sometimes hold short Bible studies wi they observe. Sometimes we accomp them or encourage them to visit the s at their convenience. We even encour them to witness and give little contri tions to the sick. The daughter of of our members, Leonarda Samones, v has been sick for over a year, was a to go to Manila for a much needed o ation by the contributions made by s of the members.

Leonarda Before Leaving for Manila

For over a year Leonarda was trea by the quack doctors but nothing happ ed except she got worse. Mr. Jones I urged her many times to submit medical treatment, but she nor her p

(Please Clip and Mail)

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We ....., ..., past
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do hereby pledge ..... $50 per month pledges; ..... $25 per month pledg other amounts, ... Total amount enclosed, $ ..... Th pledges are to start immediately to help support the home mission department.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

1973 Mount Olive College Dinners

Below is a schedule giving the date and place for county dinners to be held for Mount Olive College during the month of October.

Lenoir County—Saturday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, the Rev. W. E. Futch, chairman.

Wayne County—Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Ben Rollins and the Rev. Bryce Rouse, cochairmen.

Pamlico County—Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, Bayboro, Reginald Caroon, chairman.

Nash County—Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m., Middlesex Elementary School Cafeteria, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Carteret County—Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., place to be announced, Reginald Styron, chairman.

Craven County—Tuesday, October 30, 7 p.m., Saint Mary's church, Ralph A. Morris and Mrs. Dianne Riley, cochairmen.

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Some Christians give to the Lord's work weekly; others just give weakly.

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ents would listen to us. Finally, however, we succeeded, and made arrangements with the government agency to bring her to Manila. None less than the First Lady of the land wired Leonarda to come to her office so she could be properly treated. Leonarda made the news in Puerto for an operation like this is very costly.

Things like this may seem to be of little importance, but we think they are very important because they show very clearly the kind of God we believe in. After all, a true religion is helping the sick and the orphans (see James 1:27). Things like these, little as they may seem, provide the tender touch that the hardest hearts may be softened for Jesus' entrance.

The Religious Life Ministry of Mount Olive College

(Address by Frank R. Harrison, chaplain, delivered to faculty and staff of Mount Olive College.)

I find myself personally excited as this year at Mount Olive College gets underway.

I constantly ask myself what is the real uniqueness of Mount Olive College? It seems to me the answer to this question is to be found in its Christian commitment that expresses itself through the **religious life program,** the relationships of faculty and students, and the **commitment to teach the whole truth** as we understand it in light of the Christian faith.

With the continuing development of a technical and scientific society and world, there comes with it a **loss of the sense of the transcendent**—a loss of that **dimension of spiritual reality that points to God as Lord of all creation,** both past and present. Mount Olive College, as a church-related college, a Christian college, has a responsibility and privilege to point to **a reality beyond man, his history, and his physical world.**

The tragedy of the loss of spiritual reality is that we will substitute something for it—self or some object to claim our highest loyalty and hopefully to control our destiny.

The truth is we cannot fully live without some kind of meaning in our lives! The other alternative ultimately is despair and hopelessness that destroys the very purpose of life itself, or as Kirkegard once expressed it: "sickness unto death."

It may be that one of the major illnesses of our society in meaninglessness in life that finds expression through various forms of mental and psychosomatic synopsis.

We here at Mount Olive College have an unsurpassed opportunity to help students find and experience that spiritual reality for which we, and all creation, have been made from the very beginning of time and history.

In our religious life functions, in our relationships, and in our search for truth, we can express the acceptance and openness we have learned from Christ, who said, ". . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: . . ." (John 14:6).

The religious life program is designed to give a student the opportunity to worship and deepen his relationship with God. There is freedom for the expression of worship and faith. I believe God is most honored when we respond to Him out of our own freedom and desire to worship and serve Him. We cannot force anyone to be a **Christian,** but rather seek to motivate them to respond in love through the Holy Spirit.

How do we seek to give opportunity and expression of worship and spiritual growth? There are many opportunities for one to develop his spiritual life on campus such as Sunday worship service, chapel, spiritual growth group, retreats, prayer groups, and various religious organizations such as the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, and others. From time to time various religious groups visit the campus to present programs of religious music and testimony.

Let me summarize by saying that students bring to college a total self—not just an intellect to be trained. When the truth is ultimately known, it may not be the amount of facts a student learns, or the number of books he reads that makes a difference in his life, even though these factors are important, but rather the quality of relationships that he experiences on the campus in its totality.

I do not remember any particular facts as a student that has brought change in my life, but I do remember well the relationships of a Michael Pelt, a Lorelle Martin, a Burkette Raper, and a M. L. Johnson. Through these relationships I experienced acceptance and inspiration that did help to change my life and strengthened my Christian commitment.

So, today, it is my desire and prayer that all of us who are a part of the College community will let our own personal lives and relationships reflect the light and love of the Galilean who said: ". . . ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

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A preacher was disturbed by the snoring of the grandpa at the front. He stopped preaching and asked the little boy to awaken him.

He promptly answered, "You wake him up, you put him to sleep."

WHY I OPPOSE THE LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK BILL

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liquor-by-the-drink before deciding to come to see our mountains?)

D. It is being said that everyone should have the freedom to decide if and how he drinks. Freedom always involves and depends upon responsibility. When freedom for one person becomes a burden for another and he ignores his life and property rights, then that freedom must be controlled. Anarchy thrives on complete freedom. Democracy depends upon reasonable limitations. In defeating liquor-by-the-drink November 6, North Carolina can continue to be proud of the fact that it is one of only five states in the United States to keep liquor-by-the-drink out.

III. FURTHER, I AM OPPOSED TO THE LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK REFERENDUM BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE BILL IS WRITTEN.

It is called a referendum on mixed beverages. Why not name the bill what it really is: liquor-by-the-drink?

A. This bill is not a modification of our present system; it is a radical change.

1. It will change the method of distribution. Private business, as well as state-owned stores will distribute liquor.
2. There will be a change in respect to those who get the profit. The people of North Carolina will now have to share the profit with a few restaurant and hotel owners, some of whom do not reside in North Carolina.
3. There will be a change in the control of the sale of liquor. No longer will just public servants sell liquor, but local bartenders will decide who buys it and who does not.
4. It will not eliminate brown-bagging or the ABC stores.

B. What about the liquor-by-the-drink bill?

1. If the bill passes, citizens can be deprived of the right to vote later on on a county basis on the question of LBD. A majority of the county commissioners can decide for you. A county that voted overwhelmingly against the matter could have LBD forced upon it by the vote of only three men. Voters could be disenfranchised. This is not the American way.
2. The bill permits an applicant to file for a LBD permit after only one year's residence in the state.
3. The bill, if passed, will permit LBD establishments right next door to a child-care center, a public school, or a church. The bill calls for "within fifty (50) feet of a church or a public school or child-care center. . . ." But there is a gimmick in the bill that takes away this 50 feet. The bill goes on to say: ". . . unless the BOARD determines upon proper investigation and hearing, if requested, that the premises is a suitable one and that the failure to issue a permit will result in undue hardship."
4. If passed, the bill will allow a felon to apply for a permit three years after conviction. Here is the "sleeper" in this section: ". . . within the last three years." A person could be convicted and serve three years and apply for a license on the day that he is freed.
5. The bill would allow a person who has had his LE permit revoked to apply for a new license after thr years.
6. The bill would allow a person who has violated ar liquor law (state or federal) and been convicted, apply for a LBD permit after two years.
7. All of the talk has been about "GRADE-A RESTA RANTS," but the bill will allow any motel or roomir house to apply for a permit to sell liquor-by-the-drin The bill says, "RESTAURANTS AND RELATED PLACE . . ." After setting out the requirements of Grade- restaurants, the bill then adds three words, ". . . furnishing lodging." This must mean the relate places spoken of in the first part of the sentence.
8. The bill permits the ABC board to allow the adverti ing of the sale of alcoholic beverages on or off th premises. The bill says no advertising is allowe "other than as permitted by the board."
9. The bill permits 18-year-olds to serve LBD, but r quires a person to be 21 in order to be served.

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Profit is the real intent of this bill on the part of th liquor industry and those who want to sell it. The ave age profit in America according to a recent editori broadcast over WBT/WBTV in Charlottee is four an one-half percent. But the profit to be made on LB will be from 400 to 800 percent.

B. According to the New York State Morland Commissio Report of 1963, based on 100 thousand population, th relationship between method of sales to alcoholism rat went this way: The average alcoholism rate with the us of bottle and by-the-drink, 4,000 persons, was 60 pe cent greater than the average alcoholism rate by bottl only, which was 2,531.

C. A quote from Dr. E. M. Jellinek, of WHO subcommittee c alcoholism: "The death, crime, and accident rate in given community varies according to the average alcoh consumption; and when alcoholism decreases, so d deaths, crimes, and accident rates; any relaxation c restrictions on alcohol is followed by a rise in commi ments to asylums, hospitalizations, and delinquency."

D. According to Dr. Henry W. Newman of Stanford Unive sity Medical School:

"One ounce of alcohol retards muscular reaction—17. percent

"One ounce of alcohol increases decision time—9. percent

"One ounce of alcohol increases errors due to lack c attention—35.3 percent

"One ounce of alcohol increases errors due to lack c muscular coordination—59.7 percent (based on ave age weight of person weighing 165 pounds)."

E. According to the Annual Statistical Report of the Di tilled Spirits Industry, 1970, liquor-by-the-drink mean more liquor consumed. "Per capita consumption c liquor package states only 1.48 gallons per capita; l quor-by-the-drink states 1.99 gallons per capita. Thirt four percent more liquor is consumed per capita i liquor-by-the-drink states."

For these and other reasons it is my opinion that all peopl who are concerned about North Carolina and its citizens shoul vote against the referendum on mixed beverages on November

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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Question: What was the chief reason r Christ's incarnation?

Answer: Sin. The fact that sin was the world was the whole complete ason why God gave His only begotten n as a sacrifice on Calvary; and this t that once-born men were all dead in espass and sin was the reason why rist, the Lamb, slain from the foundan of the earth, gave His life a ranm for sin. He could do this in no ner way than by identifying Himself th the human race; so He, through the gin birth, took upon Himself our sin- (human) likeness that He might die our place and bear our penalty.

Everyone born in this world after am sinned received Adam's life and e adamic nature. Adam means "man" 'that from the ground." Hence all who e descendants of man only are doomed; d according to the Bible, they are under eternal judgment or condemnation of d. This condemnation came as a rest of sin. You, I, and every other dendant of Adam must be delivered from s present kingdom of Satan, sin, darks, and death, into the kingdom of God; erwise, we are doomed into a state eternal darkness, death, and despair. came into this state when born into fallen human race and can escape it depart from it in no other way than t provided for us by the incarnate rk of our Lord and Saviour Jesus ist, which, of course, included or essitated His virgin birth as well as vicarious death on Calvary's cruel ss.

n John 3:3 Jesus makes it crystal clear t anyone, even a Jew, having lived a d moral life, cannot see nor enter the gdom of God except he is born again rn spiritually and born from above. refore, unless one is born the second e while he lives here in the body he neither see nor enter the paradise of that Jesus tells us about in John -3. Jesus has gone back to heaven repare for His disciples or followers. The Bible is the one and only means we have by which one may be guided aright in the needed adjustment to this all-important and essential way of life. It tells us that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and that none can come to the Father except by Him. Man, in his discovery of a need of forgiveness and cleansing from sin, has devised many means through which he hopes to find a way to God so as to escape the awful judgment that he is innately aware of resting on him; and yet, none of these are worthy of man's smallest consideration for none avail nought. There is an eternal condemnation that causes any serious thinking sinner to recognize his eternal doom, and in many cases causes the victim to carry a guilty complex with him all his life. It causes him to be so distressed in his thoughts that he wants to express himself similar to the way Paul did when he said: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24); without his being able to say what follows: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (Romans 7:25); for only a saved person may say this in such triumph.

The natural man's ways are only the continuous way of darkness and death; therefore, in order to escape the inevitable results of this present life into which all men have been born, God declares we "must be born again" by the Spirit of God. Christ knowing and realizing this truth and principle, spoke to Nicodemus, saying, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:6, 7).

How did Jesus Christ know all these things He portrayed in John 3? Was it because He possessed a superior intellect to that of Nicodemus? Or had He discovered this truth that none other had arrived at? Or how do we answer this situation? You nor I nor any other would in our speculation ever arrive at such a fact apart from divine revelation. If we should by any coincidence hit on it we would not recognize it.

First Corinthians 2:14 says: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." In contrast to this fact which shows the limit of the unsaved, we find the following words in 1 Corinthians 2: 16: ". . . But we have the mind of Christ," which portrays spiritual intelligence of the saint of God.

This makes clear to us that the kingdom of darkness into which we came by our first birth, which is the natural or the adamic birth, can only be overcome by a second birth. Through this we pass from the present realm of darkness into His marvelous light and liberty as we become sons of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs of Jesus Christ His blessed Son and our Saviour. The second birth will cause the first to be laid aside by death that the second may continue through all eternity.

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Poverty in the way of duty is to be chosen rather than plenty in the way of sin.

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for our youth

A GOOD WAY TO GET EVEN

WILLIAM P. SEIBERT

BILLY'S mother held up a freshly baked doughnut as he walked into the kitchen. "Here you are, son." She smiled as she held the tempting smelling treat out to Billy. "You get the very first one."

"I don't care for one now," muttered Billy, as he walked slowly across the kitchen. He climbed into Dad's maple captain's chair, cupped his chubby hands under his set jaw, and stared out the window.

"Say," said Mother, a concerned look on her face, "we have a very sick boy on our hands. In fact, when Billy Simmons refuses a hot doughnut, he must be in need of a doctor."

"Oh, Mom," sighed Billy, "I'm not sick. I'm just plain angry! Am I ever going to get even with that Jerry Tudor. He'll wish that he had never met me by the time I get through with him. I'm just going to—"

"Wait a minute!" interrupted Billy's mother. "Are my ears playing tricks on me, or did you say you were going to get even with Jerry Tudor?"

"You heard right!" snapped Billy.

"But Jerry has always been your best friend. There must be some mistake."

"There isn't any mistake," replied Billy. "Jerry and I are no longer friends, and that's just fine with me!"

Mother eased the warm doughnut up to Billy's hands. "Why don't you nibble on this while you tell me about it," she suggested.

Billy hesitated for a moment, then took the doughnut. "Well," he drawled, the start of a smile tickling the corners of his mouth, "I guess I might as well eat it. Mom," he began, "how would you feel if your best friend poked fun at you in front of the other kids? Jerry told them that I was the only one who wouldn't go in the water at camp last summer. He said I was a born coward. Am I ever going to get even with him! I don't know what I'll do yet, but I'll think of something."

Billy's eyes popped wide open with surprise when Mother put her arms around him and said, "Son, I'll help you to get even with Jerry. I know of a very good way. I'll tell you what it is at suppertime."

After what seemed like years to Billy, suppertime finally arrived. "Billy," said Mother, "Daddy and I want you to read the family devotions tonight." She slipped the open Bible before him and pointed. "Read these two verses right here."

Billy began to read, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21, 22).

"Now, Billy," said Mother, "do you remember I said that I would show you a good way to get even?"

"I sure do!" exclaimed Billy. "But I don't see what the Bible has to do with it!"

"Well, son, Jesus told Peter that he must forgive at least 490 times."

"That's a lot of times to forgive somebody who betrayed you," grumbled Billy. "And besides," he insisted, "I can't see how that is a good way to get even."

"Let's try it," suggested Mother. "Let's bow our heads and ask God to help us to forgive Jerry."

Billy bowed his head. Mother hadn't finished praying yet when Billy lifted his face. "Mom! Mom!" he shouted. "I don't feel a bit angry at Jerry any more. It just as if we never had an argument. see what you mean now. The best wa to get even with someone who ha wronged you is to forgive him. That wa he can't hurt you no matter what he say or does to you. And I suppose that b the time you forgive him 490 times, h could kill you like they did Jesus, an you would still love him."

Billy realized even more the power forgiveness when he called Jerry on th phone and invited him over to share som popcorn balls. Jerry said that he wa sorry for what he had done and asked Billy to forgive him.

"I'm way ahead of you," Billy laug ed. "I've already done it!"—**Selected.**

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BIRTHDAY LIST

Recently, we have received several requests for a current birthday list of our children; therefore, we think it would be appropriate to publish a listing for our entire denomination. Many sponsors, friends, and groups send our children a card wishing them a happy birthday. Perhaps you would like to do so too; if so, please cut out the following birthday list and keep it for future use.

January	
Ronnie Gay	6, 1960
Donnie Dement	14, 1965
Bonnie Dement	14, 1965
Terry Faircloth	20, 1958
Sally Alford	22, 1960
Albert Mitchell Sasser	25, 1960
February	
Ray Dement	1, 1960
Randy Faircloth	3, 1957
Andy Anderson	7, 1970
Donnie Anderson	11, 1959
Vickie Lee	26, 1962
Jeffery Eason	26, 1964
March	
Angie Gail Nichols	6, 1965
Donald Sasser	11, 1964
Johnny Gay	19, 1962
Roy Speight	26, 1964
April	
Mary Ann Warren	6, 1959
Betty Jean McLawhorn	15, 1958
Bobby Bottoms	15, 1960
Margaret Dement	23, 1966
Cathy Cone	28, 1961
Ricky Eason	28, 1968
May	
Peggy Dement	1, 1958
Jimmy Jones	4, 1958
Delma Gay	11, 1963
Tim Pittman	15, 1960
Debra Cone	22, 1962
Donna Cone	22, 1962
Claudius Elmore	31, 1955
July	
Sandra Eason	3, 1966
Jo Ann Anderson	8, 1962
Janice Jones	9, 1960
Donald Elmore	28, 1956
Ronald Elmore	28, 1956
Judy Warren	29, 1957
August	
Kay Hill	5, 1957
Jackie Speight	5, 1965
Janice Tebo	5, 1956
Julia Woodard	14, 1956
Bud Hill	24, 1958
Lou Davidson	26, 1965
Cliff Garris	29, 1958
September	
Mollie Garris	15, 1965
Jimmie Speight	17, 1962
Susan Lee	24, 1957
Annette Whitley	25, 1968
Donna Lee	30, 1959
October	
Brenda Garris	6, 1959
Kevin Lee	17, 1958
Mitch Joyner	20, 1963
Gary Hill	26, 1959
Julie King	28, 1959
Tony Hill	31, 1961
November	
Bill Whitley	4, 1969
Tim Elks	12, 1959
Deborah Dement	20, 1956
Junior Eason	20, 1961
Sandra Anderson	21, 1960
Ricky Faircloth	24, 1955
Mettie Lena Davidson	26, 1967
Johnny Nichols	27, 1962
December	
Johnnie Faircloth	1, 1959
Jimmy Dement	2, 1961
Sammy Mansour	2, 1956
Judy Hill	5, 1955
Ellen Davidson	9, 1962
Ray Gay	18, 1958
Dennis Anderson	19, 1957
Deborah Marlow	22, 1960
Steve Nichols	31, 1963

Churches and Ministers Available

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Freedom and Its Temptation

Printed Text: Romans 6:15-23

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:25

I. INTRODUCTION

Christianity is the purest form of democracy the world has ever known. A democracy is a rule by the people. Those who govern receive their power and authority from the governed. God has all authority and power, but He has endowed believers with the purest freedom of all: the right to choose as we please. We had that right before we came to Christ, for we could have chosen instead to die in our sins. After we received Christ, we still retained the right of choice; we can choose to honor and serve Him or we can, because of a lack of dedication, follow a nominal course and never get excited about Christian service.

God wants us to serve Him, to win others to Christ, to love Him with all our heart, but He will not force us to do this. Just as in a true democracy the people make the decisions, in Christian service we are privileged to serve or we may be lax in service. There is, however, one consideration in all this. If the Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit, he is under the compulsion of a powerful love and will be subject to that love even against the force of his carnal nature. He will do things for God he never really intended to do. But the freedom of choice is never revoked in this spiritual democracy.

This lesson will help us to understand what freedom under grace is and how we may violate that freedom under the domination of an unsurrendered will.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The real topic of Romans 6 is deliverance from the power of indwelling sin. Paul mentions three things that cause the deliverance from sin: (1) the union of a Christian with Christ; (2) by counting the old to be dead; (3) by deliverance from the law through the death of Christ.

B. Sin pays wages; Christ gives life. Here are two great contrasts; think about them for a long time and you will be well repaid for the time and the thought.

C. Sometimes Christians get the idea that because they are Christian, they do not have to reap what they sow. Remember that Paul was writing to Christians at Galatia when he wrote, ". . . whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). God forgives and will take us to heaven when we die, but we still have to reap what we sow in this world.

D. A man's life must be controlled and disciplined. If he does not do it, his sinful ways will make him a slave to sin. Thus he will be controlled and disciplined by sin. But, if he accepts Christ and lets Christ discipline his life, he will gain freedom.

E. How long has it been since you thanked God for allowing you to be a Christian?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Do you remember how much you wanted to learn to drive an automobile when you were young? And how you could hardly wait until you were sixteen and could get your driver's license?

Do you remember studying for the test, and how nervous you were when you took that ride with the examining officer? How did you feel when you were issued your first license? Do you remember the thrill?

Now you were free to drive! No more would you have to depend upon someone else to take you. You were free to go where you wanted to go.

But the freedom to drive an automobile is not a complete freedom! You cannot do as you please with an automobile. There is also a great responsibility. There are signs to be obeyed, speed limits to observe, and other vehicles and pedestrians to watch for and avoid.

There is no absolute freedom on the highway. When we fail to observe the rules and accept our obligations a driver, tragedy results. Everyday newspapers tell us what happens w someone abuses his freedom to drive

So it is with the Christian life. are forgiven, we are free in Christ. this freedom carries with it a great sponsibility. We are not free to do we please. We are free to serve and accept our responsibility to do will.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. W. Somerset Maugham wrote a l novel with the title, "Of Human Bo age." It does, indeed, tell of young man who was enmeshed in the of a heartless and acquisitive society who was also enslaved by the drives his own desires and impulses. It is fact of historic record and of contem rary observation that men continua commit themselves to various types servitude. They voluntarily "sell the selves" to a condition of dependence permit their actions to be dictated desires they have deliberately cultivat Paul says, "To whom ye yield yoursel servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey" (Romans 6:16).

In our country we speak much of fr dom and sing that this is "the land the free." We are very much like th indignant Jews who heard Jesus spe of setting them free. They replied, " be Abraham's seed, and were never bondage to any man" (John 8:33). H could they forget the long centuries th forefathers had languished in Egypt slavery, or the subjection in which th were held by Rome at that very hou Let us name some of the areas of bo age that exist among "free" people day:

1. The Slavery of Alcohol. Accordi to the conservative estimate of the N tional Council of Alcoholism, a priva health agency, there are six and one-h million people in the United States w are what we today call "alcoholics."

2. The Slavery of Gambling. More a more areas of the world are legalizi gambling. The majority of people a attempting to gain appreciable mater gain from a minimum investment to "g rich quick" or to get "something for no ing."

3. The Slavery of Immorality. The ge eral tone of drama, literature, and pu lic life has noticeably become mo oriented toward sexual "liberty."

4. The Slavery of "Busyness" a Superficiality. We live our lives on treadmill of hurry, scurry, and wor Ask yourself these questions: "Do I

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THE ROLE OF A MINISTER

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rd politics in its basic sense to refer the use of power for the ordering of iety or the solutions of its problems. e minister should not be a spokesman partisan politics, but he is concerned ut the use or abuse of power as it ects the good of those he serves as ll as the society as a whole. The man o can discern what God is doing to ng judgment or redemption to conporary society is in some sense a phet. The minister is likewise a phet when he brings the light of juse and righteousness to bear on those uations in which some men hold an air advantage or abuse their power er other men's lives. This kind of aching will not usually make a man pular. It accounts for the unpopularity men like Amos and Jeremiah in their nerations.

4. **Pastor**—The minister is entrusted th the care of souls. That is what it ans to be a pastor. One cannot asme this role unless he cares about peo. If the minister has done a good job preacher and teacher, he is in a bet position to do his best work as pas and counselor. And if he is a good stor, his contacts with his people will rich his own life and help him to be are of the real situation to which his eaching and teaching should be address. The pastor who knows his people imately and at the same time can see em more or less objectively is able to e wise counsel far more than the man o doesn't want to get too involved th his parishioners.

The work of pastoral care is one of e most demanding and time-consuming ects of a minister's life. He is never ry far from it. Even when he leaves vacation, he is subject to be recalled some emergency, such as an untimely ath. Pastoral care involves the miner with people of all ages—children, uth, adults, and the elderly. It brings e minister in touch with his people at the crisis periods of their lives—birth, ptism, marriage, sickness, prolonged ness or isolation, and death. It reires a man who has great faith, abidg convictions, patience, compassion, an selfish spirit, and an abundance of love d joy in his heart.

5. **Churchman**—The minister must be a an who loves the church, who believes that the church is a divine creation, and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. As one who is called of God and entrusted with the oversight of the church, the minister must be devoted to the church, knowing that Christ died for her and that He wants to claim her as His bride. The man who sees clearly knows that the church is not all that God wants her to be. Her foundation is laid; her walls are partly in place; but there are many more stones to be laid, more timber and steel to be put in position. So the minister is a workman—a builder. His work involves preaching, teaching, counseling, calling, writing, studying, praying, organizing, leading in public worship, conducting classes and discussion groups, personal witnessing—all of these are aimed at building the church, enabling the body of Christ to grow, and equipping the church for the ministry.

The work of the minister is a continuing and all-embracing task, because it is a man's total response to God in the service of the church. It is a task from which men of small minds and hearts will shrink. Yet even the strong will hardly find themselves equal to it unless their lives are well anchored in the living Word of God—a Word which is living because it has the power to give life and to provide strength for every occasion. In writing to the church at Philippi Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4: 13).

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NEWS NOTES

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ties, will speak at Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on Sunday night, October 14. Mr. Lilly will discuss the issue that will be put before the people of North Carolina in the election this fall, the so-called bill which will permit liquor by the drink.

Mr. Lilly is an insurance executive, a minister of the Christian Church, and a district Representative.

The service will begin at seven o'clock and is open to the public. The chapel choir of the church will provide special music for the occasion.

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Elm Grove to Observe Homecoming and Revival

The Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 14. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

On Monday evening following the homecoming, revival services will begin at Elm Grove, continuing through October 20. The Rev. Brice Rouse, Seven Springs, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist; assisted by the pastor the church, the Rev. Kemery Ard. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with special singing featured throughout the week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Core Creek Church Announces Revival

The Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 15-19. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Clyde Cox as the visiting minister. The pastor, the Rev. C. B. Hansley, will assist in the services which will feature special singing each evening. He and the church members extend to everyone a warm invitation to attend and worship with them.

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Revival and Homecoming At Deep Run Church

Revival services will begin at Deep Run, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church Monday evening, October 15, and continue each evening at 7:45 throughout the week. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

On Sunday, October 21, the church will observe its annual homecoming with the Rev. S. A. Smith, a former pastor, bringing the message.

The pastor, the Rev. Melvin K. Everington, and the church membership extend to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend both the revival and the homecoming.

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"You should do something everyday to make other people happy," one person said to another, "even if it's only to leave them alone."

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TRAFFIC SAFETY SABBATH

Governor Jim Holshouser has called upon North Carolina clergymen to support "Traffic Safety Sabbath" on October 21. In a letter to church leaders, the Governor asked that emphasis on highway safety be included in worship services.

The annual observance began in North Carolina several years ago. The Governor's letter included materials used by clergymen in other states for similar programs.

"I am sure that participation in this effort can be an effective force to cut down on the deaths and injuries on North Carolina highways," the Governor said. "Currently the death toll on our highways is lower than at this time last year, but this is only a momentary comfort. We need to continue our efforts in reducing not only fatalities, but accidents which cause crippling injuries."

In an executive proclamation, the governor noted the responsibility that clergymen have in dealing with the aftermath of highway collisions and urged the instruction of congregations in the importance of highway safety as a religious responsibility.

A luncheon at the executive mansion was held September 27 in conjunction with the observance. Guests invited to the luncheon included: Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham, who were in Raleigh during his Crusade; Jim Stokes, editor of the **Christian Advocate;** Vernol Jansen, general secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina; Marse Grant, editor of the **Biblical Recorder;** Dr. W. Perry Crouch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention; Bishop Robert M. Blackburn of the Methodist Conference; Coy Privette of the Christian Action League; Right Rev. Thomas Fraser, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina; Right Rev. Matthew George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina; Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh; Right Rev. Michael J. Begley, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte; Earl J. Hunt Jr., bishop of United Methodist offices of the Charlotte area; Dr. George Whittecar, president of the North Carolina Synod of Lutheran Churches in America; Dr. Sam Wiley, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches; Dr. James Lightbourne Jr., conference minister of the United Church of Christ, Rabbi Leo J. Stillpass of the North Carolina Association of Rabbis; **Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College;** Right Rev. Hunley Elebash, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese; Dr. and Mrs. Danny Lotz; Transportation Secretary Bruce Lentz; Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Boyd Miller; and Commander of the Highway Patrol Lieutenant Colonel E. W. Jones.

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Sunday School Lesson

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low time in my life for the matters that really count? Do I devote enough of myself to my family to ensure their physical and emotional well-being? Do I find time to do those things that bring happiness to others less fortunate? Do I spend time in reflection and meditation concerning my own spiritual life?" Are we, without realizing it, slaves of "busyness" and superficiality?—**Selected.**

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Paperback Hymnal for Sale

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., announces that it now has for sale a small paperback hymnal entitled "Selected Hymns of Faith" which contains 34 favorite hymns. The small hymnal sells for fifty-nine cents and is identical to the 1,000 complimentary copies which the Press gave to the State Convention which met recently at the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The hymnal was printed in observation of 100 years of service given by the Free Will Baptist Press from 1873-1973.

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Striking while the iron is hot is all right but don't strike while the head is hot.

Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention the Albemarle Conference will meet the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, P town, North Carolina, Thursday, Octo 18. The convention theme will "Keeping in Touch with God," with Sc ture taken from Matthew 7:7-11. lowing is the program for the day.

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer
—Devotions, Mrs. Frances Sprui
—Welcome, Mrs. Neva Wallace
—Response, Mrs. Wilson Moore
10:20—President's Remarks, Mrs. Daw
—Recognition Time
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Reading of Minutes
10:45—Roll Call of Auxiliaries and sion Offering
—Report of Missions, the Rev. Ingram
11:00—Report of Children's Home, Sam Weeks
—Offering for Children's Home
—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
11:30—Message, the Rev. Robert May
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "His Way with Thee"
1:15—Memorial Service, Mrs. Ed Roper
—Report of Mount Olive Colle Dr. W. Burkette Raper
1:35—Report of State Convention, D. W. Hancock
1:45—Report of Youth, Mrs. Betty S yer
1:55—Business Session
2:10—Report of Committees
2:30—Closing Hymn, "Blest Be the T
—Benediction

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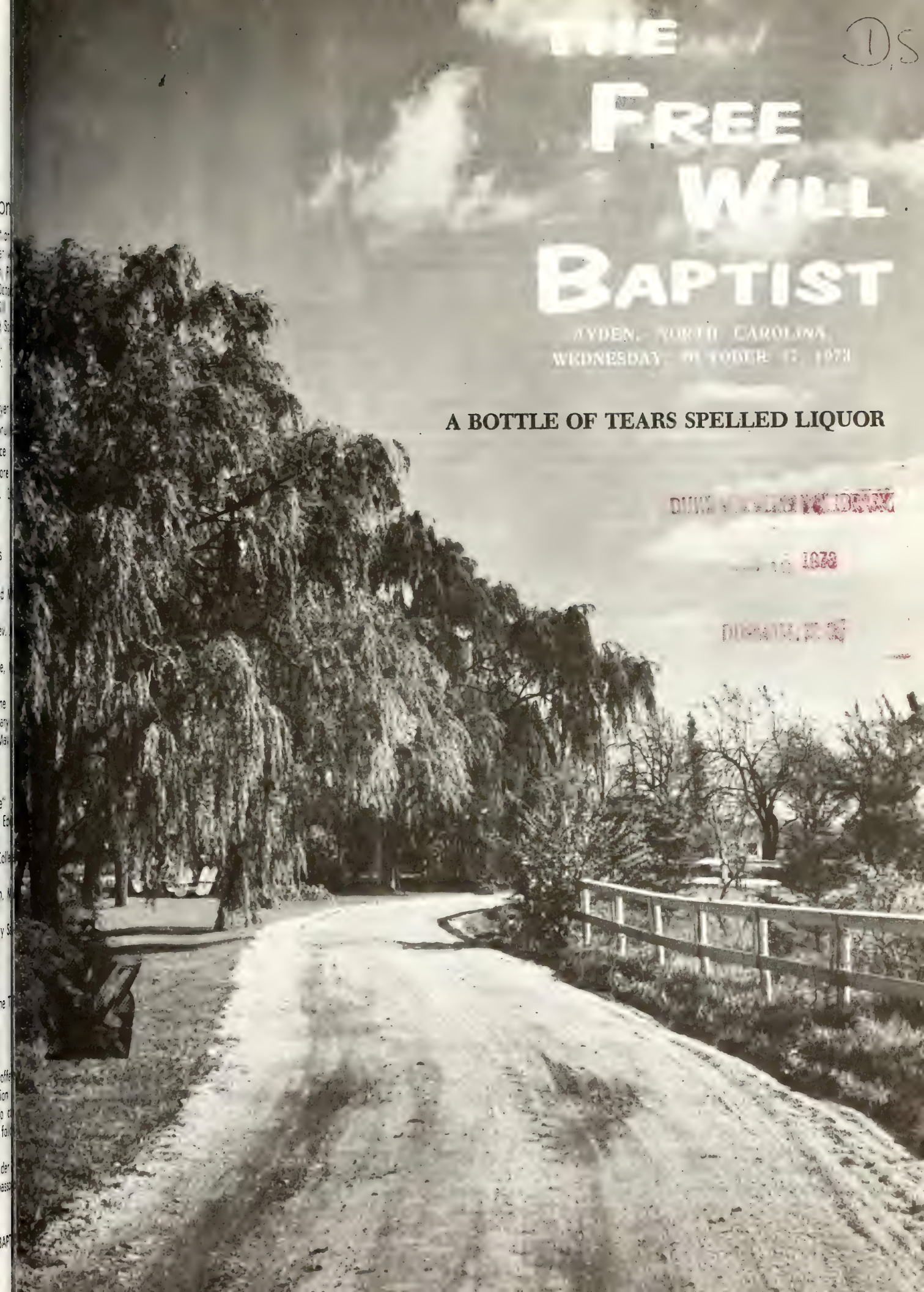
Some years ago a newspaper offe a prize for the best definition "money." Out of hundreds who c peted, the winner submitted the foll ing:

"Money is a universal provider everything but happiness; and a passp everywhere but to heaven."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A BOTTLE OF TEARS SPELLED LIQUOR

He rested his back against a large tree, looking across the river at the smog-shrouded city where once before he had been a visitor. Near his feet ventured an albino squirrel, perking his tail at every sudden movement, yet brave enough to come closer to the still figure of the man.

Few people were in the park this day, perhaps because it was an afternoon hour when many were at their work or at some leisure which the park could not afford for them. Somehow, though, this time the man did not feel quite so alone. There was the company of the squirrels, the birds who sang an occasional song, the butterflies, and a few black bugs that crawled sometime too close to his feet. Yet, there was an emptiness.

There the man sat, reflecting upon a visit of several years ago when it had begun—this plight of his—his thoughts nostalgic, yet sometimes happy enough to bring a smile to the lips but never to the eyes, the eyes being always sad, as they had been for so many years.

Back and forth he glanced from one end of the river to the next. At the left end stood a famed monument symbolizing strength of a nation unequalled in resources and opportunities. At the other end of the river stood three chimney stacks of some factory building, sprewing into the air pollutants to increase the already-infested atmosphere. What a contrast? So much like life: a monument of pride at one end and a monument of shame and desecration at the other. . . . How significant the time; how significant the place; how significant the observations! Freedom and prestige; defamation and possible death! A broken liquor bottle rolled in the way of the sudden wind . . .

The man was reminded of his past life, what he'd done, where he'd been, what he had become. All was not his fault; all could not be blamed upon him. Not of his own doing had all things occurred as they had; not of his own accord had he arrived at this particular station in life. Still, by his own will he had chosen a portion of his destiny. The man was an alcoholic. What had started as a social drink had become a habit uncontrollable even by his stoutest efforts. What had perhaps been a dare to "join the boys in some fun" had snapped its jaws and now held him prisoner in its bite. Alcohol had become a compelling force to drag him downward—downward to sin and degradation to the extent that he had lost self-respect, ambition, and the desire to live.

He existed, and still exists, only in this state of imprisonment—imprisonment imposed by a bottle, a can, a decanter, or even a small glass containing the liquid that at last "biteth like a viper" and "stingeth like a scorpion."

Champions of the liquor-by-the-drink bill fail to recognize, or refuse to accept the fact, that they or members of their families may someday suffer as does this lonely man and suffer as do so many others because "No" was too hard a word to say when a drink was offered.

Dear people, let your voice be heard and let your vote be cast. Have the courage to say "No," and say it **adamantly** when the bottle is passed and the would-be "conqueror of all mankind's problems in liquid form" is placed in your "hands" to make liquor-by-the-drink in the state of North Carolina legal. Someday you may be sitting under that tree reflecting upon your own personal tragedy caused by an evil liquid. In our opinion **all** alcohol except that which is used for medicinal purposes should be cast into the deep with the devil and those who choose to follow him.

The poor, lonely man who rested his back against the tree this day was sad indeed. Hot tears flowed down his already-stained cheeks; but he was not crying alone. His back was against a weeping willow tree which cried with him.

What does that do to your heart?

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Sharing the Christian Life

"Soul Winning"

by A. B. BRYAN

Introduction

HERE is a tendency, or weakness, in the Christian church today which not known of in the Early Church. weakness hinders its services to kind and retards its growth more n any other thing.

n the first place, the leadership of the rch has failed to teach with clear on the importance of sharing the stian life, or a more simple defini-, "soul winning"; thus making the ring effort when one comes to Christ ead others to this saving faith. This filled the church with a host of peo- who are of very little value to the motion of a program of evangelism. have a New Testament church, the rch must be constantly active in this d. In fact, this is the sole reason for church existing as an organization.

n the second place, we do feel that s important, but just a few are ught of to be divinely responsible to ch and win people to saving faith. minister has this responsibility, along n a few leaders of the church, a fa- te loyal Sunday school teacher, one or of the most spiritually minded of church; then the rest are on-lookers, sitting by and wishing well as we go heartedly at the task.

he average church member or nomi- Christian does not feel that sharing Christian life and winning souls to explicit faith in Christ is his responsibility. This is where we who have assumed this responsibility have failed by letting new converts get by without knowing enough of the Bible way of salvation to create interest and have confidence in themselves to the point that they too can lead other converts to assume this responsibility of being soul winners.

This business of winning people to Christ has great reward. Proverbs 11:30 states, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." We also find in the Books of Daniel and James the following: ". . . they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3); "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

No Christian can live a happy and active life without sharing his experience of saving faith with others. He must take a reasonable responsible part to see that others are made aware that they are lost. ". . . the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isaiah 57:20, 21). Could an understanding Christian allow an unsaved person to go on in sin if he knew his responsibilities? NO! So let's get busy and learn more about winning others to the saving faith which we possess through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

How to Deal With the Careless and Indifferent

1. They must first be aroused and shown their dire need of a Saviour (see Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6). Paul states that all men have this need because they are in a fallen and sinful state. Therefore they must be regenerated (made anew) in order to obtain or have this salvation.

Isaiah states that all have gone astray, and that Christ who has yet to come would bear all the sins of the individual by just trusting in Him.

2. One must understand that becoming lost does not take place when he sees his condition as such, but he is already lost and condemned to eternal destruction in hell without any personal wrongdoing on his part (see John 3:18, 36). Jesus states that by believing on Him this coming committal to hell is lifted.

John reminds us that when one believes, his sins are forgiven and he instantly has a new heart. This is done by God's power and plan through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. This puts the believer in a position to see what life really is and sets him free from sin and separation from God.

3. One must understand that morality or trying to live a good life will not save him from sin (see Matthew 22:37, 38; Galatians 3:10; James 2:10). Jesus teaches that the first love (the intellect) with all the powers of emotions must be committed to Him. This means that nothing should ever become more important than our relationship to and with Him. This proper relationship must always be first.

Paul teaches that the Ten Commandments, plus all the ceremonial activities of the Old Testament laws, will not lift the burden of guilt and sin. The first commandment was broken because we did not love God with our whole heart, for we are sinners by nature.

James sums it by stating that it is necessary to be perfect in the law in order to be saved; that one error makes one guilty of the whole.

For reference as to why Christ did not have to repent see Hebrews 4:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. Christ was the perfect Son of God, pleasing Him in all points. According to the law, He did not need a Saviour, but was the perfect Saviour for us.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture Reading—Zechariah 9:12

TRAPPED IN A CLOSET

Awakened when his bed caught fire, Edward Sweeney of New York City ran to the door, opened it, went through and slammed it behind him, only to discover that he was in a clothes closet and could not get out. Meanwhile other tenants smelled smoke, sounded the alarm, and the firemen not only extinguished the blaze but released Mr. Sweeney from the closet when they heard him pounding on the door.

How like human beings! Caught in the sleep of death, they race to any door and rush through only to be trapped in their false hope. Is it any wonder that the Lord cries through the prophet? Christ is the Stronghold and the only Door. Any man who attempts to find safety by any other door will find himself trapped forever.—*Revelation.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are you searching for just any way out of the twisted confusion you have made of your life? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:8, 9

FAITHFULNESS

On an occasion Mr. Spurgeon prefaced a sermon he preached on the Atonement somewhat as follows:

"I suppose I am something like Mr. Cecil when he was a boy. His father once told him to wait in a gateway till he came back, and the father being very busy went about the city, and amid his numerous cases and engagements, forgot the boy. Night came on, and at last, when the father reached home, there was a great inquiry as to where Richard was. The father said, 'Dear me! I left him in the morning standing under such and such a gateway, and I told him to stay there till I came for him. I could not wonder but that he is there now.' So they went, and there they found him."—*United Evangelical.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Parents must be always vigilant. They have been entrusted with the care of God's children and will be held responsible. Many times children exhibit faithfulness that puts adults to shame.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:4

AT LEAST WORTH A NICKEL

A man was once complaining of a missionary address which a poor, tired, furloughed missionary was trying to make to a comfortable, well-dressed congregation, after spending seven years in a foreign jungle district among illiterate people for whom he tried to make the story of the good news of Christ's love so plain and simple to understand. The church officer, who was in a position to know how much the complainer contributed to the great cause of making Christ known in all the world, listened long enough to get the gist of the remarks, then said, "Well, how much do you expect for a nickel?"—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The above narrative reminds us of the old saying, "Put your money where your mouth is." If church members would do this more often how wealthy the church would be!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Scripture Reading—Exodus 13:21

A GUIDE WHO KNOWS THE WAY

In Pennsylvania there is a statue one hundred and twenty feet high, erected to William Penn the founder. When the birds are taking their flight to the sunny South, a great many dead birds are found at the base of this statue. The reason for this is that birds flying in the darkness are apt to strike against the statue and so kill themselves. Examination of the dead birds has shown the birds that meet this sad fate are the young ones who have never taken the journey before. Older birds who have taken the journey before, know about the obstacles and know to avoid them. How this teaches us the necessity of having a Guide who knows all about the way we are taking and who is able to bring us safely to our journey's end.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We would hire a guide to lead us into African jungles or to ascend a mountain. Why are we so careless about our journey through life?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture Reading—Psalm 46:10

THE ONLY NAME THAT MATTERED

Mrs. Booth used to tell a beautiful story of a man whose saintly life left its permanent and gracious impression upon her own. He seemed to grow in grace and charm and in all nobleness with everyday he lived. At last he could speak of nothing but the glories of his Saviour, and his face was radiant with awe and affection whenever he mentioned that holy name. It chanced that, as he was dying, a document was discovered that imperatively required his signature. He held the pen for one brief moment, wrote, and fell back upon t lows, dead. And on the paper he hac ten, not his name, but the name t above every name. Within sight things within the veil, *that* seemed to on' r name that mattered.—From *Mush on the Moor,* by Dr. F. W. Boreham.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Love of God is reflected in our God's radiance shines through.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:1

WHOM GOD LOVES BEST

When the small daughter of the guished sculptress, Sally James Fa was asked which child was her m favorite, the little girl, according to F Newton in *This Week,* promptly re "She loves Jimmy best because he's th est; and she loves Johnny best becaus the youngest; and she loves me be cause I'm the only girl!" It would be cult to find anything which could lucidly explain God's all-enveloping lo His children. No matter to what h you have risen or to what depths you fallen, God loves you best because of characteristic personal quality which, it may not be apparent to your fello is known and cherished by your hea Father—*Your Faith.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does your heavenly Father find it cult to cherish a personal quality of Maybe you should try to acquire a quality.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:31

EXPENSIVE BUTTER

In a certain bank there was a tru partment in which four young men an older man were employed. It was de by the directors that they would pr the older employee and also promot of the younger men to have charge trust department after the older gent was removed to his new position. considering the merits of each of the m certain one of the four younger mer selected for the new position and to r a substantial increase in salary. It wa cided to notify him of the promotion afternoon at four o'clock. At the noon the young man went to a cafeteri lunch. One of the directors was b him in the line with several other cust in between them. The director sa young man select his food including a piece of butter. The butter, he flipp his plate, and threw some food on top to hide it from the cashier. In this he lied to the cashier about what w his plate. That afternoon the director to notify the young man that they ha tended giving him the promotion, bu because of what had been seen in the

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MISSIONS

IS IT REALLY WORTHWHILE?

by VANCE LINK

s I stood in the San Juan River, about miles from Rosita, waiting to take t in my first Mexican baptismal ser-e, I could not help but remember the stions that I had been asked on sev-l occasions while we were on deputa-n work prior to our coming here. "Is work in Mexico really worthwhile? we really doing anything there?" I glanced down the line of people iting to be baptized, my attention went the end of the line, there stood Brother ega, a young minister, saved through sionary effort in Mexico. Brother ega pastors the church in Rosita, has nission in Allende, a mission in Nacie-ento, and a mission at a rural ranch, ragoza. He ministers each week to me 150-175 people. **Is it really worth-ile?**

Baptismal Service.

My glance then turned to the teen-age y standing beside me. Just a young en-age Mexican boy, but oh so precious the sight of God! Not only a soul sav-from hell, but a life saved from the minion of sin. **Is it really worthwhile?** s I looked down the line, on the other d, standing next to Bro. Ortega, stood man and his wife. How wonderful to e a man and his wife coming to Jesus! ere will be a home that will never be e same anymore, changed by the power God. A home where Jesus will live in e hearts of the mother and father, a me where children will be taught about sus. Yes, a home changed because of issionarv work in Mexico. **Is it really orthwhile?** Then standing next to the couple, a young mother. She'll be a different mother now, because Jesus lives in her heart and Christ always makes a difference on one's life. **Is it really worthwhile?** Then standing next to the mother (I almost cried aloud with joy) stood an aged couple. In the very twilight of life, their lives spent, they were snatched from the opening jaws of hell and gathered into the protective arms of God. Why? Because of missionary work in Mexico. **Is it really worthwhile?**

I suddenly realized that it was my turn to baptize. I was not standing in the baptistry of a beautiful church, with pretty organ music, just in an ordinary river in Mexico; but it seemed as if I could hear the angels singing and caught a glimpse of "Him who is invisible" as I baptized the teen-age boy by my side. As I brought him up out of the water, I realized that the thrill was just as great (maybe a little greater) for in a very small way, I was taking part in the greatest commission ever given to the church. Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Yes, a thousand times yes, **it is worthwhile,** for not only these six, but many, many others have been brought to Jesus because of our missionary work in Mexico. But had there not been but one and at a cost of a billion dollars, it would have still been worthwhile, for who can measure the cost of a single soul.

Will you join us in prayer, in giving, yes, and in going, that the people the world over may know of Jesus and His love. May God give us a vision of a world in need of a Saviour, for "where there is no vision, the people perish."

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HE WHO TRIES

Said David M. Lloyd-Jones, "The man who tries to do something and fails is infinitely better than the man who tries to do nothing and succeeds."

Our Mission Family Keeps Growing

Congratulations to Antonio and Maria Escobar upon the birth of their son, **Samuel, on July 30, 1973.**

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MEXICO MISSION NEWS

by J. E. TIMMONS

During the month of August the Free Will Baptist Convention met in Nueva Rosita, Coah Mexico, at the Free Will Baptist Mission. The pastor is the Rev. Camerino Ortega. The theme of the convention was "The Faithfulness of God." As usual in Mexico, this was a time of singing and rejoicing and proclaiming the Word of God. The Rev. Isaias Lugo presided during the convention with much ability and spiritual insight.

The unfinished building where the convention met.

Reports were heard, resolutions presented to the convention, the work in general was strengthened, and all were encouraged to go forward in the task of building up the churches in the Word of God and in reaching the lost with the saving message of Christ.

During the second day of the convention a baptismal service was held in a nearby river, and Bro. Camerino Ortega and Bro. Vance Link administered the baptisms.

We were thankful that all of our min-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Macedonia Church to Host Eastern Conference

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene with the Macedonia church, Ernul, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, October 24, 25, 1973. The scheduled program is as follows:

Wednesday, October 24

Morning Session

9:00—Registration of Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors
10:00—Devotions, Rodney Wilson
10:00—Session Called to Order, Conference Clerk
—Welcome to Host Church, Walter Sutton
—Response, L. Linwood Parker
10:15—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Elbert E. Edwards
10:25—Roll Call of Ministers and Churches
—Recognition of Visitors
10:45—Report from the Eastern Woman's Auxiliary
10:55—Report from Free Will Baptist Children's Home
11:05—Appointment of Committees
—Conference Offering
11:20—Worship Service:
Praise in Song
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Joe Edwards
1:25—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Seating of Delegates
1:30—Report of Executive Committee
—Partial Report of Examining Board
2:00—Report of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation
2:10—Report from General Conference
2:15—Report from State Convention
2:20—Report from North Carolina Ministerial Association
2:25—Report from Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
2:35—Report from Camp Vandemere
—Offering for Camp Vandemere
2:50—Report from Church Finance Association
3:00—Miscellaneous Business
3:20—Closing Hymn and Benediction
—Adjournment

Thursday, October 25

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Fred Johnson
10:10—Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day
—Roll Call of Ministers Absent Wednesday
—Roll Call for Church Letters Not Turned In
10:30—Report from Cragmont Assembly
10:40—Report from Conference Mission Board
10:50—Report from State Mission Board
11:00—Report from State Church Extension Board
11:10—Report from Mount Olive College
11:20—Worship Service:
Praises in Song
Conference Offering
Conference Sermon, the Rev. Clifton Rice
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Memorial Committee's Report
—Memorial Service, Memorial Committee
1:30—Final Report of the Credentials Committee
—Final Report of the Examining Board
2:00—Committee Reports: Leagues, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Resolutions, Digest, Treasurer and Finance Committee, Nominations
—Election of Officers and Members of Committees
3:00—Miscellaneous Business
—Reading and Approval of Minutes
3:20—Closing Hymn, Benediction, and Adjournment

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Russell's Creek Church Announces Fall Revival

Fall revival services will be held at the Russell's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, North Carolina, on October 22-27. The Rev. Luther Swinson, pastor of Saint's Delight church of New Bern, will be preaching; with the pastor, the Rev. L. E. Styron, assisting each evening.

Friends of the church and the public are invited to attend this revival. The church is located on Highway 101 between Beaufort and Cherry Point, North Carolina.

On Sunday following the revival, there will be a dedication service at the eleven o'clock worship service to destroy the mortgage papers on the property. The service will be conducted by the pastor.

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Owen's Chapel Church Announces Revival

The Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for October 22-27, beginning at 7:30 each evening. The guest minister for the services will be the Rev. Eddie Edwards. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. David Powell. Special music will be featured each night.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Revival to Be Held At Free Union Church

Revival services will be conducted at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, October 22-26, at 7:30 p.m. each evening. During the week the Rev. DeWayne Eakes will be the guest speaker. In addition to the gospel messages, there will be a special program of sacred music each evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Coming Events . . .

October 18—Western Conference, Northern Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina

October 20—Pee Dee Association, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

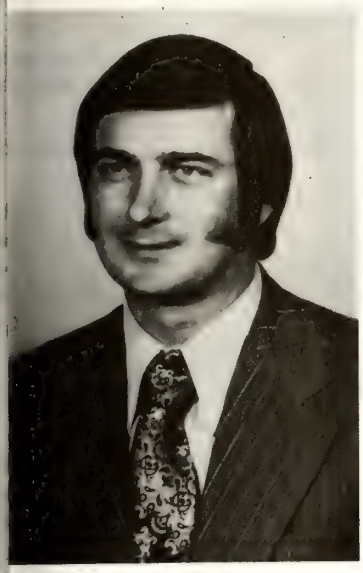
October 24, 25—Eastern Conference Original Free Will Baptists, Macedonia Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Conference Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, Maxboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina

November 17—Thanksgiving Service, 7 a.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

Revival Services
um Swamp Church



e Gum Swamp Original Free Will ist Church, Route 6, Greenville, h Carolina, invites all members and ds to attend fall revival services being October 22 and continuing ugh October 27. Services will begin evening at 7:30. The Rev. Harold c" Wallace, pastor of the Sherron s church in Durham, North Carolina, be the guest evangelist. Mr. Wals is one of the most outstanding speakn the Free Will Baptist denomination. e church urges all the community to advantage of this opportunity to this evangelist. There will also be ial music each evening.

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ual Homecoming to Be Held
hady Grove Church

hady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, e 5, Dunn, North Carolina, will hold annual homecoming on October 21. W. Burkette Raper will bring the ning message. A senior citizens tri will be given during the morning ices.

llowing a picnic lunch, a memorial ice and singspiration will be presentby the One Way Singers, the Four ts, and the youth choir. Everyone is ially invited to attend.

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ecoming and Revival
/anceboro Church

e First Free Will Baptist Church of ceboro, North Carolina, will observe annual homecoming on Sunday, Oc r 21. Then on Monday evening folng the homecoming revival services begin at the First church, continuing ugh Saturday evening, October 27. ices will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Clyde Cox as the visiting evangelist. Along with good preaching each evening, special singing will also be rendered. The pastor, the Rev. Elmo Truitt, will assist in these services.

The pastor and the church membership extend to all their friends a special invitation to attend both the homecoming and the revival.

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Mount Zion Church
Announces Homecoming

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Roper, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 21. Sunday school will begin at ten o'clock, and morning worship at eleven. The Rev. Charlie Overton, pastor, will bring the message.

Lunch will be served at noon on the church grounds. A singspiration will begin in the afternoon at 1:15, featuring the Dixie Melody Boys of Kinston. Various talented singing groups of the church will also participate.

The pastor and the church members invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and share this special day at Mount Zion.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Mount Zion Church

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, announces revival services October 22-26, beginning each evening at 7:45. The Rev. Royster Martin will be the guest evangelist, and will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin. Special music will be rendered each evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

The church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28, with Sunday school beginning at ten o'clock. The pastor will deliver the message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon.

The pastor and members cordially invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and enjoy this day of worship and fellowship.

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Revival in Progress
At Gray Branch Church

Revival services are now in progress at the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Deep Run, North Carolina, and will continue through October 20 at 7:30 nightly. The Rev. Walter Carter is the evangelist, assisted by the Rev. James Warren, pastor.

Everyone is urged to attend the remainder of these services.

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Homecoming and Revival Announced
At Edgewood Church

The annual homecoming services will be held at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, on October 21. The morning services will start at ten o'clock with Sunday school. Morning worship begins at eleven with the Rev. P. C. Wiggs, a local member and former pastor, delivering the homecoming message.

Lunch will be served in the educational building at 12:30. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the church members extend to former pastors, former mem-

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

My Dear Friends,

I am now at my residence at 406 North East College Street, Ayden, North Carolina, recuperating from a heart seizure I suffered while vacationing in Washington, D. C., during the Labor Day holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the many expressions of concern, calls, flowers, cards, gifts, and prayers which I received while a patient at Doctors' Hospital in Washington during the month of my confinement there. Cards and flowers are still coming to my home, and I thank you for these also.

I will be out of work for the next few weeks due to a mandatory recuperative period. But I am eager to return to the work I love so well.

Continue, please, to remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Tommy Manning
Editor

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Piney Grove Layman's League at Work

Shown in the photo are five members of the Piney Grove (Greenville, North Carolina) Free Will Baptist Church Layman's League. These five brethren put words into action when they came to the Home on Saturday, October 6, to give us a day's work. On that day they rebuilt the rear screen porch of the kitchen, which can be seen in the background of the picture. This is certainly a fine piece of work—one much needed and one that our Home is grateful for. Incidently this group is scheduled to return the following Saturday for work on another project.

In the event that there are other groups from churches that would like to complete a project at the Home, please contact the superintendent right away.

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Baptism at Memorial Chapel

There are six children scheduled for baptism at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 21, at Memorial Chapel. The six candidates are: Jimmy Jones, Mitch Joyner, Jackie and Roy Speight, Debra and Donna Cone. The Rev. D. W. Hansley, the pastor, invites friends and relatives to attend this important occasion.

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New Children on Campus

We welcome three new additions to our Home, Tim, Kim, and Linda Mills. The Mills children are from Winterville, North Carolina. Tim and Kim are twins, age 9, and in the fourth grade. Linda, age 11, is in the fifth grade. They are adjusting well to their new home.

We invite everyone to come and meet the children. Pray that the Lord will bless them as they get used to a new home and a new life.

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Religious Contributions For September, 1973

Albemarle Conference

Free Union	$ 100.00
Hickory Chapel	100.00
Mt. Tabor	140.00
Mt. Zion	125.00
Union Meeting	19.80
Plymouth	100.00
Shiloh	100.00
Sidney	1
Sound Side	
St. Paul	1
Union Chapel	2
	$1,2

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill	$

Cape Fear Conference

Bethel	$
Casey's Chapel	
Goldsboro, First	3
Hopewell	1
Johnston Union	1
Lee's Chapel	5
Riverside	1
Powhatan	1
Robert's Grove	1
St. Mary's Grove	2
Shady Grove	1
St. Paul	1
Smyrna	1
Tee's Chapel	2
Yelverton's Grove	1
	$2,4

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$ 3
Bethany	
Cedar Grove	1
Community	
Daniels Chapel	1
Dawson's Grove	1
Edgewood	1
Faith	1
Free Union	38
Friendship	
Greenville, First	1
Grimsley	
Gum Swamp	2
Harrell's Chapel	1
Hickory Grove	
Hugo	
Hull Road	1
Little Creek	
Marlboro	1
Layman's League	
Ormondsville	1
Otter's Creek	1
Peace	1
Owen's Chapel	1
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	
Piney Grove (Pitt)	1
Reedy Branch	2
Rocky Mount	1
Rose Hill	8
Saratoga	38
Spring Branch	1
Sweet Gum Grove	2
Tarboro	27
Walnut Creek	1
Williamston	

Vinterville	319.38
	$4,631.37

Eastern Conference

rapahoe	$ 65.00
ethlehem	56.02
ethel	100.00
eulaville	100.00
ridgeton	5.00
ritish Chapel	55.00
hristian Chapel	100.00
ore Creek	135.65
roatan	100.00
avis	100.00
eep Run	75.00
ublin Grove	39.61
olkstone	75.00
riendship	22.29
ethsemene	120.00
rant's Chapel	50.00
ray Branch	100.00
illsberry	60.00
olly Springs	250.00
uniper Chapel	195.00
inston, First	70.00
anier's Chapel	60.00
ay's Chapel	210.00
emorial	175.00
t. Pleasant	65.85
t. Zion (Pamlico)	80.00
t. Zion (Onslow)	47.99
ula Jones	5.00
ew Haven	38.46
ak Grove	80.00
riental	43.80
ilgrim's Rest	5.00
eunion Chapel	100.00
ock of Zion	55.00
ooty Branch	50.00
aint's Delight	127.00
andy Plain	271.12
arecta	100.00
now Hill	100.00
pring Hope	50.00
elcome Home	50.00
haley's Chapel	25.00
hite Hill	100.00
hite Oak Grove	25.00
intergreen	550.00
	$4,287.79

Pee Dee Association

eaver Dam	$ 25.00
ak Grove	92.46
hite Oak	100.00
	$ 217.46

Piedmont Conference

hrist	$ 10.00

Western Conference

lack Jack Grove	$ 100 00
ranch Chapel	111.00
wood Lane	10.00

Centennial and Homecoming at Marsh Swamp

Everett's Chapel	84.82
Flood's Chapel	50.00
Friendship	39.74
Holly Springs	125.00
Kenly	110.00
Little Rock	105.00
Living Waters	10.00
Marsh Swamp	126.78
Micro	100.00
Milbournie	83.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson)	100.00
New Sandy Hill	50.00
Oak Grove	50.00
People's Chapel	70.00
Piney Grove	160.10
Pine Level	5.00
Pleasant Grove	500.00
Pleasant Hill	50.41
Pleasant Plain	75.00
Rock Springs	25.00
Rosebud	5.00
Selma	50.00
Sherron Acres	250.00
Spring Hill	150.00
Stancil's Chapel	142.30
St. Mary's	50.00
Union Chapel	65.00
Union Grove	45.00
Wilson, First	1,135.00
	$4,033.15

Statewide Bodies

State Convention (Loose Offering)	$ 486.61

Other States

Shelby, Ohio	$ 42.00

Total religious contributions amounted to $17,533.59.

The Rev. Adrian Grubbs, pastor of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church located in the Rock Ridge Community, Wilson County, North Carolina, announces the church's centennial celebration and homecoming for Sunday, October 28.

The church pictured above was first built on a tract of land given by Gary and Gillie Williamson, parents of Mrs. James Wesley Barnes. The church was rebuilt and enlarged in 1947, under the direction of the late Rev. M. L. Johnson who was both pastor and builder. A 36 by 60 foot structure with full basement was added in 1972.

The centennial committee, under the direction of Miss Frances Boyette, has prepared a 12-page booklet of the church's history. It will be ready for distribution at the October 28 ceremonies.

Former pastors or members of their families as far back as 1918 have been contacted, inviting them to attend and be recognized.

The pastor will bring the eleven o'clock message with special recognition given to members who have died during the past year. This will be followed with a picnic dinner served in the church basement. There will be a special exhibit room featuring the four deeds of the church, old photographs, and other important documents.

All members and friends are invited to attend and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

NEWS NOTES

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bers, and friends a special invitation to attend.

On Monday night, October 22, following the homecoming, revival services will begin at the church with the Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina, as the guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the pastor assisting Mr. May. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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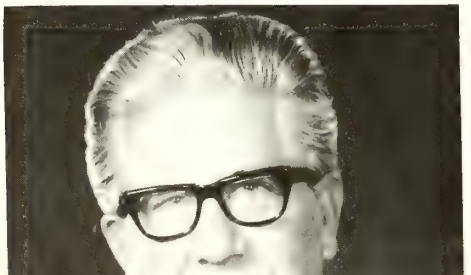
Pleasant Hill Church Announces Homecoming and Revival Services

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 21. Sunday school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. James Lupton, a former pastor, will bring the eleven o'clock message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the morning worship hour. An afternoon service in the sanctuary is planned with a memorial service by Mrs. Linda Pierce and special singing.



Revival services will begin on the following Monday evening, October 22, at 7:30, continuing through Saturday, October 27. The Rev. Clarence Bowen, pastor of the Wilson, North Carolina, First Free Will Baptist Church, will be the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. C. M. Coats, and the church members extend a special invitation to all former members and friends to attend these services.

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Homecoming Services to Be Held at Saint Mary's Church

The annual homecoming day will be observed at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street, New Bern, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 21. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. During the morning worship service, the yearbook will be dedicated along with a short service honoring the senior members. The homecoming sermon will be delivered by the Rev. L. E. Ballard, interim pastor. A memorial service will conclude the morning services.

Lunch will be served on the grounds at the noon hour. Services will resume in the afternoon with gospel singing by the Four-in-Christ Quartet and the Manning Family. Both groups are well known throughout the area.

All former pastors, former members, and friends are extended a warm welcome to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Fall Revival and Homecoming At Black Jack Church

The Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, announces homecoming services for Sunday, October 21. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., followed with the morning message by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds during the noon hour. A special program of music and singing has been planned for the afternoon service.

Revival services will begin on Monday evening following homecoming and will be in progress through Friday evening, October 26. The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor and the church members extend a cordial invitation to their many friends to part pate in these services and pray that revival might be a spiritual blessing the church and church community.

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Moseley's Creek Church Announces Homecoming and Revival

Moseley's Creek Free Will Bap Church, Route 1, Dover, North Caroli announces homecoming on Sunday, tober 21. The pastor, the Rev. Gurn R. Chase, will deliver the morning m sage. Lunch will be served on the chu grounds, followed by a time of fell ship.

Revival services will be held Octo 22-27 with the Rev. Preston Haddock the evangelist. Services will begin 7:30 each evening, and will feat special music.

All former members, former past and friends are especially invited to tend these services.

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Homecoming and Revival at Wooten's Chapel Church

Wooten's Chapel Free Will Bap Church, Route 3, Raleigh, North Caroli announces its homecoming for Sund October 21. Following the morning w ship service, a picnic lunch will be se ed. After lunch there will be a progr of special singing. A cordial invitat is extended to all former pastors, m bers, and friends to attend and enjo day of Christian fellowship and worsh

On Sunday evening, October 21, revi services are scheduled to begin, conti ing through Saturday evening, Octo

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AFC of St. Mary's Grove Enters Benson Parade

The Ambassadors for Christ (AFC) of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, were one of the entrants in the Mule-Day Parade in Benson recently. It was a thrill for these young people to represent Christ in a parade with so many peo along with horses and mules.

The AFCs of Saint Mary's Grove under the adult leadership of Mrs. Jun Byrd, and Mrs. Roy E. Benson. The R R. H. Jackson is pastor of the church

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please explain "And Jesus creased in wisdom and stature, and in vour with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Answer: Jesus in giving His life a ran-m for us took upon Himself our sinful eness. As it is said in another place the Bible, He "emptied" Himself; "He came sin for us." That is, in order to ce our place in judgment it was neces-y for Him, through the incarnation—luding the virgin birth, to become a mber of the human race. As one Scrip-e indicates, "He put Himself in our ce that He might in so doing put us His place." He was born of a woman we each were. The difference being, was begotten of God, whereas we h were begotten of an earthly human her. He was tempted in all points as are being tempted. We imperfectly ist these temptations; He perfectly isted such.

"There hath no temptation taken you such as is common to man: but God aithful, who will not suffer you to be npted above that ye are able; but will h the temptation also make a way to ape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 inthians 10:13); "For we have not an h priest which cannot be touched with feeling of our infirmities; but was in points tempted like as we are, yet hout sin" (Hebrews 4:15); "If we con-s our sins, he is faithful and just to give us our sins, and to cleanse us m all unrighteousness. If we say that have not sinned, we make him a liar, his word is not in us" (1 John 1:9, "And he is the propitiation for our : and not for ours only, but also for sins of the whole world. And hereby do know that we know him, if we o his commandments. He that saith, now him, and keepeth not his com-dments, is a liar, and the truth is in him. But whoso keepeth his word, im verily is the love of God perfect-hereby know we that we are in him. that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:2-6).

We apart from Christ are not able to come up to His standard, but in Him we are. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15: 7); "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19).

What L. T. Talbot, D. D. has to say on Page 37 in his book, "Bible Questions Explained," will add light to the subject:

"Luke is emphasizing the real **humanity** of Christ. There was a cult in the beginning of the Christian era which denied the reality of His human body. The exponents of this cult claimed that Jesus did not have a human body at all, and that his body was a phantom, a creation of mortal mind. This is the teaching of certain present day cults, such as Christian Science. The humanity of Christ is emphasized by Luke because the Spirit of God foresaw that at the end of the age there would be a denial of His humanity, as there would be also of His deity.

"Accordingly, Luke tells us that Jesus developed as other boys did. He was subject to Joseph and Mary. He ate, slept, grew in wisdom and stature. We must remember that He became man in order to die for sinners. **God cannot die;** but He devised a plan, by which He could be, at the same time, both God and man; and as the Son of man, He died that sinners might live. Read Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15. This is our gospel message—that the Lord suffered, was tempted in all points like as we are, sin apart—He was not tempted to sin, because He was holy! But because He knew hunger and thirst and weariness and loneliness; because He suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted. He is our sympathizing Saviour.

"Moreover, when He became flesh, He laid aside His glory—not His deity. He became subject to His Father's will—as a man. It is a great mystery, the 'mystery of godliness,' that 'God was in Christ, reconciling unto himself.' And what we cannot **explain** about the incarnation, we leave to faith! Read Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:14-19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:19; John 1:1-14."

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Question: Did Christ do anything to help His disciples withstand the temptations to come upon them when He should depart from them and go back to heaven?

Answer: Yes, that was part of the reason why He worked with them in tender and loving kindness the three and one-half years He taught them in preparing them for a life of service and sacrifice, contributing to the upbuilding and establishing on earth the kingdom of God. He made it clear to them that they were saved for service as would be the reason for all the lost that would be saved throughout all the then-coming church age.

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NOTE OF THANKS

To the many churches, ministers, members, and Christian friends, the families of the Rev. James E. Warren and Mr. Benjamin F. Hines of Kinston, North Carolina, wish to thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and concern following their accident on September 12.

Mr. Warren is able to continue in his church work, and we pray that by the hand of God Mr. Hines will soon be able to return to his work.

It is only by prayer and the work of the Lord that has brought us this far. We wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and say that it is good to know that so many Christian friends lifted our names to God in prayer and God heard and answered their requests. May God continue to bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
The Families of Mr. Warren
and Mr. Hines

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THE VERIEST SLAVE

H. Clay Trumbull declared, "The freest man in the world is the man who is a willing servant of Christ. The veriest slave is the man who thinks he is his own master, while he is the slave of his lusts."

STORIES

for our youth

DON'T HAND THE BALL TO ME

JEWELL READY

"WE'RE in trouble!"

Pete looked into the wide eyes of Howard Nyes. "Trouble?" he repeated. Then he smiled at the people sitting behind him on the bleachers. How could there be trouble today? It was the first game of the football season. The Stockton Tigers were playing Corbin School, the weather was nice, and most of the parents had come to watch. Pete looked back to Howard, puzzled. "How could there be trouble?"

"Jeff sprained his ankle," Howard explained. "He's our only good fullback."

"What's so hard about being a fullback?" Pete said, without thinking. It certainly didn't look very hard, running across the field. Pete had watched the Tigers practice just the day before yesterday, so he knew what Jeff did. That was the only time he had actually seen how football was played, except for professional games on TV. "I could take Jeff's place easily," Pete went on.

"Really?" Howard studied him for a long time. "Why didn't you say so before now?" he asked, then grinned. "That's right—you weren't even here during football season last year. You didn't move to Stockton till later. Therefore you never had a chance to show us how well you could play football."

Pete shrugged and looked around. When he turned back, Howard was gone, so he moved over to sit beside Ben.

"Look who's here," Ben said, moving his eyes to one side to show Pete where to look.

Pete leaned around him. It was Tate, a boy who had gone to school there last year. "I thought he was gone," Pete said, hoping not to have to say any more.

"He was—at his uncle's someplace. When he left, he said he wouldn't be coming back. I wish he hadn't."

Pete didn't answer. Just then Tate looked right at them and grinned. From the corner of his eye, Pete saw Ben make a disgusted face and turn away. Pete didn't want to do that, but he didn't want to grin back. Pete figured it out quickly and he tried to make his eyes appear to be looking at something beyond Tate, pretending not to see him at all. What he would have to do, he decided, was not to take either side—not be angry with Tate or friendly to him, either, but just avoid him.

Anyway, maybe Tate got what he deserved, Pete thought now. Tate had been caught stealing from one of the outdoor markets in Stockton and had landed in plenty of trouble because of it. It occurred to Pete that if none of the fellows were friendly with Tate, maybe he would make other friends, and maybe the wrong kind. Pete knew that wouldn't be the answer. Still, he felt he'd better be neutral to be on the safe side.

He was thinking about it when he realized the coach was leaning over him. "Hello, boys," he said.

"Hi," Pete answered, just a split second before he figured out why the coach was there.

"I hear you're a fullback," Coach Harper said.

"Not really," Pete began. "I just said I could be."

But that didn't seem to matter. The friendly coach acted as though he hadn't even heard him. "Would you come with me?" he asked.

Pete turned quickly to Ben for help. But Ben's eyes were big with admiration; and, partly to get away from that, Pete obediently followed the coach away fro the bleachers.

"You know about Jeff," he began, ar Pete nodded. "That leaves us in terrib shape," he went on. "Our school is s small that we've used every boy wh tried out for football, and we've bare had enough to make up a team. Now know it's asking an awful lot of you, b you can keep us from having to forfe the game if you'll play. How about it?

Pete watched the players coming o to the field. They looked very sharp the uniforms; and he remembered ho many times he'd wished he could we one. Of course, the coach had misunde stood about his playing, but he still b lieved he could do it if he tried. He no ded his head, and the coach slapped hi on the back.

A few minutes later, Pete was dress up in Jeff's uniform. He trotted out on the field, and everybody clapped a cheered. Oh, this was great!

There was a lot of excitement as t game started. The Tigers took the kic off and got as far as the forty-yard lir Then they huddled. Pete bent over wi his head jammed between two other h mets, and one of the boys said a bun of things. Pete grinned as they bro up and made the line. He remember where Jeff had stood the other day, so stood there, too.

All at once things started happenir and somebody shoved the football ir Pete's hands. He looked down at it a then remembered that Jeff had run do the field with it. Pete picked up c foot, but before he had the chance put it down, it felt as if a ton of bric had fallen on him. Lying on the grou with somebody in his face cutting his breath, Pete was not too dazed know that he hurt all over. He was s ing stars and spots and had just mana to turn his head enough to get his h met back on when the fellows got him.

One of the Tigers helped him to feet. "What happened?" they all ask frowning at Pete.

He opened his mouth and closed again. He didn't know what had happ ed. What could he say? But someb got him off the hook.

"Of course!" It was Johnny talk "Pete doesn't know our signals. C we're going to try the same thing ag You go right and we'll block for you.

Pete shook his head and spread hands. "Don't hand the ball to me,"

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 28

Confidence of Victory in Suffering

Printed Text: Romans 8:31-39

Memory Verse: Romans 8:32

I. INTRODUCTION

Now that we have become servants of God, it behooves us to dedicate our service to Him for the purpose of extending and perfecting the kingdom work of the Lord Jesus in the hearts of men and by extending the scope and influence of the force of righteousness in the world.

This will not be an easy task. Many difficulties will have to be overcome; many obstacles will have to be surmounted; many problems will have to be solved. But it is well for us to remember that we do not have to labor alone; for we have the definite promise of the Lord Jesus that He will be with us to help us in the work. If He be with us, and He has promised to be, it matters little what type or size the opposition may be; for if we labor with God and in harmony with His will, there is no force on earth that can keep us from being successful in our efforts.

Our lesson text for today is a continuation of our study from the Epistle to the Romans and deals with the assurance both of victory for the church and eternal life for the believer in the love of Christ.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince teen-agers that God takes care of His own.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The surest way for victory as a Christian is to realize that the life that we now live we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us (see Galatians 2:20). Paul recognized this and he was a victorious Christian.

B. Men are saved through the exercise of their own will to trust and accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. Does a person lose the freedom of the will when he becomes a child of God? Then why is it not possible for him to put Christ out of his life and be lost again?

C. A person is born again and becomes a Christian the moment he is regenerated. This is an instantaneous act. However, he is born a babe in Christ. The process of growth and maturity as a Christian is called sanctification. Often God uses the trials of life to help us to grow and mature into the character that He wants us to be.

D. God does not promise to deliver His people from trouble, but He does promise to be with them in the time of their trouble.

E. This writer once heard an old Christian say that he had never felt so close to the Lord in his life as he did when he was suffering greatly. God comes in strength in the time of our greatest weakness.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. All of us use checks everyday, or nearly so. We receive paychecks and write checks for car payments, groceries, and for the church.

Sometimes we think of God in what might be called "a blank-check attitude."

Because we are Christians, we may think that we should receive special consideration from God. It is true that as Christians we do not experience many of the troubles that come to those who live undisciplined lives. But some persons are not satisfied with this. They want God to exempt them from the conditions under which every human being lives.

They may expect God to keep them from ever becoming sick. Others feel that God should make it easy for them. Still others feel that God should keep them from ever having the blues.

However, God does not work this way. Instead of removing these trials that are common to man, He gives an added quality to our lives that enables us to overcome these human difficulties. Through the presence and power of Christ in us, we are victorious over all suffering.

This is the essence of the passage from Paul's letter to the Romans that we are studying today. — **Standard Lesson C mentary.**

B. The pearl oyster sometimes ceives into its tiny shell a sharp irri ing grain of sand. The most nat thing would be to throw it out. But would only rasp and irritate the se tive flesh, and produce pain, disease, death. Instead of this, it throws out exquisite crystalline fluid with whic covers and smothers the rude obst tion, and makes it free from all fric and annoyance, until gradually, the ro grain of sand turns into a beautiful pe

Be careful what you do with thorn that was given you, or you miss the most precious experience your life.

The Lord Jesus can meet the most ing circumstances of your life with love, and grace, and comfort.—**The In mediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

C. He who has learned the vict through faith in Christ, whatever su ings he might have known, is one can say with the great Fanny Crosby:

"O what a happy soul
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be;
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blin
I cannot, and I won't."

Turning to the eighth chapter of mans today, we reach with Paul to highest heights of confidence in the Jesus Christ to see us through every versity of life.—**The Advanced Quart (F.W.B.).**

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oys' and Girls' Stories

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gged, remembering the smashing he'd en before.

Johnny stared at him. **"Don't hand the to you?"** He almost hollered it, and e felt his face redden. "You're the lback—you're **supposed** to carry the l. You said you could play fullback, now you've got to prove it. You've to **carry the ball!"**

Pete felt sick. Wow! What had he himself in for? Just by opening his uth and saying he could be a full-k—just because he wanted to wear a form and be proud and be cheered, he taken on a responsibility he couldn't ndle. Doing it again would be just as d, he figured, so he shook his head opened his mouth.

But Johnny said it for him. "You er played fullback, did you? You't even know how to carry the ball, you?"

Pete swallowed hard and nodded his d. He didn't add that Bedford didn't e a football team. He felt terrible; it sn't hard to see that they were all gusted with him.

They huddled again. "We'll just have do the best we can," Johnny told m. "We'll hand the ball to Jack this e and see how it goes."

t didn't work at all. Then, they tried sing it, but that didn't work, either. Tigers didn't get a single first down, the ball was given to the other team. en the game was finally over, Stock had a fat zero on the scoreboard. e ran ahead of the others and chang clothes as fast as he could. He cer ly didn't want to talk to Coach Har .

But the coach caught him as he was ning toward the school bus on the king lot. "Wait a minute here," he d, and Pete could see he wasn't angry h him. "Don't feel so bad; you did r best. I let you get in a bad spot ause I misunderstood. I was told you played. I'm sorry, Pete." He held his hand. "Friends?"

ete took it. "Sure," he said.

e got into the bus and went all the to the back, hoping everybody ld leave him alone. His sister, Pixie, down beside him. Usually he would e told her to get lost, that he didn't t anybody to see him sitting with his er; but now he was grateful. At t, she would keep the other fellows y from him.

"I saw Tate," she said, just as if he hadn't messed up the game.

Pete nodded. "I saw him, too."

"Poor Tate," Pixie went on. "I wish the other boys would be nice to him."

"If somebody else would, I would too," Pete told her. Then he didn't say any more, but he looked out the window and thought. Pixie didn't talk either, so it was easy for Pete to bump along over the unpaved road and think about Tate's mistake and about his own mistake today. His face burned when he remembered what he'd said—how he'd begged them not to hand the ball to him. Why hadn't he had enough sense to know that if he said he was a fullback, he'd have to carry the ball?

But, of course, he hadn't wanted to carry the ball with Tate either. He hadn't wanted to run out there and take a chance by being friendly to Tate. What if the others didn't follow his example? What if they just gave him a hard time? He couldn't do it. He was saying again, "Don't hand the ball to me!"

This was different, though, and he knew it. This time he wasn't just saying he was something—he wasn't just pretending to be a Christian. As a Christian, he had the responsibility—whether the others knocked him down or not—to be a friend of Tate and try to help him if he could. Before he and Pixie got off the bus at their house, Pete had decided to be that friend.

He called Tate on the phone. "I'm glad you're back," he said.

"Yes, I'm sure." Tate's voice was sarcastic. "But you don't want the other fellows to know it."

"I don't care who knows," Pete argued.

There was a long pause. Then Tate said, "If that's really true, meet me before school tomorrow morning—on the steps."

The school steps were the most public place they could meet. Everybody would see them there. "O.K.," Pete agreed.

Tate grinned when Pete met him the next day. "Thanks," he said. "Now I know you're my friend. So I'll start back to school."

"What?" Pete asked.

"I don't have to start back here," Tate told him. "I don't really want to go back, and I'd made up my mind I wouldn't if I didn't have at least one friend. But you're my friend, so I'll go to school."

Pete grinned, and they walked up the cement steps and through the big glass doors. Tate turned to him. "I should have known you wouldn't be like the others," he said.

Pete was trying to think of an answer to that when Ben burst through the door. He stopped when he saw the two boys together, and he stared first at Pete and then at Tate and back to Pete. "Hi," he said to Pete. After a funny-feeling pause, he looked at Tate. "Hi, Tate," he added.

Somebody brushed Pete. "How about that game yesterday?"

"Aw, I didn't know what I was doing," Pete grinned and watched Tate step through the door into the principal's office. But I know what I'm doing now, Pete thought as he walked down the hallway. He was carrying the ball, all right—this time over the goal line.—**Junior Trails.**

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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teria, they must discharge him. They felt that they could not have as the head of their trust department one who would lie and steal. "Honesty is the best policy" both in natural things and in spiritual things.—*Evangelical Christian.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our Lord may have a promotion in mind for you. Are you worthy?

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Public Address System For Children's Home

For a long time it has been very difficult to hear programs in the Memorial Chapel at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. Since many of our statewide programs take place there, a motion was passed in the last session of the North Carolina State Convention that the convention purchase a new public address system for the chapel. The estimated cost is $800. Gifts for this project should be earmarked as such and sent to Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888, treasurer of the convention.

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BUT ONE PROBLEM

William Gladstone stated, "There is but one international problem, and that is to get the gospel to every man, woman, and child in every nation."

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MISSIONS

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isters were present along with a good number of delegates. Bro. Ortega continues to minister to the mission stations in El Naciemiento, besides the mission work in Nueva Rosita. Our pastors continue to labor on in the cause of Christ in the state of Coahuila, occupying for Christ while we have the blessings of God to do so.

Officers of the Convention

This month we have been able to visit each field and to preach in each mission and church in our convention. We also have extended our testimony to the rural areas and areas that are seldom visited by anyone with the gospel. We continue to witness the conversion of the lost and to give to hungry hearts the message of God's grace.

We are very much interested this year in training our pastors and people to be tithers. This has become one of the items of discussion in our convention, and through this remaining year we hope to carry on a program of stewardship in each of our mission churches.

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A CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING

A mother said to her little boy, after the chapter describing the Passover had been read in church, "You might have gone out before that, for you could not understand it." "Oh, yes, I did," said the little lad. "It was a beautiful story—I love hearing it. It was about the blood of the Lamb, and they were all safe."—**The Quiver.**

NEWS NOTES

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27. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Larry Barbour of Saratoga, North Carolina. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton, assisting Mr. Barbour. The public is invited to attend.

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Stoney Creek Church To Observe Homecoming

The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 21. The superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, Mr. Sam Weeks, will deliver greetings from the Home and bring with him children from the Home to take part in the morning worship service. This will be followed by a picnic lunch at the noon hour. A song service has been planned for afternoon.

The Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor, the church membership extend to former pastors, members, and frier cordial invitation to attend and en day of worship and Christian fellow

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A PREACHER'S PRAYER

"Lord, fill my mouth with worth stuff;
Then nudge me when I've enough."

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Seen on a wall at St. John's Unive "Jesus said unto them: 'Who do say that I am?' And they replied: are the estshatological manifestatio the ground of our being, the kerygm which we find the ultimate meanin our interpersonal relationship.' An sus said: 'What?' "

Vote NO, November 6! **Vote NO, November 6**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Is Alcoholism a Disease?"

1. **If it is a disease, it is the only disease that is contracted by an act o will.**
2. **It is a disease that requires a license to propagate it.**
3. **It is the only disease that is bottled and sold.**
4. **It is the only disease that requires outlets to spread it.**
5. **It is the only disease that produces a revenue for the government.**
6. **It is the only disease that provokes crime.**
7. **It is the only disease that is habit forming.**
8. **It is the only disease that is spread by advertising.**
9. **It is the only disease for which we are fined for contracting.**
10. **It is the only disease which brings death on the highways.**
11. **It is the only disease without a germ or virus cause, and for which ther is no human corrective cure.**
12. **And last, but not least, it is the only disease that bars the patient fro heaven, for no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God (except he r pent) (see 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10).**

For your sake! For your brother's sake! For the sake of better healt and welfare for North Carolina, vote NO, on November 6!

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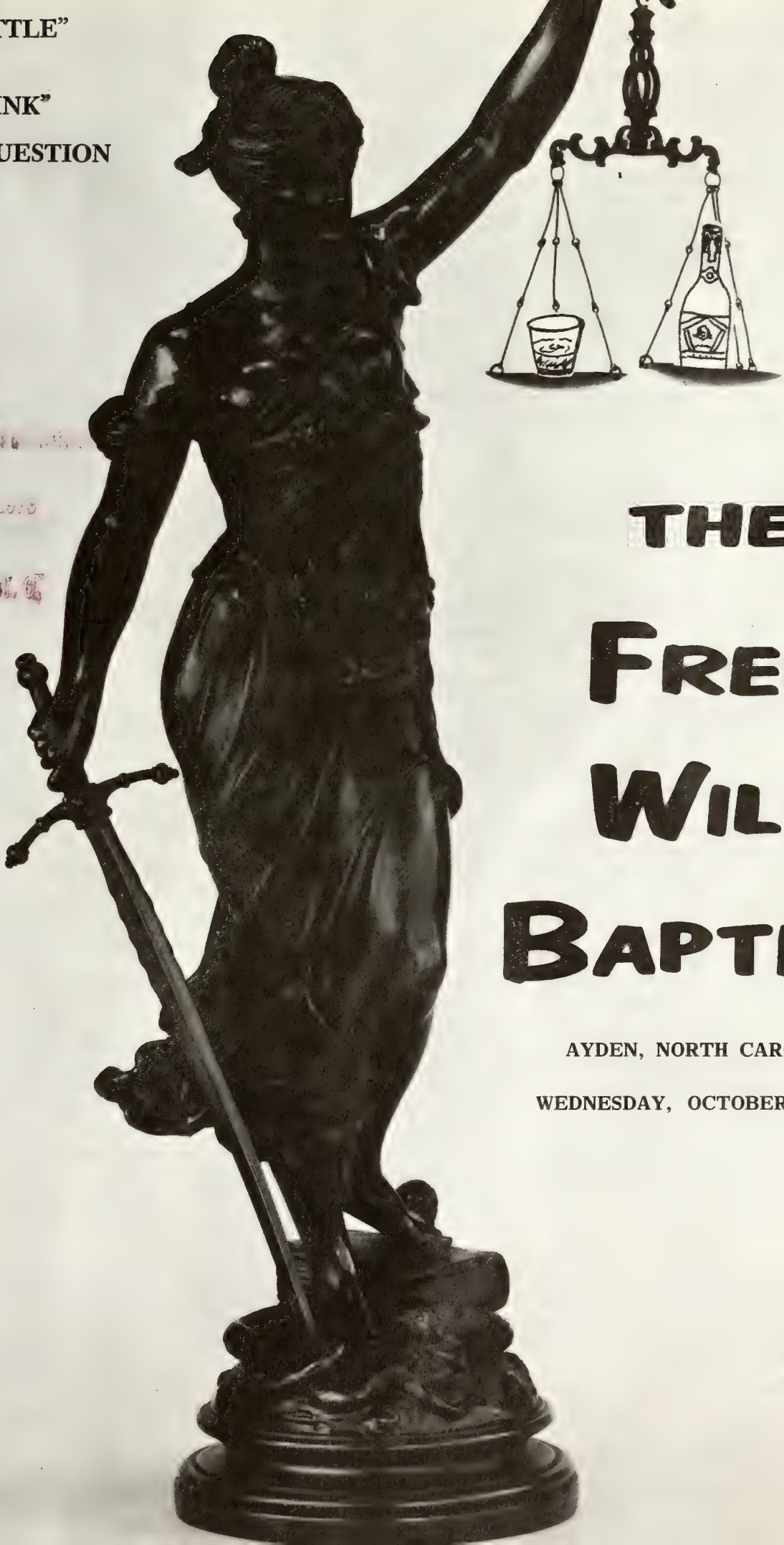

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"BOOZERS" ARE LOSERS!

("By-the-Bottle" or "By-the-Drink")

Whether it be contained in a beautiful decanter, a plain glass bottle, or an exquisitely-decorated bottle, when booze is poured into pretty little glasses and mixed (or taken straight), it causes trouble.

"Booze" is a term used to denote an intoxicating drink, especially hard liquor. Intoxicating beverages are those containing in various quantities portions of ethyl alcohol. Ethyl alcohol (ethanol) is formed by fermentation of any sweet fruit juice; it is made industrially from molasses, potatoes, and grains—chiefly corn. Corn contains a high level of starch which is converted into fermentable sugar by treating it in a specific way with malt. Approximately half of industrial alcohol is manufactured by a synthetic chemical process. The diluted alcohol obtained is then distilled to recover 96 percent of its strength; thus, four percent up to this point is water. Further treatment can make the alcohol 100 percent, and what is seen by the eyes is a colorless liquid that looks like water but has a mild odor.

What does this have to do with booze? A lot! This ethyl alcohol is mixed with other liquids to produce different brews and different brands. Beer, for example, may contain as little as two percent ethyl alcohol, while some of the hard liquors may contain as much as 68 percent. Absinthe, one of the strongest addictive beverages, which is made from the dark green oil of wormwood having anise added for flavoring, contains 68 percent alcohol. The flavors of hard liquors are derived from berries (as in the case of gin, in which Juniper berries are used), sugar, and other flavorings too numerous to mention. The color of the hard liquor may be clear (as in Vodka, which is almost odorless), or it may be orange-yellow or brownish in hue.

We would not want to forget illegally-distilled liquor or "White Lightning" or "Moonshine," which, according to one authority, is "clear white with rusty specks floating around in it." What is more, it is poisonous!

Alcoholic drinks are as old as history, but trouble has always risen from their improper use. Noah, for example, got drunk on at least one occasion and was found "uncovered" in his tent. The story is well-known and needs no retelling.

Brewing and wine making were especially popular during the Middle Ages (500—1500), and the manufacture of alcoholic drinks became an important industry during the Renaissance Period (1400—1700). And, the trend toward the consumption of alcoholic beverages has grown rapidly since. We would not, of course, discount the medicinal purposes of alcohol; but, "self-prescription" is not good. Some people get to the place that they can't stop "refilling" the "prescription."

Contrary to popular belief, alcohol is a **depressant**, not a **stimulant**. Acting on the control centers of the brain, it depresses them and allows the drinking person to exhibit unfavorable behavior. Acute intoxication causes confusion and disorientation. All of us have observed the unsteady gait of a drunk and have heard his thick-tongued, incoherent mutterings. All drinkers, however, are not and cannot be classified as "drunks." There are the "sophisticates" who pride themselves in the mixing of "little" drinks and serving them to their friends at a party or a home gathering—just to be sociable. Their contention is that it is important from the social standpoint to be able to drink "properly." To our way of thinking and from the Christian standpoint, there is really no "proper" way for one to drink (aside from doctors' orders). The whole mess throws character badly out of kilter.

Of course, little mixed drinks "on the rocks" with a pretty red cherry, a nice plump green pimento-stuffed olive, or sprig of mint in them are attractive and give the one holding the glass a certain prestigious appearance and attributes to him a certain social "grace"; that is, until he has had so many that he doesn't care about the cherries, olives, or whatever, and gulps the drinks down one after the other and becomes obnoxious. The obnoxiousness really began with the first drink. We do not impose our personal opinions upon others, but when asked about certain evils such as alcohol, we cannot help but express our feelings. Alcohol **is** an evil—one that can harm us or our loved ones directly and indirectly. We have personal knowledge of the harmful effects of the consumption of beverage alcohol and can attest to its danger. While your editor does not drink, he knows others who do and has seen what started out as a social drink develop into alcoholism.

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THE NEED TO FIND ONESELF

ULFILLMENT—to a woman, what is the meaning of this all-important term? t realized through becoming the First y of our country, or writing a best er, or being named the Mother of the r? Perhaps. Yet, it could be, for t of us, a less tangible thing, realized at a moment as anything to be noted; rather, the day-by-day contentment comes from doing our daily duties l. Could it be that perhaps one day n these duties, there emerges that e something that makes us unique, ses us to be loved by others, and hout our awareness of it, helps us to ourselves?

woman sold butter, cream, and milk neighbors far and near. Among her y friends, she was known not only her quality products but also for her ciousness and hospitality.

woman lived in a modest home; yet, had the most beautiful flowers in neighborhood. Blossoms from her den adorned the stage at the local mencement exercises, the bed table sick one, or the church altar on Sun- morning. In the fall, she shared ds and bulbs with everyone who de- d them.

woman cared unselfishly and untir- y for many years for her sick hus- d. Friends who visited them went away inspired by her devotion and dedication.

A woman of very moderate means, who had lost her husband and son through tragedy, inspired those with whom she talked through her faith and courage. If I had to write the name of the best person I know, hers would head the list. Others, I believe, because of her good life, would ditto her name.

A woman felt that she had given so little to the world; yet, she reared five children, all of whom are now serving mankind in a very special way. To her community, she will always be the perpetual Mother of the Year.

A woman became well known for her tasty cakes. At church suppers and at club picnics, hers were always favorites. Many depended on her for that special cake for a wedding, a party, or holiday.

A woman who knew how to listen and to keep a secret, knew the secrets, the hopes, and the worries of so many. Free from jealousy and prejudice, she joyed in the success of others. Countless numbers who turned to her for advice and understanding will never forget her.

A woman, not glamorous as the world judges beauty, almost always carried with her a lacy handkerchief that sent forth the aroma of rose sachet. Immaculately well-groomed and pleasant, she was an inspiration to many young girls who expressed the desire to be more like her.

A woman prepared regular, well-balanced meals, did the family wash and housekeeping and countless other tasks. A minister asked her husband to tell him the secret of his success. His reply was something like this: "My wife believes in me and is proud of me and tells me so. I can't let her down." The world could see her excellent housekeeping and model homemaking; perhaps many never knew that through the joy of her husband's success, she had found her greatest happiness.

A woman who had sought contentment through education and public work was blessed finally with a son. Through this, she found contentment that other things could not give.

A woman touched the shoulder of a young man and said, "I believe in you. I know you can do anything that you want to do." Years later, after becoming superintendent of his company, he returned to say to her: "I have worked hard, and I have been blessed with promotions and success. One of the things that helped me most was the feeling that you were pulling for me and that you believed in me."

A woman taught a Sunday school class for thirty years. The host of friends who attended her funeral were saying in essence: "Because of her, I know the Master better."

A woman who experienced the rare honor of seeing her son elected to the Presidency, heard her son tell a friend who asked the secret of his success: "My mother prays for me," was his answer.

Could the secret of these be found in the idea that they unconsciously lost themselves in something greater than they were—and in losing themselves, they have, perhaps, without realizing it, fulfilled themselves?

Fame is short-lived and one's glory travels only a short distance from his home and neighbors. It may be like the hero who was being honored in New York. A friend commented that the hero must feel flattered that so many were shouting and cheering for him. The honored one replied, "Today they honor me, 'tis true, but tomorrow it will be someone else."

So it could be the little intangible things—things we never realize or take for granted. Our lives reach forth to touch others in countless ways that we are not conscious of, but therein, we find ourselves with an indescribable peace and contentment. It must have something to do with what the Master was saying when He said, ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Could it be that in so doing, we also find ourselves?

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:11

"Cheer Him, Boys!"

There was a fire in the big city, and the firemen flung their ladders together, and went up in their brave fashion to the very topmost story to rescue the people in peril. One after another was rescued by the brave fire laddies. All had been rescued, it seemed. No! Yonder is a white face at that upper window. They wrapped something about one of their firemen, and, breasting the fierce flames, he went again to the window, and put a robe around the little woman and started down. Then they saw him tremble as the fire raged around him, and it seemed that he would fall with his precious burden, but the fire chief cried to his men: "Cheer him, boys! Cheer him, boys!" And they cheered him, cheer after cheer, and heart came back, and he came down, with the precious life saved! Oh, you and I are to give our lives cheering a needy world! Ponder this beautiful sentence from Isaiah: "They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage" (Isaiah 41: 6).—*George W. Truett.*

Prayer Thought

Encourage good works. So many times today we are prone to hear only the exciting, upsetting events. Anything calm and pleasant is uninteresting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 54:10

What We "Deserve"—and Get

The only thing we ever did to "deserve" salvation was to be rebels against God. One day a little girl, dressed in white, carrying a bunch of flowers, passed a small boy who was playing in a dusty street. The boy threw a handful of dirt at the girl. It struck the edge of her dress and fell on her shoes. She stood still. Her face flushed as though she would cry, but instead she smiled and threw a flower at the boy who waited to see what she would do. He was surprised and ashamed because in return for dirt he had received a flower. Man is a rebel against God, but all that he has ever received from God was the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Revelation.*

Prayer Thought

Spend one day making an effort to smile at adversity, as well as adverse persons. It may not change circumstances but you will feel better.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:3

Failed to Hold Rope

Off the coast of Nova Scotia, a ship, caught in the jaws of a violent storm, went to pieces. There was a frightful loss of life! Seemingly, only one man survived. 'Midst the whelming wave, he clung to debris from the wrecked vessel. Anxious ones, gathered on shore, seemed powerless to do anything, until a brave young man requested that a rope be tied about his body, the people on shore holding onto it while he would swim out to where the lone survivor floundered. With great effort, he finally reached the imperiled man. Grasping him, he signaled to be pulled in. 'Midst their wild cheers and excitement, those on shore had failed to hold onto the rope! Both the would-be rescuer and the rescued were swallowed up by the merciless waves! Many have gone forth into the regions beyond with the message of life in Christ. Are we, in the homeland, failing to hold the rope?—*W. B. K.*

Prayer Thought

Pray that we may not become so self-confident that we let go of our ropes of faith.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:2

God Knew Where the Water Was

Years ago there was a great drought in Connecticut. The water disappeared from the hills, and the farmers drove their cattle into the valleys. Streams there began to fail, and neighbors said to a certain man of God, "You must not send your flocks down here any more." The old man gathered his family around the family altar on their knees before God. They cried with tears and supplications for water that the flocks and herds might not perish. Afterward he went out into the hills, and in a place that he had walked scores of times before he saw that the ground was dark and moist; when he turned up the soil, water started. The family came with pails and watered the stock; then they made troughs reaching to the house. Water was plentiful.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

With prayer we are able to accomplish many seemingly impossible tasks.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:29

Bankbook or Account Book?

A woman, working as a housekeeper, sent $300 to the mission in the Sudan. She had received this sum as a legacy. Later, after her death, relatives, who had regarded her as being overreligious, and had had very little to do with her, came to her fu and asked for her possessions. They through her trunk looking for a book dently a bankbook, for she had been employed at good wages. The little they found was quite a different one told its own story. On the one side sh entered her wages, month after month on the opposite side, following the amounts of her expenditures, were suc tries as these: "For Bible woman in $50." Turning over the pages to the she had received her $300 legacy, found opposite it, "Paid out for the S $300." She needed no executors; al been administered right up to date. day we will wish we could produce s book in the presence of Him to who must all account for our stewards *Evangelical Christian.*

Prayer Thought

Start your savings account in he You may need to fall back in it soone you think.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Genesis 2:24

When They Let the Word Spe

One of the fine lawyers in our c told me this story: "A little woman in my office the other day and sai wanted me to secure a divorce for h didn't know her, but I thought I had her at our church, so I said to her, 'H trouble, eh?' She bristled up, and s fighting back with all sorts of self-p statements. I let her talk to her satisfaction; and then I said to her, 'I are determined to break up your home the silly things you've been telling m ahead; but I'm not in that sort of ness.' She got up to leave, but I kne wasn't leaving. I reached over and my Bible and started reading about th a Christian man and woman should their marital vows. She stopped me. she asked me if I would see them tog I pointed to the telephone, and she her husband. It developed that he h office in the same building. In five m he was in my office. She asked me t the same passages again. Within less than it takes me to tell you, they w one another's arms. He asked me much he owed me. I told him I woul lect weekly, and that the payment consist of their presence at Sunday and church and at Training Union. remember the little couple that join letter last Sunday night? They were people."—Louie D. Newton, in the *Te*

Prayer Thought

Many times we are unable to se forest for the trees. This may be due fact that it takes more thought to into a large problem.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:10-

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Friendship Church Visits Home

On Saturday, October 6, the Friend-p Free Will Baptist Church, Middle-, North Carolina, came for an after-on visit. The visit was followed by a icious picnic supper. The ladies of church furnished all of the meal ich included chicken, hot dogs, potato ad, cup cakes, drinks, and many other icious items. It was a lovely after-on and all of the children and the staff the Home enjoyed the food and the owship. The Rev. Terry Woodard is pastor of Friendship church. Mrs. nina Edwards was in charge of the nic.

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Memorial Chapel News

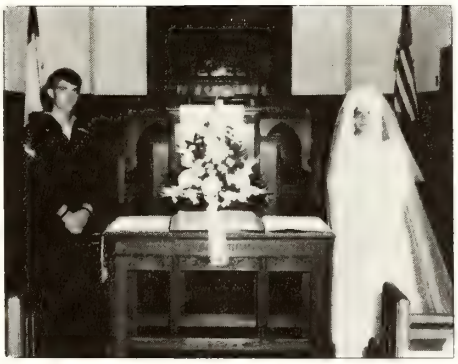
by the Rev. D. W. Hansley, Pastor

The decision to come to the Children's me as the minister of Memorial Chapel spiritual advisor on the campus was ficult for us to make because we were sure that we were fitted for the job. wever, after much prayer and consid-tion, we felt led of God to accept the itation. In our consideration we ought we would need to change from at we were accustomed to as a min-er on the field; but, upon our arrival re, we found that the difference is not y great, because the spiritual need of the Home is not too different from any other community.

The thing that helped us in our adjustment was the kind welcome we received from the staff, workers, and the children. The children seem to have accepted us as a part of the campus life. For this we are grateful.

We have always felt that the spiritual life of the staff, workers, and the children was an important part of the program in the Home; and if the program of the Home failed in this area, then whatever else we try to do in the final outcome will be a failure. Therefore, we have no other purpose or ambition for coming to the Home than to help give each person here an opportunity to accept Christ as his personal Saviour.

We assumed our duties here the first Sunday in September, 1973. Since that time four children have made decisions for Christ, and there have been three rededications. Two had accepted Christ before we came. This makes a total of six waiting for baptism and being accepted as members of Memorial Chapel. The baptismal service is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 1973, at 7:30 p.m., during the evening worship hour.



It was our pleasure to unite in marriage two former members of the Home, Kenneth Ray Warren and Ivey Joyce Woodard, Friday, October 5, 1973, at 8 p.m., in Memorial Chapel. The staff, workers, and children joined in a concerted effort, upon short notice, to arrange flowers for the chapel and refreshments for the reception after the ceremony. I have never seen more enthusiasm and better cooperation to help two young people for a friendly and happy send-off.

We are asking ministers of churches to bring their entire congregations for the evening worship hour (7:30 p.m.) and have the service for the children in the chapel during any month they can arrange for it. If it is not possible for you to bring the entire congregation, maybe you have a choir, quartet, trio, or duet that could come with you and in this way have the service for the children. If any minister will do this, please write the Home and let us know the month and Sunday you can come. If that month or Sunday is filled, we will send you information about another open date. It is our hope that we will have good response to this request because, the children feel the need for this type of visitation.

We consider our work here as minister of Memorial Chapel and spiritual advisor as a great Christian challenge. We hope that by your prayers and God's help we will be able to measure up to the task that is required of us.

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Needed Items

We are very thankful that in our recent fire of the laundry that most of the loss was covered by insurance. However, we did lose some blankets and quilts that are now needed on these cold nights. We would appreciate a Sunday school class or an auxiliary group taking this on as a project. We need approximately 25 twin size quilts or blankets.

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November – Children's Home Month

For many years November has been recognized by our denomination as Children's Home month. During this month most of our Free Will Baptist churches will set aside a particular Sunday and observe Children's Home Day through special prayers and offerings.

This year we are asking each church, if possible, to observe Children's Home Day on Sunday, November 11. We sincerely believe that praying and working in unison will bring forth many results. We, at the Home, are challenging you to do two things on this Sunday: First, earnestly pray for us, for we depend upon the

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report, September, 1973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of September, 1973:

Balance August 31, 1973		$4,491.47
Receipts		
Churches	$ 647.20	
Sunday Schools	95.85	
YFAs	2.00	
Woman's Auxiliaries	54.00	
Gifts	205.00	
Unions	50.00	
Total Receipts		1,054.05
Total to Account For		$5,545.52
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 51.93	
Insurance	161.46	
Total Disbursements		219.39
Balance September 30, 1973		$5,326.13
Savings (Earmarked)		2,447.98
Grand Total		$7,774.11

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Fall Revival at Hillsberry Church

The Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church located on the corner of McArthur Lane and Beaman Street, Clinton, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of November 5-9. The Rev. Francis Garner of Dunn, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:45.

The pastor and the church members extend a special invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Powhatan Church Revival October 29—November 3

The Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 29—November 3. The Rev. Harold Jones, missionary to the Philippines, will be the visiting evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Melvin T. Moore, assisting Mr. Jones.

The pastor and the church invite the public to join them in these services and enjoy the blessings they are sure to receive.

Dilda's Grove to Observe Homecoming

The Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock hour. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship building.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and enjoy the Christian fellowship and worship.

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Holly Springs Announces Fall Revival

Revival services will be held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, North Carolina, beginning October 28, and continuing through November 2. The Rev. W. A. Martin will be the guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, assisting. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

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Friendship Church to Observe Homecoming

Homecoming services will be observed at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, Sunday, October 28. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour by the pastor, the Rev. Terry Woodard. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The pastor and church members invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

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Homecoming and Revival At Core Point Church

The Core Point Free Will Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28. The pastor, the Rev. A. Graham Lane, will deliver the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. This will be followe with a picnic lunch served on the chur grounds. All former pastors, membe and friends are cordially invited to a tend and worship with the church on th occasion.

On Monday evening following t homecoming, Core Point church will b gin its fall revival, continuing throu Saturday evening, November 3. Servic will begin each evening at 7:30 with t Rev. Fred Johnson of Arapahoe, Nor Carolina, as the guest evangelist. Alo with good preaching, special music w be rendered each evening. The past will assist in these services. He and t church membership invite everyone attend, and especially are singers invit to attend and participate in the song se vices.

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Piney Grove Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress th week at the Piney Grove Free Will Ba tist Church located on Highway 264 We Greenville, North Carolina. The servic which begin each evening at 7:30 w continue through Saturday evening, C tober 27, with the Rev. Tommy Evans, student at Mount Olive College, as t visiting minister. The pastor, the Re Scott Sowers, will assist in the servic which will feature special music ea evening. Also a nursery will be provid each night. The public is cordially inv ed to attend the remainder of these se vices.

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Cabin Church Announces Homecoming and Revival

Sunday, October 28, the Cabin Fr Will Baptist Church near Beulaville, Nor Carolina, will observe its annual hom

Coming Events . . .

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference Original Free Will Baptists, Macedor Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Conferen Eastwood Free Will Baptist Churc Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, Ma boro Free Will Baptist Church, Far ville, North Carolina

November 11—Children's Home Dav, Fr Will Baptist Children's Home, Midd sex, North Carolina

November 17—Thanksgiving Service, Fr Will Baptist Children's Home, Midd sex, North Carolina

ning service. The day's activities will gin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., lowed with the homecoming message the pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Webster, the eleven o'clock worship hour. At noon hour a picnic will be served by church. All former pastors, former mbers, and friends are invited to at- d and join together at this time of lowship and spiritual renewals.

On Monday evening following the homecoming, revival services will be- at Cabin church. The services will ntinue through Friday evening, Novem- 2, with the Rev. Ralph Sumner of dgeton, North Carolina, as the guest angelist. He will be assisted by the stor in the services which will begin ch evening at 7:30. Special singing ll be featured throughout the week. e public is invited to attend.

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mecoming and Revival Juniper Chapel

Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church ar Vanceboro, North Carolina, will ob- ve its homecoming on Sunday, Oc- er 28. The services will begin with nday school at 10 a.m., followed with worship service at eleven with the stor, the Rev. Paul Clayton, bringing homecoming message. Lunch will be ved following the worship service. An ernoon of singing has been planned. former pastors, former members, and ends are invited to attend this special casion.

On Monday evening, October 29, revi- l services will begin at Juniper Chapel, ntinuing through Saturday evening, vember 3, with the Rev. Noah Brown Morehead City, North Carolina, as the iting evangelist. The pastor will as- t in these services which will begin ch evening at 7:45. He and the church membership extend to everyone an invitation to attend and to be much in prayer for the services that God will bless and save lost souls.

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St. Paul Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes as the visiting minister. The services begin each evening at 7:45 and will continue through Friday evening, October 26. In addition to the gospel message, special singing is being rendered each evening. The pastor, the Rev. John A. Owens, is assisting Mr. Starnes. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Hopewell Homecoming And Revival

Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28. Then on Monday evening, following the homecoming, revival services will begin at Hopewell, continuing through Friday evening, November 2. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. C. L. Patrick as the visiting evangelist. The Chancel Choir of Hopewell church will be singing each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, will assist in these services.

The pastor and the church membership extend to all their friends a special invi-

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MR. SPENCER HONORED BY CHURCH

On Saturday night, September 22, the members of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday School, Columbia, North Carolina, paid tribute to one of their oldest and most faithful members. The occasion was a fish fry, given in honor of Mr. Robert L. Spencer, who has served the church in various capacities for more than half a century. Guests were seated at long tables set under the stately pines in the churchyard. Messrs. Braxton Voliva and Claude Jones fried the fish and hushpuppies which the ladies of the Sunbeam Bible Class served, along with slaw, corn, and potatoes. Home cooked cakes and pies, coffee, and iced tea completed the menu. Grace for the meal was said by the Rev. J. M. Barfield, pastor of the church. Mr. Spencer was presented a gift from the members of his Sunday school class.

Mr. Robert, as he is affectionately known in his community, has been an active member of Malachi's Chapel church for sixty years, having been received into membership in 1913 at the age of fourteen. Within three years of that time he was taking a very active part in the work by serving on several committees. In March, 1925, Mr. Spencer succeeded Mr. H. S. Swain as the church treasurer. In this capacity he served for forty-seven years and six months, retiring in the summer of this year because of ill health.

In 1940 Mr. Spencer was elected to the board of deacons of Malachi's Chapel church. He has held this position for thirty-three years and continues to serve the church with his guidance.

Certainly no account of Mr. Spencer's church work would be complete without mention of his outstanding work as teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday school. For more than forty years he has very ably interpreted the Scriptures to this group, and through his teaching ministry, has influenced for good the many men privileged to hear him.

The Christian witness and service of this good man has not been limited to work in his local church, but have been statewide. One of the projects which has always been close to his heart is the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. For twenty-three years he served on the board of directors of this institution. During those years he never missed but one meeting and that was because of a death in his immediate family. He was serving as chairman of the board when he resigned in 1969.

While his church has been Mr. Spencer's first love, he is also well known throughout Tyrrell County and Eastern North Carolina as an educator, a public servant, and an excellent farmer. Until a few years ago when his health would no longer permit, he operated a farm in the Creeks section of the county. He taught in the public schools for many years and served for sixteen years as the county accountant. As in his church work, he served in all these areas with distinction, earning the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Spencer is married to the former Miss Ada Chesson. They live in the Creeks section of Tyrrell County where they enjoy among other things, visits from friends, relatives, and especially their several grandchildren.

our Church Auxiliaries

Reception, Welcoming the Humphreys

On Sunday, October 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Woman's Auxiliary of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina, welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, and his family, with a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene James.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Williams who directed them to the receiving line.

A fall color scheme was used throughout the house. The refreshment table was centered with a beautiful floral arrangement of orange, gold, and brown colored flowers, with orange tapers hanging from each side.

Serving at the table were Mrs. Jeanette Spain, who poured the punch; and Mrs. Marie Carraway, who served the cake. Mrs. Eugene James and Mrs. Steve Little serviced the table in keeping the containers refilled with other refreshments. Miss Tammy Peadon and Miss Lynn Gray relieved the guests of their plates when they were finished.

A time of sweet fellowship was enjoyed by the many guests who attended.

At the register table was Mr. Steve Little, who also said good-byes to the guests as they departed.

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Eastern District Youth Convention

On Saturday, September 22, Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, was host to the Fall Convention of the Eastern District Youth Fellowship. The theme for the day was "Telling the Good News." Pamphlets and gloves depicting the theme were given each person. Also, Mrs. Melody Wall, youth chairman, centered her devotions around witnessing wherever you are.

Suggestions from the floor were given on activities for the youth of our churches. Some groups reported to have raised from $300 to $600 by holding rummage sales, bazaars, and car washes.

There was a report from Mount Olive College by Mrs. Dianne Riley. Also a report on the state youth work by the president, Tommy Evans.

New officers were elected for the next term as follows: president, Steven Hill; vice-president, Lisa Buck; secretary, Nancy Gaskins.

Youth Singers, Saint Mary's Church

A youth group from the host church presented a program of music for the convention, accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox.

Mrs. Edwin Roper and Mrs. Ann Ellis

Mrs. Edwin Roper and Mrs. Ann Ellis

from Belhaven, North Carolina, sha their message of witnessing with the vention through their puppet friends.

Guyla Corbett and Danny

Also entertaining the convention Miss Guyla Corbett, ventriloquist, f Ayden, North Carolina, and her dum friend, Danny.

Serving as song director was M Johnnette Piner of the host church, as pianist, Miss Marla Ard of Chris Chapel church, Pink Hill, North Carol

An enjoyable lunch was served by ladies of the host church at the n hour.

Mrs. Melody Wall
Youth Chairman

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Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary F Convention Report

The fall convention of the Eastern trict Woman's Auxiliary Convention vened with Smith's New Home Free Baptist Church near Deep Run, N Carolina, on Thursday, September The theme for the convention was "Bu ing the Kingdom," with Scripture ta from Luke 6:48.

Morning Session

The president, Mrs. F. M. Regis called the convention to order and congregation sang "The Church's Foundation." The devotional was c ducted by Mrs. William Davis who g some timely and very impressive rema on "Building the Kingdom." Prayer offered by Mrs. Harry Willis.

Mrs. Bertie Howard of the host au iary extended a very warm welcome everyone, with Mrs. Edna E. Fowler sponding.

The president recognized seven st officers, ten district officers, eight n

ers, and approximately one hundred sitors. Also the fifty delegates registered were recognized. In her remarks, e president reminded the congregation at everyone's foundation should be on e solid rock of Jesus Christ as she tries spread the Word of God throughout e world. Also each auxiliary member ould support the denominational enterises. She displayed a drawing of the ndation for houses in a biblical county.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock and Mrs. Lillie Mae sser represented Cragmont Assembly. ey stated that the assembly was in ed of linens, and asked each auxiliary make contributions toward these.

Mrs. Ellen Dixon represented the Free ll Baptist Press Foundation and its okstores in Ayden, New Bern, Wilson, d Smithfield. She stated that the press s offering a special of "The Free Will otist" through December, 1973. She ged everyone to subscribe to it. She o gave the topics of several fine books t could be purchased at the various ss bookstores.

Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent, gave eport and brought greetings from the ldren's Home. He stated that 13 children had been admitted to the home since uary, 1973; also that 23 children at present time were not being sponed. He read a letter from Randy Fairth, the child from the home sponsored the Eastern District. Mr. Weeks asked our continued prayers and support. stated, "Doors are open—come and it."

Dr. Hilda Owens represented Mount ve College. She expressed appreciato the district for its interest and port of the college. She stated that college enrollment was stable and was impressed with the quality of student body, faculty, and the entire sonnel. She also said that in some es Mount Olive College was leading in cation, not following. The college rests your prayers and support. By a ion and vote of the convention, apciations were extended to Dr. Owens coming back to our college to work r having been away for two years on atical leave to further her education. received a rising vote of thanks.

n offering of $90.50 was received e equally divided between the Chil's Home and Mount Olive College. offertory prayer was offered by . James Evans.

iss Marsha Grady rendered special ic, "So Send I You," accompanied at piano by Miss Linda Smith.

e morning mesage was by the Rev. Harold Jones, missionary to the Philippines. Portions of Scripture were read from Acts 2 and 8. In commenting on the subject, "Building the Kingdom," he stated that God's challenge to us is to build a kingdom of people drawn into the family of God, such as took place on the Day of Pentecost—not as David built, but a lasting one. He closed his message with prayer.

The president appointed the various committees at this time.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with chorus singing and prayer by Mrs. Rena Kirk.

Mrs. W. E. Baldree conducted a memorial service for the nine deceased members during the past year. They were: Mrs. Katie Wells Rowell, Pearsall Chapel church; Mrs. Elsie Dixon, St. Mary's church; Mrs. Amy Cowell, Mount Zion church (Pamlico County); Mrs. Lela Harris and Mrs. Viola Smith, First church, Kinston; Mrs. Nan Garner, Holly Springs church; Mrs. Lessie Agent, First church, Woodrow; Mrs. Lola Davis, Davis church; and, Mrs. Terra Belle Lewis, Otway church. Mrs. Baldree gave some impressive and appropriate remarks, followed with a moment of silence and a memorial prayer by Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. The service closed with the solo, "Home, Sweet Home," by the Rev. Clyde Cox.

Minutes of the executive meeting were read. Motions recommended to the convention to be voted on were:

1. That this convention pay for the declamation and essay awards (in lieu of money) as long as is necessary. The price would be about $2.50 each.

2. That Mrs. W. E. Baldree fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Katherine Harrison as woman of the year chairman.

3. For Mrs. Adaline Gray and Mrs. Melody Wall to receive life membership certificates and pin awards.

4. That Mrs. Velma Wells and Mrs. Cynthia Smith be reelected to serve another two years on the finance committee.

By motion and vote these were passed on. One motion was tabled for further discussion by the executive committee.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. presented to Mrs. Adaline Gray and Mrs. Melody Wall life membership certificates and pin awards.

Mrs. Adaline Gray gave a report on missions and presented Mrs. Sandra Jones, a returned missionary on furlough. Mrs. Jones expressed her thanks for all that had been done for her and her family and the other missionaries on the field. She also shared many of her experiences with us.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, the Anna Phillips Loan Fund chairman, gave information concerning the fund and urged auxiliaries to support this cause.

Mrs. Nerry Wall, youth chairman, spoke in behalf of the youth work.

The Rev. Luther Swinson represented Camp Vandemere and stated that our prayers and support were needed. He solicited the support of the woman's auxiliaries. The Rev. James Evans told of an experience at Camp Vandemere at Easter and at other times. He asked for faith in and financial support for the future of Camp Vandemere.

Mrs. Rivers Winstead, field worker, asked, "Who are we? Co-laborers with Christ?" She urged each auxiliary to be more active and better witnesses for Christ.

Mrs. Carol Hansley urged us not to forget our retired ministers—those who have blazed the trail for us.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Mrs. Alma Dale, and Mrs. Jeaneane Brumbaugh. They sang "If That Isn't Love" and "The Next Step."

The secretary's report was given.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. W. B. Raper due to the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard. By a motion and vote this report was accepted.

A motion was carried that the convention buy a suit for Randy Faircloth, our adopted child at the Children's Home, from his spending money fund.

A report of the finance committee was read and accepted.

There was a motion to send $45 to Camp Vandemere. This motion was carried.

The local auxiliaries were reminded to support the various projects: Cragmont, $10; Mount Olive College Organ Fund, $20; Children's Home Freezer Fund, $20; Missions, $15 for Sandra Jones, Mattie Lou Link, and Mrs. Timmons.

A motion was carried that we send a note of thanks to Randy Faircloth for writing to us and a get-well card to Mr. Rom Mallard.

The petition committee reported that Sandy Plain church would like to entertain the spring convention. A motion was carried to accept the invitation.

The resolutions committee reported as follows: Be it resolved, that we give a vote of thanks to the host church for the warm welcome, hospitality, and good food; that we give a vote of thanks to

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

WANT CHRISTIAN RECREATION?

by Z. I. Perocillo

If the word "recreation" is defined as a "refreshment in body or mind, as after work, by some form of play, amusement or relaxation," then I suggest that every Christian should have a Christian recreation. But what is it?

The phrase "Christian recreation" is unheard of, but this is the only phrase I know that will describe a work experience that becomes a play; as personal evangelism, or house to house evangelism. This is an experience that when a person becomes accustomed to doing it with joy, even though it is work, will become a game that recreates, refreshing both body and mind.

I'm talking here about a personal experience that I know will work in some degree among people who truly believe in Jesus Christ; people who find joy in their salvation, and whose concept of sin is not mere maladjustment but something that sinks and destroys. People who realize the urgency of preaching the gospel message are essential, because those people who don't have Christ in their hearts are the most miserable of all creatures, no matter who they are and what they have.

Should all Christians make witnessing their recreation, then we would have no crisis of laborers in the vineyard, much less cold and indifferent Christians or even backsliders. The most amazing thing that can happen to one who becomes accustomed to personal witnessing is the fact that not only the one witnessing finds joy and relaxation as he enjoys the conversation with the prospects, but his or her faith grows stouter too, in the process.

Just think of the wisdom shown when Jesus commanded us, saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . Teaching them to observe all things, . . ." (Matthew 28:18, 19).

If you obey there's that inner joy, a feeling of self-fulfillment, a realization that your life is well spent; a feeling of security not based on wealth but on the very foundation of Jesus himself. (I think this will partly explain the aforementioned theoretical paradox which is experientially very clear: like having recreation or relaxation even under pressure of work due to the urgency of doing it; the seemingly very long day because you have many things to do, yet the hours of the day pass by without your notice, because you enjoy the work and you forget about the time.)

If you don't obey Christian teaching there's no guarantee that even you will not slide away from Jesus. Failing to witness to your loved ones may cause you or them to abide in the lake of fire instead of the glory land. Some people easily share nonsense talk, or even a little bit of food with their neighbors, but seldom share with their neighbors the bread of life that multiplies when it is shared—the most delicious food of all!

I trust, however, that God would bless this humble experience of turning witnessing work into recreation by means of God's Holy Spirit urging others to try to do for themselves; not just to find relaxation and recreation, though that's great, but most important of all is to follow God's command to us and to be true to ourselves. To realize the fact that we are God's witnesses and to make use of that fact, is primarily the reason we are here.

Out of this experience and pursuant to this aforementioned command, right now we are teaching some of our members to personally witness for Christ by first, acocmpanying them to their unsaved neighbors and allowing them to observe. We also teach them how to distribute tracts.

This is a little thing, but if this will awaken the sleeping hero in a man's soul where often a simple work of appreciation and acceptance begins the remedy, then and only then, a crowd of witnesses will once again become a reality in our time.

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There's a new cigarette almost ready for the market. It comes with earplugs for those who don't want to hear why they should not smoke.

A Note of Appreciatio

The Rev. Clyde Cox ended his pastora at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Chur in New Bern, North Carolina, on Sunda September 30, but stayed on to dire the music for our revival during the we of October 1-6.

Under his leadership many improv ments were made to the church propert but more important, was the addition 79 members to the church roll and t rededication of many lives who were ready members of the church.

Brother and Sister Cox were a re blessing to the members of our chur during the three years they were wi us, and our prayers and good wishes with them wherever God leads them labor in His vineyard.

They have left us with a spirit brotherly love and fellowship in o church that makes us feel stronger the work of our Lord and Master. W ask the prayers of all Christians that G will send us a shepherd to lead Sai Mary's church in the straight and narro way that we might be a Bible-preachi Bible-teaching, and soul-winning churc witnessing unto the uttermost parts the world for Christ.

W. J. Gaskins,
General Board Chairma
D. W. Hancock,
Deacon Board Chairman

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NEWS NOTES

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tation to attend both the homecomi and the revival.

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Lanier's Chapel Church to Observe Annual Homecoming

The Lanier's Chapel Free Will Bapt Church near Chinquapin, North Carolin will observe its annual homecoming Su day, October 28. Sunday school will gin at ten o'clock, followed with homecoming message by the Rev. Carlt Lucas, a student of Mount Olive Colle at the worship hour. Lunch will served on the church grounds at noo

In the afternoon a singspiration v be held. The pastor and the chu members invite all former pastors, me bers, and friends to attend this spec day.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: What is modernism and what is meant when a minister is called a modernist?

Answer: I suppose this would depend in part upon the one so designating the preacher or so branding the one referred to as a modernist. When I first recall hearing such terms was while attending the Moody Bible Institute. The teachers there, including Dr. James M. Gray, its president, were greatly disturbed over the then fast changing conditions in those they said had been following the truth as found in the Bible, accepted, propagated it, and believed it; but at that time were denouncing it, and in some cases, were denying it and in some were questioning it. The Word of God they claimed was no longer the sole authority propagated in all the Christian churches and church-related schools. They, and especially Drs. James M. Gray and Reuben A. Torrey, traveled widely upholding the traditional view of the Christian church on the genuineness, authenticity, inerrancy, and divine inspiration of God's Holy Word.

Harry Emerson Fosdick and Shaler Matthews of America and Litton Richards from Birmingham, England, were, they said, defying Christ, His church, and God's Word; and that in their antichrist's propaganda they would build the foundation for atheistic unbelief in the state-supported schools and set in motion the antichrist so definitely until before long many of the church-related schools would be following the spirit of doubt as begotten in the state-supported schools. This they thought would spill over into the denominations and the local churches and finally to the Christian homes.

Well from my view point, I have seen no prophecy more definitely and noticeably fulfilled. Whereas, when I first became a student of the Scriptures there was almost no question concerning the Bible as God's divine Word when it spoke on a subject. Its author was respected in church, school, and the home. Now I hear about as much said to downgrade the truth as found in God's Word in these venerable institutions as I do in its defense when the subject comes up.

Modernism as represented by these venerable Moody teachers would seem to be anything that failed to give Jesus Christ our precious Saviour the hallowed and exalted place He is given in the Bible. Since it sets Him forth as the inerrant, eternal, unchangeable, virgin born, crucified, risen, ascended, returning, and reigning Son of God; they would say that anyone who denies or questions those facts concerning Him would be a modernist.

A modernistic preacher would be one who fails to make clear and plain these qualities given of Jesus in the Bible, or those who question in any way such characteristics would be to that degree in fellowship and in harmony with the modernist and therefore out of fellowship and harmony with Christ and His loyal disciples.

Here in part is what Dr. L. T. Talbot has to say on this vital question on Page 238 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained:**

"Modernism is the substitution of human philosophy for divine revelation. Really, the word 'modernism' is a misnomer. Its true title should be 'ancientism'; for it asks the old question raised by Satan in the Garden of Eden, 'Hath God said?'

"Modernism denies the inspiration of the Bible, the Virgin Birth and the deity of Christ, the fall of man, and the atonement of Jesus Christ. It also denied the physical resurrection of Christ; and, of course, laughs at the doctrine of His second coming. Modernism is as antichristian as are Christian Science and Theosophy. It is the worst blight on Christendom today.

"A modernist preacher is one who believes in modernism."

The Bible seems to condemn Christians who befriend the kind of false teachers that are often branded modernist. How else would one interpret such passages as: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 7-11).

When any modernist denies or questions the authenticity of the Bible's teaching concerning the virgin birth of our blessed Lord, I do not think God would have us pat him on the back and indicate to him that even though we have different views on this point in doctrine we shall be friends. God did not so instruct Elijah in 1 Kings 18:17-46. Pay special attention to 1 Kings 18:40.

God in His precious Word is definite and direct when it comes to what should be done by Christians regarding false teachers. And whether he calls himself a modernist, a Christian Scientist, or someone from a cult, if the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the power of His blood to save are questioned, or if any kind of substitute is offered instead, or as a necessary parallel, to these we should give the unadulterated gospel, including the passages that pronounce God's eternal judgment upon such false teachers. If and when the gospel is rejected we need no longer waste time with such final rejecters. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4); "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and

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STORIES

for our youth

LUMPY CLAY

ELLEN STEELE

HOW would you like to go to the fair tomorrow?"

"The fair? Oh, goody!" exclaimed Cindy.

"Sure thing, Dad!" agreed Robbie.

"We'll go early and take a picnic lunch," Mrs. Newman added.

They were almost the first to enter the gates at the fair next morning. Into one huge building after another they walked, looking at the exhibits. Eating lunch under a tree was fun, too. After lunch the Newmans came to a booth filled with colorful pottery.

"Would you like to see how vases and bowls are made?" Mr. Newman asked.

"Sure!" said Robbie. "Let's go in."

Mr. Newman led them into the booth. The potter was at work.

"Hello, folks," the man greeted them. "You're just in time. I'm about to start a vase." While the Newmans watched him he told them:

"Clay is a kind of dust. It was once rock. Wind blew on the rock and rain splashed on it until they wore it to dust. We use clay to make pottery, dishes, brick, and other things. Clay is a powder when I get it. I mix water with it until it is like bread dough. Here—feel it." Cindy touched the wet clay.

"It feels all smooth and sticky," she said.

"Clay has to be smooth. Lumps make vases fall apart while I mold them." The man formed the clay into a ball and set it on a small round table.

"This table is called a potter's wheel," he explained. "The wheel is kept turning so that the pottery will be smooth, and round, and even. It is turned with foot pedals." The potter worked the pedal with his feet. The wheel began to turn.

"It's like a record player turntable," noted Robbie.

"That's right," replied the man. Dipping his hands in water, he went on. "Water keeps the clay from sticking to my hands. Now, to start a vase, I push my thumbs down into the center of the ball of clay, like this. Then, with my thumbs making the inside of the vase and my fingers the outside, I'll just draw the sides up and shape them." The sides of the vase began to grow upward in the man's hands.

"Have you ever heard of the prophet Jeremiah?" the potter asked.

"Yes—in Sunday school," answered Robbie.

"He's in our Bible storybook," Cindy added.

"One day God told Jeremiah to go and watch a potter at work."

Suddenly something went wrong. The vase fell apart in the potter's hands.

"What made it do that?" asked Robbie. The potter looked at the crumbled clay.

"Here is the trouble—a pebble. My fingers struck it and pulled the whole vase to pieces." He picked out the pebble. "We'll just make the clay into a ball again and start over."

"A potter working with clay," the man said as he pushed his wet thumbs into the spinning ball, "is like God working with people. God wants our lives to be useful and beautiful. So, He begins to mold us like clay. But sometimes something gets into our life that ruins it.

"I didn't throw away my broken clay, you notice. I just picked out the pebble and used the clay again. God doesn't throw us away when there is something bad in our lives. He will pick out the bad and make us all new again if we will ask Him to. That's what God show Jeremiah."

The vase was now finished.

"Can we buy this vase?" asked Cind

"Not today," answered the potter. has to dry. Then I'll bake it. Then I cover it with shiny glaze and heat again. After that I'll decorate it. If y want a vase today, I have some all pair ed and ready."

"Please buy me one, Daddy," pleade Cindy.

"I'll get you and your mother ea one," said Mr. Newman.

At home that evening, Cindy sat at t table working a jigsaw puzzle. Robb was building a model airplane at t other end of the table. Cindy's vase, fi ed with flowers, stood between the Robbie whistled as he worked.

"Stop that noise!" demanded Cind Robbie whistled louder. "Stop it!" Cin screamed, pounding the table.

"Quit shaking the table!" cried Ro bie.

"I'll shake it if I want to!" Cindy sho the table hard.

"Quit it! See—you knocked the ru der off my plane!"

"Ha! Ha!"

"Ha! Ha! yourself!" Robbie reache over and jumbled Cindy's puzzle.

"I'll fix you!" Cindy upset the mod plane. In answer, Robbie knocked Ci dy's vase to the floor. Cindy dived f Robbie's hair, crying. At that mome their parents appeared. Their fath ordered them to their rooms.

In his room, Robbie couldn't forget h parents' troubled look. He felt ashame "That was going too far, breaking Ci dy's vase," he thought. Then he reme bered what the potter had said.

"I'm just like a spoiled vase," Robb sighed. "The potter made his vase ove God can make me over." Robbie slid c the bed onto his knees.

"Dear God," he prayed, "I'm sorry was so bad. I'm just like lumpy cla Please take the bad things out of r heart and make me new."

Later, Robbie took the pieces of Cind vase and a tube of glue to his room. Aft awhile he knocked on Cindy's door.

"Cindy," he called. The door opene "I—I—I'm sorry I broke your vase."

"I'm sorry I spoiled your plane."

"Here's your vase. I glued it ba together. When it's dry you can p flowers in it again."

"Thank you, Robbie. Why, you c hardly tell it was broken!"

"I'm just like that vase the pot

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

. Raper at Free Union

r. W. Burkette Raper, President of nt Olive College, will deliver the 11 worship service at Free Union Free Baptist Church near Walstonburg, th Carolina, on Sunday, October 28. pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, invites friends to attend the service.

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73 Mount Olive ollege Dinners

elow is a schedule giving the dates place for county dinners to be held Mount Olive College during the bal- e of October and the month of Novem-

ash County—Wednesday, October 24, .m., Middlesex Elementary Scohol eteria, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chair- .

arteret County—Saturday, October 27, .m., East Carteret High School, Regi- l Styron, chairman.

raven County—Tuesday, October 30, .m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern, h A. Morris and Mrs. Dianne Riley, airmen.

uplin County—Saturday, November 3, .m., East Duplin High School Cafeteria, is Evans, chairman.

ohnston-Wake Counties—Monday, No- ber 5, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma High ool, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, chair- n.

ones County—Wednesday, November :30 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, s Carol Banks and Mrs. Irene Batch- , cochairmen.

itt County—Thursday, November 8, 7 ., D. H. Conley High School, the Revs. rles Crisp and Bobby Bazen, cochair- n.

nslow-New Hanover Counties—Friday, vember 9, 7 p.m., Dixon School Cafe- a, Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

reene County — Saturday, November 7 p.m., Greene Central High School eteria, George Harrison and James Ray awhorn, cochairmen.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties—Monday, November 12, 7 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon and the Rev. Herman Grubbs, cochairmen.

Wilson County—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties—Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Beaufort County—Saturday, November 24, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties—Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman.

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New Creations Singers

"The New Creations," a singing group from Mount Olive College, will be appearing at the following churches in the near future:

Saturday night, October 27, Herron Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Sunday morning, October 28, Herron Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 2, 3, 4, Religious Life Retreat, Oriental, North Carolina.

Sunday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. (Group 1), Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina.

Sunday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. (Group 2), Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Mount Olive, North Carolina.

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Marlboro Church Homecoming October 28, 1973

The Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28, with the Honorable Sam Bundy as the guest speaker. Following a picnic lunch at the noon hour, a program of singing has been planned for the afternoon.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Harry Jones announces that he is available for revival and evangelistic work. Any church desiring his services may contact him at his new address: Post Office Box 523, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, instead of his former address: 190 Hill Prince Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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The pastor, the Rev. N. B. Barrow Sr., and the church membership extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Life in the Christian Community

Printed Text: Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2

I. INTRODUCTION

All of us are a part of a community. Our lives will in some way affect everyone we meet and with whom we do business of any kind. Our neighbors should see some evidence of the power of Christ in our talk, our walk, and our daily ministrations. They will see something, whether commendable or not; for we cannot hide it.

Our neighbors know whether church members are Christians or not. If we are genuinely Christian, it will appear on the surface. It was said of Jesus, "He could not be hid." If He is in our hearts, the proof of His indwelling will be clear to all. We can't hide Him, and the genuine Christian would not if he could.

While we fully accept the fact that Christ is the "chief cornerstone," we need to keep in mind that every Christian is a part of the church and his community. Some are large stones, some small; some ornamental, some plain; prominently placed, some totally hidden from view; some in the foundations, others high in the spire. But all are important and enter into the making of the completed building, whether the church or the community. And all are held together by the cement of Christian love.

A Christian is a living sermon whether or not he preaches a word. He is the world's only Bible and is read of all who know him. You cannot lift others to a higher level than that on which you live yourself, and others will follow your footsteps easier than they will follow your advice. — **The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The unity of the church is not the organic union of denominations, but the unity of believers in Christ. The only way that denominations can unite is for each one to sacrifice certain beliefs, and the resultant organization is not the true representative of either group that went to make it up.

B. People need people. Sometimes you see a soul who will say, "I don't need anyone." This is not true. There are so many ways that we are dependent and so many ways that we need each other. A man is very foolish to deny that he has need of other Christians.

C. If each member of the church, the body of Christ, performed his function properly, the result would be a united, well coordinated organism. But when even one member fails, it is a sign of sickness in the body.

D. No member of the church has any reason to feel inferior or jealous of another. We have our own peculiar function to perform, and no one else can do it for us. They have their own function to perform and we cannot do it for them.

E. Since the church is the body of Christ, when He wants something done on the earth, He depends upon the church to do it. When your mind wants something done, don't you depend upon your body to do it?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. On several occasions in his writings the apostle Paul used the human body as an illustration of the church.

Our bodies have various organs, such as our eyes and ears, that enable us to experience the world around us.

Other parts of our bodies serve to maintain life.

Our hands enable us to work, and our feet and legs provide mobility.

Just as there are different parts in the human body, and each part is necessary to its normal functioning, so there are different areas of ministry in the church that must be maintained if the church is to function as it should.

Some in the church are able to provide **leadership.** Everyone can share in the ministry of **giving,** though some are al to share more generously than others.

The work of **teaching** is vital to t life of the church. Unless the truths the gospel are taught, the church w die.

Some serve by **encouraging** and **he ing** whenever they can. Others are sk ed in **witnessing** and bringing the lost Christ.

It is manifest that no one organ limb in the human body can perform of the functions necessary to the norm operation of the body. Likewise no o person in the church can perform all t ministries that will make the church active, thriving body. All the membe must work together under one head, sus Christ, to achieve that.—**Standard L son Commentary.**

B. Some church members are ston built into the structure of the church or in the sense that they are dead weigl Peter emphasized the fact that we a "living stones." To achieve this, must give our lives in daily servic Unity and diversity provide the setti for ceaseless activity in the divine ca paign to save a lost world.—**C. F. Bowe**

C. Dr. W. B. Riley, who for more th forty years was pastor of the First Ba tist Church of Minneapolis, has a serm on the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthian Space will not permit us a long quo tion from this sermon, but we would li to point out that his sermon had thr parts: "A Diversity in Manifestation the Gifts of the Spirit," "A Unity in t Administration of the Gifts," and "Utili in the Application of the Gifts."

We can see the diversity of gifts in t individuality of Christians. No two ha the same personality, the same abili or the same mind. There is a great versity in this respect among God's pe ple. The unity in the administration the gifts may be seen in the fact that t function of each one is important to t well-being of the organism, and all the organs function for the well-being the organism as a whole. Otherwise t organism is sick and does not functi properly. Then the utility in the adm istration of the gifts may be seen in th the work of each organ is necessary t the proper functioning of the organism a whole. This leaves no room for boa ing or looking with disrespect upon a other member.

The source of life for this wonder organism, the church, is our Lord Jes Christ himself. He is the Life, and eve one who is saved has been saved by h

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here is really nothing funny about the nking problem that plagues millions of ericans and others throughout the rld. Though their antics while under influence of alcohol might prove using to us—even to the extent that human side of our natures respond h a smile or chuckle—the severity of problem admonishes us not to take it lightly.

his writer can remember as a young having heard sung on many occasns, by those who were partakers of d drink, the following barroom song: e whiskey, rye whiskey, rye whiskey y; if I can't get rye whiskey, I think ill die. If the ocean were whiskey I were a duck, I'd dive to the bottom never come up." There were varians of this song and additional verses, the point is made without elaborat- Suffice it to say that while there be a bit of humor in the "reel," the lication is far from funny.

low about "Ninety-nine bottles of beer the wall, ninety-nine bottles of beer; e one down and pass it around, ninety- t bottles of beer. . ."? The point is le clear again without elaboration. sently there is a song of the same ber going around that asserts that heaven there is no beer; that's why drink it down here." Funny to some, to others not so funny! Ask the holic how funny it is. Ask his fam- Ask someone whose child was killed wreck where alcohol was a deciding or. They'll all tell you just how "fun- it is!

e are certainly not fanatical, but we not help but be concerned about the ent proposal on liquor-by-the-drink orth Carolina and speak out against We must, in good conscience, call for defeat; and we also urge our people ft **their** voices in protest.

ne friend remarked jokingly at this er's unfavorable attitude toward king that he had known some boozer who were rather successful, though did not approve of the habit and was a member of their circle. Our conion is that boozers have the right to se for themselves, but it is a known that boozers are **always** losers in the for God will be the final judge—not Comment?

Woman's Auxiliary

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our ministers who are faithful in supporting our auxiliary convention; and that this convention be better workers for the kingdom of the Lord, and will cast our vote on November 6, against liquor-by-the-drink. These resolutions were passed on.

In behalf of the auxiliary convention the courtesy committee extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Smith's New Home Auxiliary for the beautiful floral arrangement in the church, the bountiful dinner, and very warm and gracious hospitality in making us feel so welcome. It is a day long to be remembered.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand March 1, 1973, of $30.16; receipts through August 31, 1973, $2,961.92; disbursements during this period, $2,961.-92; leaving a balance on hand September 1, 1973, of $30.16. In the special account (child's spending money), $116. Sent direct to the Children's Home by request of donor, $272.

The finance committee reported a balance on hand of $30.16; received from various sources, $439.50; making a total of $469.66 to account for. Disbursements over the period of March 1, 1973—August 31, 1973, amounted to $360.82; leaving a balance in the treasury of $108.84.

Serving as pianist for the convention was Mrs. J. B. Starnes with Mrs. Nerry Wall as song leader.

The convention adjourned with a rising vote of thanks to the host church and benediction.

Mrs. Nelson Simpson Sr., **Secretary**

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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power and wisdom of God. Second, receive a special offering for us and accept, as a challenge, the amount of $1 per member.

In a previous article you were notified that the "Turkey Folders" were at the Home which could be used by churches for the Thanksgiving offering. These folders are available to you upon request; so, if you desire to use them, notify us right away.

On Sunday, November 17, at 10 a.m., our Thanksgiving services will begin at the Children's Home. This will be an all-day celebration and we hope that all of you will come. At 12 o'clock we will eat dinner on the grounds and we are asking each of you to bring a picnic basket with you. The Home will provide the drinks; so, you need not bring them. In the afternoon we will have games, if the weather permits, and also open house so that you might see the entire facilities.

Our guest speaker for the morning services will be the Rev. E. C. Morris, pastor of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church at Walstonburg, North Carolina. We plan to have a short Thanksgiving program in which the children will participate, also some special singing. Each of you make your plans right now to come and spend the day with us. During the morning services there will be time set aside for each church to present their special love offering to the Home.

This year the special offering will consist of not only the cash offering, but of goods which you might like to contribute to the Home. We plan to have the new storehouse completely finished by November 17, and we are hoping that our Free Will Baptist friends will help us fill it up on this special occasion. So bring whatever you want to contribute and we will be happy to accept your gifts.

Let us all unite together and make this the best Thanksgiving ever for our seventy-three children. Please do your part and participate this year. May God continue to bless each of you for your faithful support of His ministry here at the Home.

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Public Address System For Children's Home

For a long time it has been very difficult to hear programs in the Memorial Chapel at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. Since many of our statewide programs take place there, a motion was passed in the last session of the North Carolina State Convention that the convention purchase a new public address system for the chapel. The estimated cost is $800. Gifts for this project should be earmarked as such and sent to Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888, treasurer of the convention.

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TRIUMPHANT IN CRISES

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker testifies, "I probably would not be here today if it had not been for the spiritual light and the moral power derived from the Bible. It has carried me through many crises of life."

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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SHUT OUT FOREVER!

Many years ago, a man came out from the Jaffa gate, Jerusalem, and stood upon a hillock, shouting with all his might, as if forewarning of danger, and gesticulating wildly, as if to call our attention to what he was announcing. "What is the man saying?" we asked our guide.

"He is shouting, 'Yellah! Yellah!'"

"What does that mean?"

"Come along! Come along!"

We now found we were about to be shut out, and this messenger had come to warn us that the gate was about to be closed. We made haste, as we did not at all relish the thought of being kept all night outside the walls. We were just in, no more. We entered, and the gate closed behind us.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Be alert! You may miss your ship, train, or plane for your journey through life.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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made—spoiled and made over again," said Robbie soberly.

"Me, too," whispered Cindy—**My Pleasure.**

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Sunday School Lesson

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atonement. There is no other way. He is not only the source of our life, but He is also the coordinator of this life. If the members of the church do not look to the Lord for their leadership, the organs are not properly coordinated and the result is disaster.—**Floyd B. Cherry.**

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Questions & Answers

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touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Abraham left Ur under God's direction because they used idols for worship (see Genesis 12). If in a church group or in any segment of society we should find ourselves bound by the regulations of that group to principles and practices contrary to God's instructions as found in the Bible, it would be our responsible duty not only to withdraw from it, but also to denounce its evil practices and unorthodox teachings. There may come a time in this age when the exit to a local church and its use by a devoted follower of Christ may become as essential to Christian fellowship as the entrance to a local church where there is to be found love and fellowship in Christ. It can be much like heaven when fellowshi with genuine blood bought fervent Cl tians like some described in Acts 4 but this could have turned into just opposite had such as Ananias and phira remained and attracted such they. Fred Stroud, a genuine frienc Christ, used to say, "If you can't put hypocrites out of a church of which are a member, get out yourself." Bible surely teaches us not to be equally joined together with unbe ers"; that "bitter and sweet water not come from the same fountain" James 3:11, 12). This should encou us to keep the church membership c of modernistic unbelievers.

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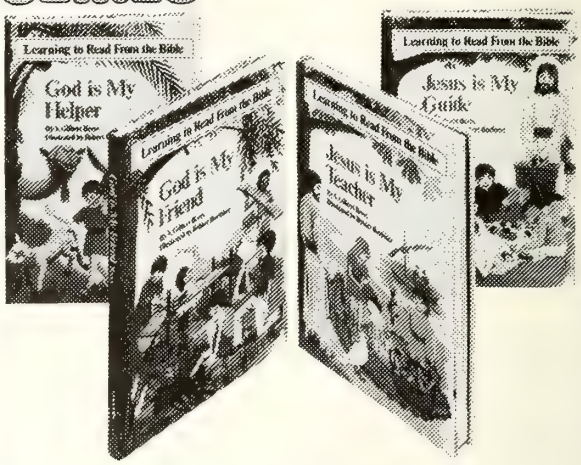

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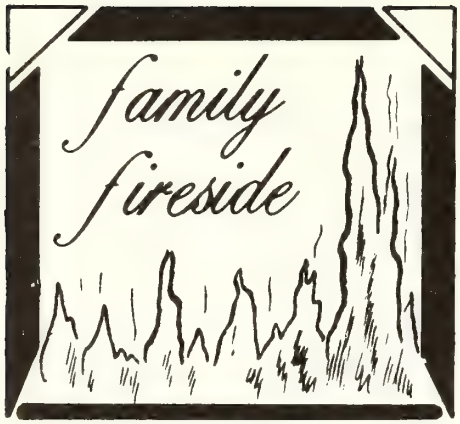

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:12

A Hardened Heart Softened

A gentleman saw a boy thief in his flower garden. He went forth quietly in a roundabout way to meet the boy and, coming up behind him, laid his hand on the boy's shoulder, saying: "Now, my boy, answer me one question: Which is the best flower in my garden?" The boy, finding no escape, looked around and after a few minutes' pause, said, "That rose is best," as he pointed to a beautiful moss rose. The gentleman, still keeping one hand on the boy's shoulder, reached out his other hand and, plucking the rose in all its beauty, gave it to the boy. As he released him he said, "There take it, my boy." The boy was amazed. Looking into the face of his strange benefactor, he said, "Ain't you going to have me punished, sir?" "No," was the reply; "but as I am going to give you the best flower in my garden, you will never steal again from my flower beds, will you?" "Never, sir, as long as I live," was the emphatic reply; "but, please, sir, ain't there some little errand I can do for you?" Free forgiveness and a token of love had won the hardened boy's heart, and from that hour he was the willing servant of his friend.—*Christian Herald (London).*

Prayer Thought

In many instances kindness as a retaliation for an offense obtains better results than anger and revenge.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:17-19

Her Responsibility

A poor man was once obliged to seek financial aid of a wealthy Christian woman. After hearing of the need, the lady made out a check for the amount, and, as she handed it to the man, told him that he need not return the money. Then she made a strong remark: "This is more than God ever gave me," she said. The man looked at her in surprise and said: "Mrs. D—, I am surprised to hear you say that. You have abundance, and God has given you all you have." She smiled and replied: "I speak the truth, for God has not *given* me but *lent* unto me what I have, that I may in his name, bestow it upon those who are in need."—*King's Business.*

Prayer Thought

Everything we have the use of is granted to us through God's graciousness. Use them as you would any borrowed item and do not become too attached to them.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:24

Cheaper Than the Matinee

I once attended a convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and heard a speaker tell this true story in illustration of her address on stewardship. A woman in the congregation to which the speaker belonged took her two small children one Saturday afternoon to a matinee to see Maude Adams in Peter Pan. The tickets were priced at $2.50 each. The children saw their mother open her purse, take out seven one dollar bills, pile them on the shelf, put a 50 cent piece on the pile of bills, push all under the window, take the three little pieces of cardboard and lead them into the theater to their seats. The next day she took her little daughter to church with her. When the offering was taken, the child saw her mother open her purse, take out a quarter, and put it on the plate as it passed them. As the organ played the soft, religious music, the little daughter looked up into her mother's face, and said in a clear stage whisper which everyone around them could hear, "Mother! Church comes a heap cheaper than matinees, doesn't it?"—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

When we preen ourselves in church in our expensive clothing, how often do we contribute in accordance to our appearance?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 28:1

In Case of Storm

In a shipping disaster at Samoa, the way in which the British man-of-war *Calliope* escaped, is suggestive. Her machinery was very powerful, and just as she was about to strike the reef, she raised her anchors, and, in the face of the terrible storm, steamed out of the harbor and into the open sea, where she safely outrode the storm. And so in the Christian life, there are times when safety is only to be found in like decisiveness and boldness. Strengthened with all might by His Spirit in the inner man, the soul must bravely go forth to meet its spiritual foes, and boldly attack them.—C. M. Hawkins, in *Bible Truths Illustrated.*

Prayer Thought

With our faith in God, our strength is magnificent. We are able to gain great heights and overcome enormous obstacles.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 6:10

What Impressed Her Creditor

A lady of my acquaintance told me the following experience. She said: "I signed a note for a friend for a small sum of money, but as I had very little, and am a v with my own living to make, it was a amount to me. This so-called friend ped' without paying, so I had to pay. about this time I was saved, and, i joy of knowing Jesus Christ, wanted thing in my life to be right for Hin happened that the money was owing Jewish lawyer. I went to see him an him my circumstances, promising the would be paid each week as I earned also told him I had just accepted Ch my Saviour, and for Him, I desired to shine. When the last installment money was paid that Jew handed bac of the whole sum, saying: "I have had dealing with people who said they we lowers of Christ. Until now, I have been much impressed."—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Live as God would have us live. If this it will not be necessary to verba form others of our faith.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:14

Three Reasons Why China Needs

C. K. Lee, a native Christian lea China, was in this country a few yea One Sunday he spoke in a mode church in California. At the conclus the message, a young college studen pounded this question, "Why should port Christianity to China when you Confucianism in your country?" "Th three reasons," was the rejoinder. of all, Confucius was a teacher and is a Saviour. China needs a Saviou than she needs a teacher. In the place, Confucius is dead and Christ i China needs a living Saviour. In th place, Confucius is some day going t before Christ to be judged by Him. needs to *know* Christ is Saviour befo meets Him as Judge."—*Triumphs of*

Prayer Thought

Our realization that we have a Saviour is the most wonderful kno we could ever possess. Let it be to others.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:1

What Did You Do?

Possibly, our greatest accountabil fore God, in the day of judgment, for the sins of OMISSION, the things we should have done, and didn't; th acts of service we could have render little acts of kindness we could have and didn't. In Christ's judgment nations, it was not so much what th done, but what they had not done: was an hungred, and ye gave me no I was thirsty, and ye gave me no They took no strangers in; they vis prisoners. They had lived in callou difference to the human need and

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AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

During this Thanksgiving season, our nds begin to reflect upon the many ssings that are ours which causes our arts to fill with gratitude for the many ople who have individually and collec-ely made all this possible. First, we sh to express our gratitude to the ster Mind of all great ideas and with-whose guidance, leadership, and help s missionary effort of the Free Will otist church would not be possible. ond, gratitude to each of the Free ll Baptists who have supported us so ally throughout the years with their yers and contributions, whether mone-y, or by some action they have taken, by work they have done to benefit Home. Third, our gratitude to the ny non-Free Will Baptists who have en an interest in our Home and have ped in so many ways, just as loyally the Free Will Baptists.

Most of the supporters of the Home e never seen the harvest of their ors, but still they faithfully support in every way they can; trusting those us in charge to use their contributions sely and prudently to provide for the ldren who are entrusted into our care. The years come and go, and along the d of time since the idea and dream of Children's Home began, many of our thful supporters have already left us; t praise God, their labors have not en in vain, nor forgotten, for the Chil-en's Home stands as a living testimony faith and love of what man can do if trust is in God. Here many children e found a refuge and shelter from the rms of life and a little bit of Home. re, because this is a Christian Home d not just an orphanage, many have me to know Jesus Christ as their per-nal Lord and Saviour.

In order for the Home to continue to w and to provide for children in their e of need, we must look to the Lord daily for guidance and leadership and we must carry out His will for this Home. Each of us must serve the Home with the right motives and not seek our own personal gain. We must put the welfare of the children and their physical and spiritual upbringing before anything else and in this respect we must become their servants.

This we plan to do, with God's help and with yours. Thank you for all you have done in the past and we look to each of you for the future of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

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"Baptismal Services in Memorial Chapel"

Sunday, October 21, will go down in history as a most important day for Memorial Chapel at the Children's Home. On that special day, the Rev. Charles Morgan, pastor of Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, North Carolina, baptized seven persons in the afternoon. That same evening the Rev. D. W. Hansley, pastor of Memorial Chapel, baptized nine children from the Children's Home. That makes a total of sixteen persons baptized that day, which may very well be a record for Memorial

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Notice to Church Pastors and Clerks

Due to the fact that we have been unable to obtain addresses, some of our Free Will Baptist churches have failed to receive important correspondence from our Children's Home. We need to maintain contact with all our churches and their officers in the future.

Please read carefully and supply the following information. Mail it to P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

1. Name of Church_____ Membership_____
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THE ALCOHOLICS' DEN

Do you wake up each morning knowing that you can't begin your day without a drink? Did the first drink call for another, and though you wondered why, two seemed insufficient and so you took one more little "swig" to give you the needed courage to meet whatever confrontation might be in the offing?

Do you find yourself becoming nervous if your supply gets low and it happens on a day when you are unable to buy another bottle, unless a bootlegger lives in your vicinity and considers you "clean" enough to risk the selling of his home brew for a price?

Do you hasten to gulp down drink after drink at some exciting or perhaps disconcerting occurrence, hoping that the consumption of the alcohol will add to your anticipated thrill or decrease the impact of the difficult time expected or experienced?

Do you find yourself drinking more day in and day out, and discovering that each day more of the stuff is required for you to get the desired effect?

Do you sometimes look at the glass in your hand or the bottle (if you happen to have arrived at the point where you drink directly from the container) and wonder just why you are indulging in this habit? Do you hate yourself for what you are doing, and if so, do you increase your "dosage" to forget or dispel from your mind the thought of the harm you are doing to yourself, your family, and how you are affecting your friends' feeling toward you, and how society in general is looking upon you?

Do you start off drinking with a smile, soon to feel your eyes stinging with tears, until they flow profusely and streak your face with their salty streams?

Does your breath bear the repugnant odor of alcohol daily and nightly, obvious to those whom you come in contact, but oblivious to you because you are so seldom without the tell-tale "aroma" of that "sweet liquid"?

Do your eyes show the traditional enlarged capillaries and have under them the dark, puffy, baggy circles of one who has so "smartly" learned to hold his liquor well?

Do you find your face showing your age to such a degree that you wonder how it could have happened so quickly, when only a short while back you had been vibrantly healthy and youthful looking?

Do you crave insaitably the taste of the liquid that can (at least to your mind) solve all your problems, when in actuality your problems are compounded and others are created for people whom you know or may not know, because your judgment is impaired consistently as you drink? Do you find it harder and harder to remember little promises, errands intended to be run, and things which you thought that you had committed to memory forever?

Do you find yourself less enthusiastic about things you formerly found interesting and appealing and therefore withdraw from activities you once considered very rewarding?

Do you hide from possible friends who do not approve of your habit and have some member of your family make excuses in regard to your absence should these friends or the minister happen to drop in for a visit? Do you deny the fact that you need help, stating that you really haven't a problem, insisting that yours is a "social grace," not a hazard? Do you find that every little noise "spooks" you until your temper becomes intolerable to the extent that you "bite off" heads, hurt feelings, and find that your circle of friends is gradually decreasing or that you are rubbing elbows with those whom you used to consider unfavorable or unfit company?

Answer these questions "Yes" or "No" silently, and then decide for yourself whether or not you have been cast into the alcoholics' den. . . .

How are you going to vote on November 6? In view of the other questions posed in this editorial and depending upon how you are able to answer them, at least a bit of interest should be sparked. A vote **for** liquor-by-the-drink will make alcohol more accessible and will, therefore, produce (despite what the "big boys" try to tell you) more people who will find themselves in danger of the alcoholics' den! As one lady on TV recently affirmed: "I don't want a bar on every corner in my town!" How about you, friends? How about you? It depends largely on how you vote on

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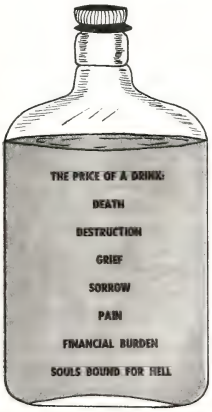
A FIGHT FOR GOD

N November 6, 1973, North Carolina will go to the polls and vote. What l we vote on? The well-known name l be "Liquor-by-the-Drink." The way will appear on our ballot will be: "A erendum on Mixed Drinks."

As Christians, we are opposed to liquor any form. It will ruin our health and family life. It ends thousands of es each year—innocent lives who n't ask to be run down or smashed o by someone who had to have the t four or five drinks for the road. Or-anages are filling with children whose rents went to a "gay" party—never to urn. And how many children have en crippled, blinded, and maimed by a rent who loves them—when he's sober! people who believe and trust in God ove, we cannot sit back and say, Ve're not involved," because we are volved. We are a living, breathing rt of this world. And while we are re God expects us to work to save uls and lives for Him. We cannot do s by sitting back and not fighting this l for Him. If we do not stop this issue November, and thousands die in the next year of our lives, do we think we will be held guiltless by God?

If this bill is voted in, how will it affect us? In our communities, it will mean more liquor is being sold and used. This will directly affect our young people. Liquor will no longer be restricted to the ABC stores. It will be found in a lot of the places our youth now go for their clean fun and entertainment. Along with this liquor will come a lot of things which we have been opposed to all of our lives. As a result, there will be more tension and confusion in more of the homes that are now Christian. Our state will suffer in many, many ways. North Carolina has always enjoyed a clean reputation. I hate to see us lose it now, in a day when a good reputation is so important. More liquor will not do our industries any good. It will cut down on the quality and the quota of production. I would not want to work on a machine beside someone that had slipped in a few drinks along with his lunch! It would also cut down on the visitors from other states. No one wants to leave their own state, travel a few hundred miles, and see liquor, sin, and crime where they thought they would find sunshine, clean air, good, wholesome food, and clean, friendly folks. Would we take our family to that type of state?



Everywhere liquor goes, it has some companions that go along behind it. What are some of them? One is prostitution. The people who operate bars are a good example of this. How many bars have we seen on our TV screen in the last year in which there wasn't one or two women willing to entertain any man who came in for the price of a drink? And usually it doesn't stop there, on or off the screen.

Another friend of liquor is drugs. Many people like to mix these two together. We certainly don't need any more drugs in North Carolina. We are trying to deal with what we already have. Next, is pornography. This low-grade entertainment would abound if we had more liquor. When people get drunk, their sinful instincts come through even stronger, so they turn more and more to this cheap, filthy type of entertainment. One of the almost immediate affects of liquor in a state is a weakening of the gambling laws. In most cases, gambling becomes a legal way of life just a few short years after a state legalizes "liquor-by-the-drink." This will bring on a crime wave that North Carolina has never seen before. If we are to survive, we will find it imperative to make stronger laws to protect the innocent. What will become of our young people being born today and those growing up now? What can keep them from juvenile delinquency? How can we protect them from the organized crime that will surely sneak in from other states which didn't remain clean?

There is only one answer we, as decent Christian people, can give, and that is a loud and definite **NO** on our ballot on November 6. Only in this way can we safely prevent these things from happening to us, our family, and our state. God bless you for your vote.

by
MRS. DIANNE RAPER

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Fall Revival to Be Held At First Church of Warsaw

Fall revival at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw, North Carolina, will begin Monday night, November 5, at 7:45, and will continue through November 10. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the week. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. John R. Lee. There will be special music each evening.

Mr. Rivenbark has been in the ministry for 38 years and has held many revivals, witnessing thousands of decisions. He is presently a member of the State Mission Board, Vice-President of the Free Will Baptist Press Board, and an official in the Western Conference. He has held six pastorates, and his present pastorate is the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The public is cordially invited to attend this revival and hear this guest evangelist.

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Revival to Be Held At Winterville Church

Revival services will be conducted at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on November 5-9, beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. O. B. Jones, radio evangelist and pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo. Special singing will be rendered nightly.

Everyone is invited to attend the revival. A nursery will be provided each night.

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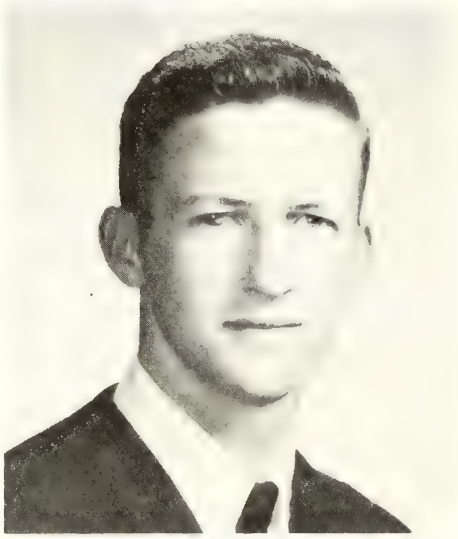
First Church of Wilson Announces Revival



Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, beginning Sunday night, November 4, and continuing through Friday night, November 9. The evangelist will be the Rev. Harry Brown from Northern Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

There will be special singing each night with the Steeplaires Quartet being featured on Sunday night. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, extends an invitation to all to come and join in these services.

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Reedy Branch Church Announces Homecoming

On Sunday, November 4, Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will be celebrating its one hundred seventy-third anniversary. Former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend and enjoy this day.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 At noon, the families of the church spread a delicious dinner on the grou At 1:15 p.m., as has been a custom many years, the singers of the ch along with singers from other chur will participate in an annual song This has always been a highligh homecoming day.

The pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, be celebrating his tenth year with church. He will also bring the mes during the morning worship.

In the event of extremely bad wea the dinner will be spread in Keel's V house on Dickinson Avenue in Green North Carolina.

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Bethel Church Announces Fall Revival

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Ch Whortonsville (Pamlico County), N Carolina, announces revival service the week of November 5-10, with Rev. Lloyd Gore of the Crab Point ch as the visiting evangelist. The pa the Rev. James E. Howard, will assi the services which will begin each ing at 7:30. Each service will also ture special singing each evening. pastor and the members invite the p to join them in these revival servic

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Pastor to Conduct Pleasant Grove Revival

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Ba Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North lina, will hold its annual fall reviva week of November 5-10, beginning evening at 7:30. The pastor, the James Lupton, will be doing the pr ing each evening with special music vided by the church and visiting

Coming Events . . .

November 1, 2—Cape Fear Confer Eastwood Free Will Baptist Ch Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 7, 8—Central Conference, boro Free Will Baptist Church, ville, North Carolina

November 11—Children's Home Day, Will Baptist Children's Home, M sex, North Carolina

November 15—Study Course on Mis 7:30 P.M., Bethany Free Will B Church, Route 1, Winterville, Carolina

November 17—Thanksgiving Service Will Baptist Children's Home, M sex, North Carolina

s. At 7:15 each evening prayer room ices will be held. The church mem- ship invites the public to attend.

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ival in Progress
Rose Hill Church

evival is being held this week at the e Hill Free Will Baptist Church of te 1, Winterville, North Carolina. Ser- s began on October 29 and will con- e through November 3 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Win- ille, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist rch, is the evangelist. Special sing- is being featured each night.

he Rev. N. Dan Beaman is the pastor he church. He invites the public to nd.

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sant Hill Church
ounces Revival

he Rev. Clyde W. Cox, pastor of the ey Grove Free Will Baptist Church, ly, North Carolina, will be the speak- at a revival meeting on November 5 ough November 10. This revival will eld at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Bap- Church on Highway 43 in Pitt County, ween Vanceboro and Greenville, North olina. Services will begin nightly at 5. Special music and singing will featured each evening.

he pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and church members invite everyone to nd this revival.

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la's Grove Announces
Revival, November 5-10

he Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist rch, Fountain, North Carolina, an- nces revival services for the week of vember 5-10. Services will begin each ning at 7:30 with the Rev. Floyd B. rry as the guest evangelist. The pas- the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the rch members invite the public to attend and worship with them during this series of services.

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Revival and Harvest Day
At Oak Grove Church

Revival services will be held at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, on November 4-10, at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. Special singing will be featured each evening.

The church will observe its annual harvest day on Sunday, November 11, with dinner on the church grounds. The pastor, the Rev. George Greene, and the members extend a special invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend on this special day.

A CALL TO REALITY

by Paul Sawyer
Bladenboro, N. C.

Much has been said and written today about the "social gospel" and modernism. Let me say that I, as a Christian, want to be the first to say that I do not go along with all of it. May I add, also, that our preachers of old, as they're often referred to today, also fell far short of the gospel many times. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Let's weigh for a moment, if you please, just what the great Billy Sunday said, if anything, in this famous quotation: "I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I have a foot; I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist; I'll butt it as long as I've got a head; I'll bite it as long as I have teeth; and, I'll gum it as long as I'm here on earth—until I go home to glory and it (sin) goes home to perdition." Seriously, there are no ways we can fight sin from a physical standpoint of view. We fight sin from the heart, and we fight sin with love. Kick, butt, bite, and gum, if you please, then tell me truthfully just what you have made contact with.

Many of our ministers today enter the pulpit with little or no gospel to preach about. After casting a few stones at their congregation each Sunday they come back with **opinion** and offer no spiritual food whatsoever for the hungry flock.

I recently heard a minister preach that we are to flee from sin. In his own words, "Run from it, and in the course of doing so, if the poor old sinner (that Christ died for) gets in our way, punch him in the teeth, knock him in the head, and step on him." Had he really prepared for this sermon from the epistles of Paul he would have easily found that the word **flee** also means to avoid. Such preaching, whether it be of old or modern day, is misleading to people.

I have heard the Rev. Billy Graham preach for many years. I have viewed most of his crusades twice or more, read his books, seen his films, attended his pavilion in New York, and I have yet to hear him kick another denomination in anyway. I have yet to hear him knock a fellow minister. This man has witnessed more souls coming forward for Christ than any man alive today. This should be a guiding light to young men looking forward to entering the ministry, also to those presently engaged in winning souls to Christ. Nevertheless, some of the less successful search for ways and means to throw a "glancing" blow at him sometimes. He doesn't butt, kick, bite, or gum anyone, he just uses what God placed at his disposal—the Bible—God's Word.

It isn't the gospel that is causing hurt feelings so much in our churches today. Frankly, most churches aren't hearing enough of it to hurt. God is not the author of confusion. Opinion and poorly prepared sermons promote contention, distrust, divisions, and discord among us. My advice would be, just preach the Word of God.

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FOR THE MINDS OF MEN

Billy Graham cautioned, "Today I see a battle emerging at the university level. We don't find Communism making great inroads with the masses, but with the intellectuals. The struggle for the minds of men is going to be decided in the halls of learning throughout the world."

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Harold H. Wilke To Speak at College

Dr. Harold H. Wilke, executive director of Council for Church, ministry of United Church of Christ, and chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., will speak at Mount Olive College on November 5. A special invitation is given to all ministers to attend the Monday night session, 7:30 p.m., Room 209, Henderson Building, where he will speak on the subject, "The Minister As a Prophet in Contemporary Society."

Dr. Wilke is the author of two books, and has contributed numerous articles to professional journals. He is vice-president of the National Easter Seal Society and serves as a special consultant to the government in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. His lectures have taken him into all fifty states as well as London, Bombay, Tokyo, Rome, Sydney, Stockholm, and Johannesburg.

The public is invited to attend.

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UNIQUE GIFT IDEA

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Reetho G. Turnage, life-long members of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, have made a gift of sixty dollars to Mount Olive College in honor of their parents who recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Though possibly not a unique idea, it is, nevertheless, a significant one and is a very fine way to honor loved ones and friends.

In making the gift for the children, Mrs. Helen Turnage Beaman stated that they desired "to make this donation to foster the ideal which they (Mr. and Mrs. Turnage) hold in high esteem—to further Christian education."

Because the Turnages have contributed items over the years to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, the gift will be used for the benefit of that collection. The collection, a part of the Moye Library, has several thousand items related to the history of the Free Will Baptists. These resources are available to anyone interested in doing research on the denomination.

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Mount Olive College Plans Religious Life Retreat

November 2-4, 1973, has been set for the Religious Life Retreat of Mount Olive College to be held at Oriental, North Carolina. The conference will begin on Friday evening, 7:30 p.m., and end Sunday morning.

The theme for the conference will be "The New Birth," with the theme verse, "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17, RSV). The program will seek to deepen and strengthen one's individual faith and relationship to God through worship, singspiration, prayer, and discussion groups.

The retreats of the College have made significant contributions to the religious life on the campus in the past.

Residence Director Announced

Dr. Hilda F. Owens, Dean of Stude at Mount Olive College, has announ the appointment of Mrs. Carolyn C. I of Kenansville, North Carolina, as R dence Director of the Women's Dormit Complex, which is composed of Grif Hart, and East Halls.

Mrs. Hall, who has had postseconc training at both East Carolina College King's Business College, comes to Mc Olive College from a position with North Carolina Agricultural Exten Service. From 1967-1972, she serve a resident position as Assistant Dear Residence Life at St. Margaret's Sc in Tappahannock, Virginia. She has held office positions.

Mrs. Hall is the mother of two dren: Irene, a student at Roanoke lege; and Dixon, President of Ja Sprunt Institute. She is an active m ber of the Kenansville Methodist Chu

In announcing Mrs. Hall's appointm Dr. Owens commented: "We are extre ly pleased to have Mrs. Hall join staff. We believe that she has the mitment, experience, and personalit make a considerable contribution to total development of our students an the facilitation of a positive living-le ing environment on the campus. welcome her to Mount Olive College

Mrs. Hall, who assumed her res sibilities at the College on October filled the position vacated in early

Pictured above is Mr. Frank Harrison and a group of students who are planning the ference program. Seated, left to right: Cathy Wallace, Duplin County; Mr. Harrison; N Wilkins, Duplin County. Standing, left to right: Sharlene Creech, Wayne County; L Haddock, Beaufort County; Freddie Boykin, Wilson County; Cecilia Avery, Lenoir Co Linda Carter, Warren County; Debra Narron, Johnston County.

STEEPLE GOES UP!

was an exciting and rewarding ex-
nce to watch the huge crane lift the
ot steeple to the top of the chapel
under construction at Mount Olive
ge," President W. Burkette Raper,
declared as he and the Rev. David
ansley looked on. Crowning the
le is a cross which towers 75 feet
e air, far above any other building
e campus or in the town of Mount

n Strickland, superintendent of the
ct for T. A. Loving Construction Com-
of Goldsboro, North Carolina, said
that he hoped to have the building closed in by cold weather and projected that construction should be complete by mid-April.

The chapel is located in the middle of the 110-acre campus of Mount Olive College as an expression of the Christian commitment of the College with the height of the cross emphasizing the supremacy of Jesus Christ in human life.

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SOLITUDE

Dr. Alexander Maclaren said, "Solitude is 'the mother country of the strong.' The wilderness, with its savage crags, its awful silence, and the unbroken round of its blue heaven, was a better place for Moses to meet God than in the heavy air of a palace or the profitless splendors of a court."

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er by the death of Mrs. Janet M.
Mrs. Ruby Grady of Faison, North
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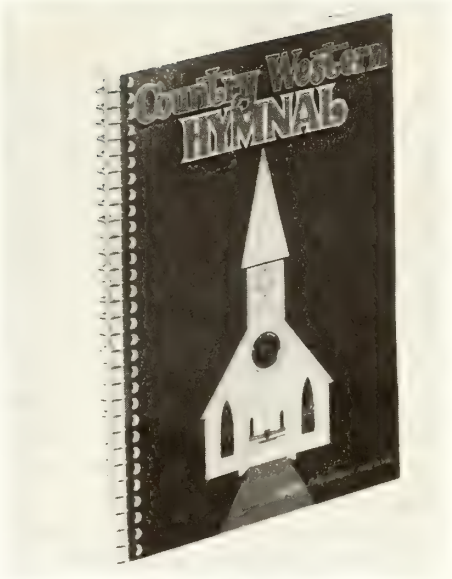

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The Rev. Henry Haggans

". . . Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5: 24).

On Friday, August 17, 1973, our pastor, Brother Henry Haggans, fell asleep in Jesus. We dare not question God's will for He always knows best. His death was a shock to the flock of whom he was a tender, loving, and compassionate shephard of the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church near Belhaven, North Carolina.

He came to us as an answer to prayer when we were so badly in need of a pastor. For awhile he came just to preach for us until we could get a pastor. It was only for a short while until we knew he was the man God would have us to have as a full-time pastor. At this time he and his wife lived in Washington, North Carolina.

Brother Haggans had a love and compassion for lost souls that would excel most pastors. He also had a love for the sheep of his fold at Sidney, closely akin to that of our great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, for the sheep of His fold.

On July 9, 1973, Pastor Haggans and his wife moved into our community to make their home near the church. He visited the sick and demonstrated his love for the members of Sidney church in numerous ways. Most of his spare time was spent in witnessing to lost souls, trying to win them to Jesus.

On Thursday night, August 16, Pastor Haggans conducted the regular prayer meeting service at the church. Never had we seen him more happy and eager to speak to us from God's Word. His subject was: "It Is a Sin for Christians to Worry." The songs he selected for this particular prayer meeting were "Love Lifted Me" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." He led the singing with a voice as strong as the mighty Spirit that filled his soul.

We knelt at the altar for prayer after special requests were given. Upon arising from our knees, Brother Haggans said, "I want you to continue to pray for me. You know that I want God's will for my life. If He wills that I stay here, I'll gladly serve Him; but if He wills that I go to be with Him, I am ready to go. I really mean it—I am ready to go!"

He then turned in his Bible to 1 John, Chapter 4, and read Verses 7 through 21. He stressed the necessity of love among Christians, because Christ loves us, and that perfect love casts out our fear. As an illustration of God's love and concern for His children, he read Luke 12:27-32.

In closing the prayer service, our pastor quoted 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." Then with his ready smile, as usual, he expressed his love for us of the Sidney church and his appreciation for our love for him. He thanked God for the privilege of sharing the gospel in this community.

Following the prayer of dismissal, Brother Haggans stood at the door as he always did after every church service and shook hands with each person as he or she left for home. Little did we know we would shake his hand no more until we shake it in glory where there will be no good-byes, only joy forever more!

Besides a host of friends, Brother Haggans leaves behind a wife, Laura Ruth Johnson Haggans, who was a faithful wife and companion in the work God called him to do; a daughter, Mrs. David Horne, of Greenville, North Carolina; a son, Henry Haggans Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina; and, four grandsons.

Brother Haggans funeral was conducted by the Rev. Chester Phillips, a very close friend and brother in Christ; and copastor, Douglas Randlette, of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. Mrs. Douglas Randlette was soloist. She sang, "Breathe on Me," the deceased's favorite; and, "Abide with Me." Following the closing prayer, in holy reverence she sang "The Lord's Prayer." His body was laid to rest in the Pinewood Cemetery to await the resurrection of all saints at the coming of Jesus.

We at Sidney loved him much and felt that we needed him to pastor our church. But God's way is the best way; therefore, we bow in humble submission to His will, realizing that our loss is our Pastor Haggan's gain.

By a friend,
Mrs. Edwin Roper

Statement on the Middle East Conflict

Dr. Philip Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, recently issued the following statement on the Middle East conflict.

"In the last 25 years the situation in the Middle East has already exploded into active warfare four times. Local violence, injustice, and intransigent ignoring of human rights have often been exacerbated by international power tics.

"As we witness the destruction ca by the events of the last few days, the suffering and death which are b brought to combatants and civilians on both sides, we reaffirm our belief peace and security can only come fr just and stable political settlement v takes into account the legitimate as tions of all the peoples in the area. present situation of escalating warfa the Middle East makes it necessar affirm:

—Stronger support is needed fo role and decisions of the UN o part of its member states;

—Direct military intervention or threats to intervene on the pa any of the great powers will not endanger present detente elsew but will make the parties direct volved in this conflict the firs tims of yet greater destruction suffering. No rationalization, strategic or economic, can j such action;

—The powers not directly involv the conflict should refrain fro calating arms deliveries;

—The principles of humanitarian in armed conflicts ought to be s ly and fully respected by and a to both regular and irregular a forces;

—Massive area bombardments of ian quarters must be immed stopped or avoided, whether th pose of those actions are str or psychological.

"We appeal to Christians every to seek to prevent this present m confrontation from turning into a war, particularly in view of the in ing use of highly sophisticated tec gical means of destruction.

"This declaration and appeal is in the spirit of the call of the Council of Churches Central Com meeting in August to all member c es, especially those in countries governments exercise great influe the Middle East.

"I trust that all those involved concerned about this tragic confli do all in their power to explore possibilities for a political sett which can lead to justice, peac security for all the peoples in the

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Too many board members ar bored members.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Was Judas Iscariot ever d?

nswer: I do not know for sure. Some ages of Scripture seem to indicate he was with the other apostles, safe; it would seem that taking all the s together that have to do with his , that had he met with death in the y days of his ministry, he would have among the redeemed of God. A inist who believes in eternal security ld not agree, for to him that would dmitting that some who are or have ometime in the past been among the emed can or have been lost in the This they do not concede to.

hen the twelve were called they were missioned: "And when he had called him his twelve disciples, he gave power against unclean spirits, to them out, and to heal all manner of ness and all manner of disease" (Mat- 10:1). These are all named in the wing verses. (See Matthew 10:2-4.) r commission is in Matthew 10:5-20, h we see. In the fourth verse Judas named together with Simon the anite. So far as I can see from this, r is said of Jesus applies to the two tles in everyway which does to the r five pairs sent out in teams.

all the personal soul-winning cam- ns I have conducted I have found this od of putting two or more in a and sending them thus to be most essful. One of the things we were oned against in the Moody classes that of more than one worker speak- o a subject at the time. Such tends onfuse the one being dealt with. If one dealing with a sinner wants a mate to help, he should call upon to do so and should step aside, indi- g to the one he has been dealing that this friend has something help- o say to him. If nothing else de- ds his attention he should silently ion God to help his teammate say the thing in the most effective way, to break the power of Satan and enable the one being dealt with to flee the wrath of God and find peace.

Notice Jesus' instructions to these six pairs of workers: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. . . . But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. . . . The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? . . . And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. . . . but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. . . . He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me" (Matthew 10: 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 30-33, 40).

One might note that in Luke 10 our Saviour ordains and sends forth 70 with the commission being quite similar. The account of the return of these disciples to Jesus when they report to Him was: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name" (Luke 10:17). Then it is interesting to give attention to what Jesus says in reply to their enthusiastic report: "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nothwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10: 18-20). Again, it is noteworthy to give attention to what Jesus says and John records while under inspiration. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" (Revelation 3:5).

Dr. Louis T. Talbot expresses another view on Pages 122, 123 in his book **Bible Questions Explained:**

"There is not the slightest suggestion in any portion of Scripture to intimate that Judas was ever a saved man. In fact, the very contrary is taught. In John 6:64, 65 we read: 'But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.' Here we learn that Judas, with the others who rejected Him, was an unbeliever. And then the Lord Jesus added these words, recorded in the same chapter: 'Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve' (John 6:70, 71). Here we learn that Judas is called 'a devil.' Therefore, it is altogether contrary to sound doctrine and plain scriptural teaching to say that Judas was ever a saint, and that he became a sinner, thus losing his salvation. Such a position is taken by some Christians who deny the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer."

Of course there is to be some difference observed when a subject of this kind is discussed as having to do with one after the Holy Ghost came at Pentecost. Some point out that Judas was sent to preach the kingdom, placing him in the same category as Old Testament believers rather than that of New Testament believers who were saved and sent after Christ's death on the Cross.

The thief on the cross, a new believer saved after the crucifixion and before the death on the cross, was to be in paradise that very day. I am of the opinion that had he after that turned on and rejected Jesus, his and Judas' end would have been the same; however, this is

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STORIES

for our youth

JIM'S MOST DARING ADVENTURE

LEROY BROWN

THREE boys made a small square boat by smearing a heavy coat of tar on a herring box.

"Who'll ride first?" asked one of the boys.

"I will," exclaimed Jim Chalmers, and almost before the words had left his lips, he jumped into the box.

While talking and laughing, his two friends ran along the seashore, tugging the boat with a cord which they had tied to it. What fun!

Suddenly the boys took nose dives into the sand. The cord had snapped, and the boys' laughter turned to terror as they watched Jim being carried swiftly from the shore by the current.

"Help! Help!" the boys shouted.

Using his hands as oars, Jim tried to stop the course of the herring box and to pull himself to shore. But as strong as he was for his age, he was no match for the current.

A Scottish fisherman, however, upon hearing the cry for help, rushed to his boat, grabbed the oars, and reached James Chalmers just as the herring box was sinking. If he had been a few seconds later, Jim would never have played on a seashore again.

When Jim got home, his mother used her hand, but not as an oar. Ouch!

By the time Jim Chalmers was ten years old, he could swim as well as any man. And several times he made good use of this skill.

Once when he and some friends were playing near a flat wooden bridge that crossed the Aray River, a boy came crying, "My friend has fallen into the river!" Because of heavy rains, the river had nearly reached flood stage. While others were too frightened to think, young Jim's keen eyes saw the drowning boy floating down the river.

The bridge, he thought. That's the only chance! Tossing his coat aside, Jim ran down the riverbank to the lower side of the bridge. Then clinging to a timber with one arm, he stretched out the other to grab the boy as the rushing current carried him beneath the old bridge.

What now?

Again Jim's alert mind and eyes served him well. Downstream he noticed some branches of a partially uprooted tree hanging over the water. Several seconds later, two boys who couldn't be any wetter were on the riverbank. Both were still alive.

Jim almost lived at the water's edge. On two other occasions, he saved people from drowning. And he was so adventurous at sea that three times he was carried home supposedly dead from drowning.

This daring boy went to Sunday school, where he heard about some missionaries who had tamed the heathen in the Fiji Islands. He also learned how the story about Jesus was leading men to give up such practices as baking their victims in cannibals' ovens and gathering skulls to show their bravery.

"I wonder whether any boy here will become a missionary who will take the gospel to savage lands," said the teacher.

It was then that a freckled, dark-haired boy with brown eyes said to himself, Yes, I will—with God's help. And he meant every word of it!

So, some years later, a determined young man who had lost none of the daring spirit of his boyhood stood on the deck of the "John Williams," bound for Rarotonga, an island of savages where few white men had ever been.

In later years, as the work was b pursued in New Guinea, James Chalr along with Mr. and Mrs. Abel anc wrinkled Iko, who was to be their i preter, boarded the mission stean "Miro" for a trip to a village where people were unusually savage.

"It's dangerous for your wife t among these savage people, Mr. A said Jim.

"But when the natives see her, th know we are peaceful," Mr. Abe plied, "because they themselves r take along their women when they' the warpath."

Hours later, but still before dark "Miro" chugged against the curre the Aivei River.

Native people had seen the stean coming. What in the world was house on water? Was it operate man or devil? There was much sc ing and hurrying as about a hundred riors wildly prepared for the worst.

Jim, who had ordered them to go a at full speed, changed his mind qu and said, "Go slowly. We'll have to them time to settle down, or it's telling what might happen."

The serious brown natives stoo straight as trees, and just as motio as the white people approached. N weapon could be seen.

From force of habit the enginee the steamship, upon hearing the ar chain rattle through the hole, blew steam whistle.

Imagine hearing a sound like tha the first time! In a split second savages came to life. With lightnin speed they swung their long bows behind their bodies. And a hur sharp arrows were aimed directly a hearts of the missionaries.

Jim had told Iko what to say. Th tle old brown man opened his mouth shouted one word in the language o natives: "Peace!" Then he shouted a three times, "Peace, peace, peace!"

Then Iko cried, "Pouta!" which the chief's name. Pouta came for and listened as Jim told Iko what to

After a few minutes, the wa swung their bows behind their again, and a canoe was launche bring the missionaries ashore. When landed, Jim put his arms around Pouta, as was the custom to show peace was desired.

Then Jim said, through Iko, "We come so that we may be friends. have come without weapons. We brought with us a woman of our

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

enovation of the ee Will Baptist stitute

fter the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link le their journey to the Free Will Bap- Institute in Quemado, Texas, the task enovating the institute was launched. his program got underway, it seemed nvolve everyone.

Building Porch on Timmons' Home

he first major project was the build- of a porch on the house of the Rev. mons. In the picture above you can the construction as it takes place. ny Timmons has certainly been a t asset in this work. He has helped Link in the construction of the porch, eling the bedrooms of the house, and the work in the dormitory of the ol.

Ann and Beth Timmons Give a Hand with the Painting

the above picture we see Ruth Ann Elizabeth (Beth) Timmons as they give a hand in the painting of the new porch on the Timmons' home.

The Job Almost Completed

In this picture you see Jimmy Timmons painting the door as the porch is about completed. Jimmy seems to paint like your Mission Director—half on the door and the other half on his clothes and hands.

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Visitors from Palmetto Conference

Visitors from the Palmetto Conference in South Carolina, spent the week of August 23-30 visiting the Free Will Baptist Institute in Quemado, Texas. The fellowship with them and showing them some of the mission work in Mexico was quite a treat. In the picture above, the Rev. David Anders, on the left, is pastor of Airport Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and is Mission Director for the Palmetto Conference. On the right is the Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of the Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg.

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Churches Adopting "Liquor-by-the-Drink" Resolution

The following Free Will Baptist churches have adopted the suggested resolution pertaining to the "Liquor-by-the-Drink" offered by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and/or has sent an offering to be sent in the name of the State Convention to the Christian Action League:

Sneads Ferry, Friendship (Greene County), Hillsberry, Shiloh, Oak Grove (Craven County), Wooten's Chapel, Grimsley, Oak Grove (Wilson County), First church, Wilmington, Edwards Chapel, People's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, First church, Wilson, Mount Zion (Nash County), First church, Warsaw, First church, Rocky Mount, Piney Grove (Pitt County), Gum Swamp, and Ormondsville.

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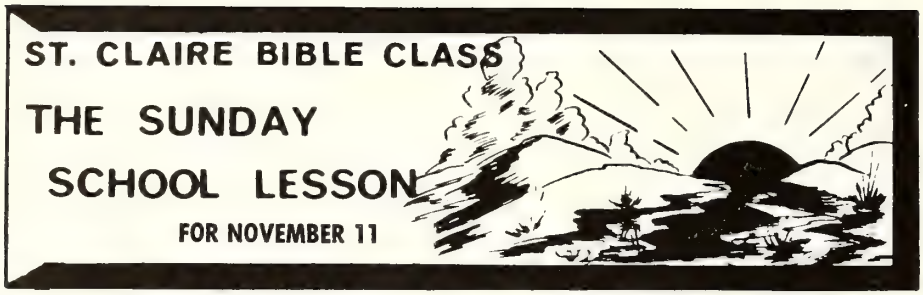

Living Victoriously in Society

Printed Text: Romans 12:14—13-1

Memory Verse: Romans 13:10

I. INTRODUCTION

The followers of Jesus have from the very beginning been faced with the difficult and complex question of what their attitude and relationship should be to the secular world and local society in which they dwelt. Devout souls have continuously refused to be merged into the general conflagration of human society which has enveloped them, but it is to be feared that in their efforts to live apart from a sinful world, they exercised very little influence for good upon that world.

Though Christians are not of the world, it cannot be denied that they are in the world, and, being in the world, it must follow that their lives and their ministry must be profoundly influenced by what goes on in the world. There has never been, nor is there likely to be, a time when the world at large worked in harmony with the church to accomplish God's mission in the world. The Lord and His church have not only had to work alone, but the vast majority of the time they have had to work in opposition to that which human society was seeking to establish and maintain.

Materialism has always held powerful sway over the minds and souls of men; for we are selfish by nature and prone to grasp everything possible for ourselves. It is doubtful if there has ever been a time in man's history when so many men were so vitally concerned and occupied in the accumulation of material goods; thus it must follow that there has never been a time when it was so incumbent upon the church to demonstrate to the world the value of spiritual things in the attainment and enjoyment of the good life.—**The Senior Class Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Our influence never takes a holiday. Regardless of where we are or what we are doing, it goes on working. This is the reason that our whole being must be yielded to and controlled by God. One careless moment can ruin our influence for God.

B. Civilization has built such a veneer around all of us that we do not have any real difficulty in speaking kind words to others, but we do have a problem of feeling in our hearts the way we ought to feel. The way we really feel will show; we cannot keep it hid; therefore, we must ask the Lord's help in feeling the way we ought toward other people.

C. In the church, we have made a great deal of the tithe, and, we think, rightly so. It is the portion of our income that belongs to God. So we say that a man who does not give the tithe robs God. But what about vengeance? Doesn't the Bible say that vengeance belongs to the Lord? Aren't we taking from the Lord when we take vengeance into our own hands?

D. When we read some of the awful things that appear in the news media about our government, we are prone to say that God does not have anything to do with it. He does not have anything to do with the evil in our government, but we may be sure that He instituted government for man's benefit and that God's people should be good, law-abiding citizens.

E. Make no mistake about it: You will never be able to live in such a way that everyone will like you; nor will you be able to be friends with everyone. However, we should try to live in such a way that even our enemies can see that we are true to God and our deepest convictions. This will count in the long run.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. How does the world look to you? With the problems of war, pollution, injustice, hatred, and indifference we all agree that the world is in a terrible mess. One of the primary causes o world's condition is man's selfis Most people are not concerned wit ers. Most people do not care e about others, do not try to help, c think and work for the benefits of c

Why is the world in such a mess cause of sin, and most people are p ting sin to rule their lives. They ar ing to the problem rather than to solve it.

What about us who are Chris Are we part of the **mess?** Are we the thoughtless road that **most** take? We shouldn't be. Rathe should remember that we are to Master's servants, working to d will.

As servants of Christ we will do ever we can to make the world a place. Paul tells us in today's lesso each one of us can help change the for Christ. How can we do it? H mula is simple: "Be not overco evil, but overcome evil with go **Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. Some people are like the jan a church we have heard about. H how he got along with the memb must put myself in neutral and le push me around!" There are man are apathetic, listless. They do n ticularly care to conform to the but neither are they concerned to oppose or seek to change it. **Bowen.**

C. During the last war a Polish saw the Quakers feeding the star both sides of the conflict. Asto by such Christian philanthropy, sh to one of them: "You are feeding body, aren't you? Poles, Russian mans—everybody, friend and foe? I know there ought to be people li in the world, but I didn't know th tually were."—**The Chaplain.**

D. Both Jesus and Paul present as the chief and all-encompassing tian virtue. Jesus illustrated i meaning and scope in His own life, and resurrection. When Jesus wa illustrate love's complete natu pointed to His love for His own Paul wanted to do the same He not to himself, but to the Son of **Selected.**

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THE SECRET

When asked why he succeeded in his ministry, Henry Ward Bee plied, "I have four hundred hea Sunday, who tell on Monday preached."

HILDREN'S HOME

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l. We praise God for these sixteen who chose to follow the example ist. We pray that God will con- to bless Barnes Hill and Memorial in their growth.

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Farmer's Notice

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ber 6. Follow your own convic- but pray let them be dictated from

iel got out of the lions' den; but ou're in the alcoholics' den, you're or **life**—if you can call such an ex- e life. . . . If you don't believe this ask your doctor. . . .

Mother of the Late M. L. Johnson Honored

At the setting of the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention which met October 10, with the Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, mother of the late Rev. Milton L. Johnson, was honored by the convention. Mrs. Johnson was presented a Life Membership Award by the convention. The presentation was made by Mrs. Pearl Johnson, widow of the late Mr. Johnson.

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Attention, Central Conference Woman's Auxiliaries

The woman's auxiliaries of the Central Conference will conduct a study course on missions at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. Speakers for the study course will be the Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Missions Board; and the Rev. Harold Jones, missionary to the Philippines. All auxiliary members of the conference are urged to attend.

Mrs. Albert Proctor
Study Course Chairman

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LIFE DEAD ON OUR HANDS

Dr. Carl Jung, renowned psychiatrist, commented on the neurosis of emptiness: "Men cut themselves off from the root of their being, from God, and then life turns empty, inane, meaningless, without purpose. When meaning goes, value goes and life turns dead on our hands."

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

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Also please note Mr. Jordan's new address. He states that since he moved from Morganton, North Carolina, part of his mail is going to that address. All future correspondence should be to his High Point address.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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for we come in peace. We are strangers. But we come with great things to tell. Someday we will come again, and we will stay with you and will tell you all of our message. Today we come only to become friends."

Knowing that they had become friends of the people, the missionaries left, to return later. It had been a Christian scouting trip.

"They will talk about us and feel kindly toward us," said Jim. "Then when we return, they will listen to us."

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And Jim Chalmers meant every word of it.—**My Pleasure.**

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Questions & Answers

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conjecture, but I believe based on sound Bible facts.

Saul, the first king of Israel, was among the prophets prophesying, in what the Bible reports of him, soon after he was chosen as king; but he became disobedient to God and backslid so far as to consult the witch of Endor and met his death in battle shortly after having in his latter days forsook God and His V and evidently forfeited any opport to renew his faith and turn back to The case of Saul seems much like th Judas. Peter denied his Lord, but trary to what the Bible tells about and Judas, Peter wept bitterly, an ing converted, was restored to his winning activities.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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ing all about them. They had eaten morsel alone!—*W. B. K.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sins of omission often times outweig of commission. The Ten Command are still the Christian's guideline.

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ACCEPT LIFE AS IT IS

EDITORIAL...

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ACCEPT LIFE AS IT IS

To accept life as it is:

To look in the mirror and see irregular features, less than ample hair, a body fat or thin . . .

To take reality with a smile or a tear, whichever seems more appropriate . . .

To know that you are found wanting, lacking much, expecting more, getting less . . .

To feel unsure, sometimes insecure, often downcast, dejected, suppressed, misused, abused . . .

To be misunderstood, unloved, unwanted, unneeded, uncared for . . .

To accept life as it is:

To hurt inside, outside—all over—and not be able to help it . . .

To want friends, respect, having some, wanting more, doing little to merit either . . .

To know your abilities, inabilities and the limits of your talents, your mind, your strength . . .

To let come what may when it will, despite how forcibly it comes, often unwelcomed, even though deserved, yet a part of life's program . . .

To be content with such as you have and in whatever state you find yourself, knowing that in life's register there are some who are more fortunate, some who are less fortunate, and many who share your level . . .

To accept life as it is:

To find that real things are important, that artificiality is deceptive and unsatisfying, that making something pretty "beautiful" is not good, that making something average represent something "less than" is dishonest . . .

To appreciate other people's happiness, their sadness, to overlook their seeming indifference to yours . . .

To know that sighs must be sighed, tears must be cried inwardly if not outwardly, smiles must be smiled, hearts must follow their urgings . . .

To know that all can never be well, that some things are not meant to be, that songs are sometimes unsung and unheard, that stories are sometimes unwritten and unread, that important things are sometimes unsaid . . .

To realize that real worth is not always in abundance, that sometimes the small become great, that each day starts with a sunrise somewhere . . .

To accept life as it is:

To know that stepping stones are not always solid, that you must test them out to find the good ones, that paths are never always straight and smooth, that skies are seldom completely blue . . .

To know that hurts are never everlasting and seldom too painful to bear, that facing a problem is better than turning your back to it . . .

To know that each door has another side, that there are two ways to go through it, and that the way you enter determines which way you're going . . .

To know that windows get dirty inside and out, that they must be washed both ways to be clear, that views are always better when looking through a thoroughly clean one . . .

To know that others have passed this way, have experienced life as you have, that others will come and know more or less, feel as good or bad, be as alone or as unalone, depending upon circumstances, and must accept life as it is . . .

'Tis hard; but God, let us accept life as it is. Let us make it more only if it needs to be. Let us make it less only if it has to be. Let us grace it and place it. Let us be able to face it. God, let us accept life as it is.

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Sharing the Christian Life

"SOUL WINNING"

by A. B. BRYAN

the October 17 issue of "The Free Will Baptist" was published the first series of articles dealing with "Sharing the Christian Life." This week we the second of these articles dealing the careless and indifferent people how to arouse them.

ny people have the idea that they ot want to become interested in thing because their schedule is fill- hey do not have time for anything This business of the state and that anding before God is no different. ecome concerned with the sinfulness e causes strain that the average per- ikes to avoid.

explain further: On one occasion y knowledge a man attended the few nights of a revival in a certain ch. In this revival the evangelist disturbing the people because of his ching of the sins they were commit- The biblical truths he preached on cutting deep into their sinful rs. When this particular man drop- out of the services, he was visited by nterested member of the congrega- He was invited back to church but ned, saying, "I am not going back. man's preaching disturbs me so that I cannot sleep at night, and I ot want to be disturbed like that." e Christian must know that this is roper way that the Holy Spirit works rouse people of their sins. Unless le are aroused, there is no possibility hem ever coming through with re- ance and saving faith. Satan has blinded the understanding of many people until many unconverted people do not know the danger of being lost in sin. Who knows the time of the Lord's second coming? Who knows when the Lord is going to let the Holy Spirit stop striving with the unsaved and say that it is too late?

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." You see it is not a question of whether a person is lost or not. It is the work of a Christian to share and get across to the unsaved the need of coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and the salvation from sin.

1. We must show the unsaved that without Jesus Christ there is no peace. John 16:33 tells us, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The Prophet Isaiah states in Chapter 57, Verses 20, 21, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked." Isaiah also says the same thing in Chapter 48, Verse 22. (See Isaiah 26: 3, 4).

Jesus, in the Book of John, is speaking to troubled hearts because Satan was trying to overthrow the faith of the disciples and causing a hardship for them. All trouble and hardship is caused by Satan, whether it is caused in the life of the believer or the unsaved. This applies to the people of today as well as to those in the early days of the church.

Isaiah made a point by stating that there is no peace for man as long as he is away from God, walking in sin and unbelief. Also that trouble and strife works unhindered in the life of the unsaved and will work there until Christ comes into that life to live in the person of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Christian worker must show to the unsaved what our compassionate Christ has done for him. Again Isaiah states in Chapter 53, Verses 4 and 5, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

The familiar John 3:16 states, ". . . God so loved . . ." Then on the Cross, dying because of this love, ". . . Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, . . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46).

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he (God) hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

3. For a person to be aroused he must understand the final consequences of sin and know that there is a time of judgment. (See Hebrews 10:28, 29; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 14:10, 11; 20:15; 21:8; Matthew 25:46.)

With God on your side no Christian should be afraid to tackle a sinner and not give up until he is won to Christ. God will bless His Word when it is used by the Christian under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Try it for yourself and see.

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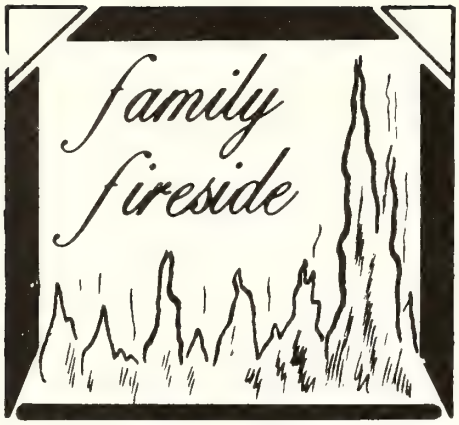
What They Paid For It

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, father criticized the sermon, daughter thought the choir's singing atrocious, and mother found fault with the organist's playing. But the subject had to be dropped when the small boy of the family piped up: "But it was a good show for a nickel, don't you think, Dad?"—**The Illinois Farmer.**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Psalm 6:8

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL?

A friend of mine once asked me if I believed in a personal devil, to which I replied with some emphasis, "No!" His only answer was a lifting of eyebrows as though wondering at my heterodoxy; whereupon I proceeded to clear myself: "I most certainly believe there is a personal devil, but far be it from me to believe *in* him. He is a liar and the father of lies, and how he has lied about the Word of God! It has been the method of Satan from the beginning to tamper with, distort, and otherwise cast doubts upon the Word. 'Yea, hath God said . . .?' was the crafty, doubt-sowing utterance by which he deceived Eve."—Dr. E. J. Pace.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Lord, help us to know the evil in our hearts so that we can change our ways and become true, faithful believers in both our words and actions.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Psalm 26:5

WHEN STRUCK BY A POTATO

A Salvation Army officer tells of an old Maori woman who had won the name of "Warrior Brown" by her fighting qualities when in drink or enraged. She was converted, and gave her testimony at an open air meeting; whereupon some foolish person hit her a nasty blow with a potato. A week before, the cowardly insulter would have needed to make himself scarce for his trouble; but what a change! "Warrior" picked up the potato without a word and put it in her pocket. No more was heard of the incident until the harvest festival came around, and then "Warrior" brought a little sack of potatoes and explained that she had cut up and planted the insulting potato, and was now presenting to the Lord its increase.—*Sunday Companion.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Love those who would do us harm. Getting even in anger and wrath causes us more harm spiritually and oftentimes physically than kind words and thoughts for our antagonists.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Matthew 12:25

SEEING—AND BELIEVING

Two children were playing on a hillside, when they noticed that the hour was nearing sunset, and one said, wonderingly: "See how far the sun has gone! A little while ago it was right over that tree, and now it is low down in the sky." "Only it isn't the sun that moves; it's the earth. You know, Father told us," answered the other. The first one shook his head. The sun did move, for he had seen it, and the earth did not move, for he had been standing on it all the time. "I know what I see," he said triumphantly. "And I believe Father," said his brother. So mankind divides still—some accepting only what their senses reveal to them, the other believing the Word of God. —*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our hearts are so hardened because they are ruled by our brilliant, learned minds which have become so scientific that anything that cannot be clinically explained just cannot be at all.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:24

ARE WE SENTINELS?

When Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius there were many persons buried in the ruins who were afterward found in very different positions.

There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for security. There were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel?

They found him standing at the city gate where he had been placed by the captain, with his hands still grasping the weapon. There, while the earth shook beneath him; there, while the floods of ashes and cinders overwhelmed him, he had stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years, he was found.

So let Christians stand by their duty in the post at which their Captain places them. —*Gospel Trumpet.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Loyal servitude to our God is a much easier task if our hearts are filled with love and trust in God.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 49:11

ANOTHER UNKNOWN WIDOW

Charles Haddon Spurgeon tells us that a little old woman, ill clad, came into his study one day shortly after he had made a great plea for his work, and she said in a strange way as she laid a little package on the table: "Thus saith the Lord, behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee." Before he had time to unwrap the package the woman was gone. He never knew her name, but she left her gift of fifty pounds!—*Watchman-Examiner.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The fact that we are poor and burd with earthly cares or in lowly positic not sufficient cause to relieve us of ou gious duties and responsibilities.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:8

"COME OVER HERE, FATHER!"

Dr. R. A. Torrey told a touching about a man in Chicago who had a little daughter. He loved her dearly God took the little child away from The house was so lonely and he w angry against God, that he walked u down in his room far into the night c God for having robbed him of his chil last, thoroughly worn out, and in grea terness, he threw himself on his bed. dreamed he stood beside a river. the river, in the distance, he heard the ing of such voices as he had never lis to before. Then he saw beautiful girls coming toward him, nearer and er, until at last at the head of the pany, he saw his own little girl. She on the brink of the river and called a "Come over here, Father!" That ove his bitterness. He accepted Jesus an pared to go over yonder where his child had gone.—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

There is eternal life for all who their souls in God's hands. Our loved are never lost to us if we and they ar Christians.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Amos 5:8

"I OWN EVERYTHING!"

Dr. George W. Truett was entertain one occasion in the home of a wealt man in Texas. After the dinner the took him up to the roof of his house a dicated huge fields of oil derricks, an "Dr. Truett, that's all mine. I came t country twenty-five years ago penniles now I own everything as far as you c in that direction." Then he turned opposite direction and indicated w fields of grain and said again, "I mine. I own everything as far as yo see in that direction." Then he tur the east, and pointed to huge herds c tle and said again, "It's all mine, ever as far as you can see in that direct mine." One final time he turned t the west and pointed to a great virgi est, and said again, "It's all mine. T five years ago I was penniless, but I ed hard and saved, and today I own thing as far as you can see in this tion, that direction, that direction, an direction." He paused for the ex praise, but to his astonishment it come. Dr. Truett laid a hand lovin his shoulder, pointed upward and said friend, how much do you own in th rection?" The man dropped his he

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eighton Ford's 0-Day Reachout

HE Leighton Ford Milwaukee Reachout came to a close recently with an flow crowd of more than 16,000. The a was filled to capacity with 11,700 ttendance and another 4,400 were ed in the auditorium where the pro- n was seen and heard via large en, closed-circuit television. During 10-Day Reachout the attendance to- d 60,400. Of these, 2,831 respond- to the invitation to receive Jesus st as their Lord and Saviour.

ilwaukee, with a population of more 700,000, is the twelfth largest city he United States. Situated some 90 s north of Chicago on the west coast ake Michigan, Milwaukee leads the ld in the production of gasoline and el engines as well as electrical ap- tus.

addition to the nightly programs at Milwaukee Auditorium-Arena many e thousands heard Dr. Ford and other bers of his team at service club heons and some 19 high school as- blies. Dr. Ford also addressed some leading citizens at a Civic Prayer cheon as well as some 640 educators special Educators' Brunch. He also e to an overflow crowd of more than women in the Mayfair Theater.

pecial guests at the closing reachout gram included Leighton Ford's brother- w, the Rev. Billy Graham, who ght a word of greeting; and soloist, rge Beverly Shea.

his last message entitled "Buttons, perstickers, and Brands," Leighton said, "Christians have become more ble in the last few years . . . through ons and bumperstickers. It's esti- ed that some two million Jesus but- s or stickers and another two million gious bumperstickers will be produced year. The three most popular bump- ickers carry the slogans 'Honk if You e Jesus,' 'Smile—God Loves You,' and God Isn't Dead—Sorry About Yours.' w one the other day that said 'In Case of the Rapture This Car Will Self-Destruct.'

"Buttons — bumperstickers — and brands! Think of the differences. A button is something you pin on and can take off just as easily. A bumpersticker you stick on and it's a little harder to peel off. But a brand is something that is burned in and stays. It's a permanent mark.

"Buttons and bumperstickers are OK. I'm glad for the new demonstrative enthusiasm of faith. But what are the permanent brand marks of the Christian? How should people in your school or factory or neighborhood be expected to recognize you as a genuine believer?"

In dealing with the "brand-marks" of a Christian, Leighton Ford related the story of the Apostle Paul who had been under attack, accused of being a false apostle, and no true Christian. "Paul," Ford said, "summed up his defense of his gospel and himself in these words, 'I bear on my body the "brand-marks" of Jesus.'

"That word 'brand-mark' is interesting. It's 'stigmata' . . . a word used in the ancient world . . . the 'brand-mark' an owner put on his slave. However, this was hardly what Paul meant when he claimed to bear the 'brand-marks' of Christ. It's more likely he was referring to the scars on his body from the wounds he had received while preaching the gospel."

"Reading these words of Paul," Ford continued, "I thought of Christianity in the twentieth century. How do you recognize the Christian today? Faith, hope, and love are the 'brand-marks' of being a child of God. It is faith which initiates this relation, hope which sustains it, and love which displays it.

"Brand-mark No. 1—Faith. In the first place, faith means that we believe the truth. The Christian faith has a content. As the Apostle John puts it, 'Those who believed in Jesus' name, who received Him, had the right to become the children of God.' Such faith involves not merely believing the truth and receiving the person, but also making a risky commitment. Faith is more than a once-for-all act. It initiates us into a life style of adventurous faith in God. The Bible calls this 'walking by faith.'

"Brand-mark No. 2—Hope. It's hope that sustains this relationship. Hope is a kind of gutsy faith . . . a faith that keeps on going. Hope is a psychological and spiritual necessity. It is the lack of confidence that kills a civilization; the death of hope that defeats a man. Christian hope is a sure and confident expectation of good based on the certain promise of God. In an age that vacillates between groundless optimism and terrible despair, let the 'brand-mark' of Christ's hope set you apart.

"Brand-mark No. 3—Love. Love is the final mark . . . the crowning brand of the Christian. This is a love without barriers or limitations. And why should we love like that? Because it works? No, because God loves us like that. As God forgave us, we are to forgive others. As God reached to us in our need, we are to reach others in their needs."

"Once Christians were called a third race—neither Jews nor Gentiles," Ford concluded. "Will you join today this third race, the people of God, a courageous band of followers of Jesus who are marked by faith and hope and love?"

Leighton Ford and his team will hold their next reachout in Duluth, Minnesota, November 7 to 11.

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Correction Please

In the October 24, 1973, issue of "The Free Will Baptist," under the heading of FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, it was stated that the Thanksgiving service at the Home will be held Sunday, November 17. As you have probably already noticed November 17 is on Saturday which is the correct date for this service. We are sorry for this error and thanks to the Children's Home for calling this to our attention.

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"TAKE THE WHOLE OF ME"

In utter resignation to God's will for his life, Dr. B. H. Carroll prayed, "Lord, take my hands and let them work for Thee; take my mind and let it think for Thee; take the whole of me, for I belong altogether to Thee."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wooten's Chapel Presented Deed for Land at Homecoming

Sunday, October 21, 1973, will long be remembered by the members and many friends of Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Raleigh, North Carolina. During the worship service on this homecoming day, the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton Sr., recognized Mrs. Siddie Sauls and her daughter, Marie. These two concerned members are shown in the picture above as they present the deed of a one-acre tract of land to the church. Mr. Charles B. King Sr., chairman of the board of deacons, is shown accepting the gift on behalf of the church, as the pastor looks on.

Mrs. Sauls and Marie have given many such gifts to the church before, including a new piano. The members will forever be grateful to them for their many deeds of love and kindness.

The church reporter states: "We are working and looking forward to the day when Wooten's Chapel can complete a parsonage and have a pastor residing in our community. We recognize this need and others, but we know that the harvest truly is great but the workers are few. Therefore, we desire the prayers of all Christians as we undertake this building program on faith alone.

"Our pastor now resides at 1002 Poplar Avenue in Garner, North Carolina, with his wife Essie and two sons. We appreciate this servant of God who is willing to share in all the work. We need your prayers that we will soon be able to meet the needs of others in this community just as God has met and supplied our needs."

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Piney Grove Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, welcomes its new pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, who accepted the pastorate of the church October 1, 1973. Mr. Cox came to the church from the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina. He also served the Pine Level church for a number of years.

On Sunday, October 14, Piney Grove church observed its annual homecoming with Mr. Cox delivering the homecoming message. Following a picnic lunch, a m morial service was conducted by J Pope which paid tribute to the late F James Pittman and Mrs. Minnie Pul This was followed by various mus selections rendered by the local chu choir and groups of singers from P Level church, Pleasant Grove church, Stoney Creek church. The highlight the day came during the evening ser when the treasurer of the building f announced that an offering of $3,56 was taken to go toward the building the parsonage which is hoped to be c pleted by December of this year.

Also Mr. Cox was the speaker for vival services held at Piney Grove chu the week of October 28—November These services began each evening 7:30 and each one featured good go preaching and special music. The r val was well attended by church m bers and visitors.

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Grimsley Church Announces Fall Revival

Revival services are scheduled Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church loc on North Carolina Highway 102, betw Maury and Snow Hill, for the week November 12-17. The visiting evang will be the Rev. Norman Ard of Pink North Carolina. Services will begin evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Tom Miller, assisting. The public is dially invited to attend the services w will feature special singing each ever

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Verona Church Fall Revival November 12-16

The Verona Free Will Baptist Chu Holly Ridge, North Carolina, annou its fall revival beginning Monday e ing, November 12, and contin through Friday evening, November The Rev. Linwood L. Parker, pastor of Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, be the visiting minister. Services begin each evening at 7:30 with the

Coming Events . . .

November 11—Children's Home Day t Observed in the Free Will Ba Churches Throughout North Caroli

November 15—Study Course on Miss 7:30 P.M., Bethany Free Will Ba Church, Route 1, Winterville, N Carolina

November 17—Thanksgiving Ser 10:30 A.M., Free Will Baptist Child Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

the Rev. Ed Fordham, assisting Mr. ker.

he pastor and the church members nd a special invitation to the public ttend. Especially are all choirs, quar- duets, and other singers invited to nd and join in the special singing each ing. Your prayers are requested for success of the meeting.

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ndship Church ounces Fall Revival

evival services are scheduled for ndship Free Will Baptist Church, Route armville, North Carolina, for the week lovember 12-17. Services will begin tly at 7:30 with the Rev. Floyd B. rry of Wilson, North Carolina, as the ing minister. Mr. Cherry will be as- ed by the pastor, the Rev. Walter holds. Each service will be filled Bible preaching, gospel singing, and itual fellowship. The pastor and the rch members invite everyone to at- and bring your family and friends.

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lboro Church to Host tral Conference

he 225th annual session of the Cen- Conference of Original Free Will Bap- s will convene with the Marlboro rch, Farmville, North Carolina, No- ber 7, 8, 1973. The moderator, the Jack Mayo, will preside, assisted by clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress. The gram is as follows:

Wednesday, November 7

Morning Session

30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates

00—Devotions, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey

15—Welcome, the Rev. N. B. Barrow Sr., Host Pastor

20—Response, the Rev. L. B. Manning

10:25—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Jack Mayo

—Recognition of Visitors

—Appointment of Committees

10:45—Report of State Convention

10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds

11:05—Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds

11:15—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Superintendent Sam Weeks

11:30—Morning Worship:

Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Walter Sutton

Alternate, the Rev. Chris Singleton

—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotion, the Rev. Larry Barbour

1:25—Business Period:

Partial Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Executive Committee

Report of Central Conference Missions

Report of Trustees

Report of Central Conference Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey

Report of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes

3:15—Adjournment

Thursday, November 8

Morning Session

9:00—Final Registration

9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Donald Venable

9:40—Business Period:

Reading of Minutes of Previous Day's Session

Recognition of Visitors

Report of Obituary Committee

Report of Temperance Committee

Report of Resolutions Committee

10:30—Ordaining Council's Report

10:40—Report of State Mission Board, the Rev. Joseph Ingram

10:50—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper

11:05—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. Hubert Burress

11:15—Business Period:

Final Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Treasurer, the Rev. L. B. Woodall

12:00—Morning Worship by the Ordaining Council

—Adjournment and Lunch

Wayne King to Conduct Daly's Chapel Revival

Revival services will be held at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, the week of November 12-17. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Sandy Plains church, as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Chris Singleton, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Calvary Church Received Record Offering

On January 2, 1973, the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, purchased property in the amount of $21,500. On Sunday, October 28, at the church's homecoming service that debt was retired with an offering in the amount of $7,356.02. In just ten short months the members of Calvary church having put their faith and trust in God retired a debt that was to take ten years to pay off. In the offering on homecoming, the young people of the church raised about $2,800 of the offering received.

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Spring Branch Carnival A Great Success

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, provided entertainment for the young and old—especially its young people—in the form of a Halloween Carnival in the church's educational building Saturday night, October 27. A variety of games and activities were provided; such as, fortune-telling, fishing, darts, horse shoe, seance, candle squirt, ball toss, and apple

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONARY COMMISSIONED

by Taylor Hill

The letter below is the one presented to the North Carolina Home Missions Department by our newly commissioned home missionary to the Charlotte, North Carolina, area. The Rev. Wayne Watson has already been approved by the home missions board and all necessary arrangements are being made for him to meet all the Free Will Baptist requirements and to begin work in this area on or about January 1, 1974.

I, Wayne Watson, was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, in 1943. I was married in 1960 to the former Larine Brown, niece of the Rev. Noah Brow chairman of our home missions boa We have four children: Teressa age Donald age 11, Michelle age 8, and Ja queline age 1.

My wife and I were both saved in 19 at a Free Will Baptist Mission in Cher South Carolina; and I served as a dea there until the Lord called me to pre in 1966. Larine and I graduated fr the Piedmont Bible Institute in 1970

I have pastored three churches sinc entered the ministry: Bethlehem F Will Baptist Church, Patrick, South Ca lina, for three years; Pecan Grove F Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, No Carolina, for two years; and Willia Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Hemingw South Carolina, for two and one-h years. While pastoring the church Hemingway, the church began full-ti services, built a new parsonage, and c peted the church. We are now memb of the Highland Pines Free Will Bapt Church in Rockingham, North Carolin

My wife and I now feel a heavy burd for mission work, and feel that the Lo is leading us to the Charlotte area to ganize a Free Will Baptist church. need the prayers and support of all Fr Will Baptist people if we are to build work there for Jesus Christ. If anyo has friends or relatives in the Charlot area, please send their names and a dresses to the home missions board we can get in touch with them. Let all work and pray for this work and s what the Lord can do. May God burd your heart as He has ours for the wo in this great city.

Yours in His Service
Wayne Watson

May we all get behind this work a support the Watsons with both our pra ers and financial support. Send all co tributions to the State Home Missio Board, Taylor Hill, secretary-treasure 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, Nor Carolina 28305. May God bless each you.

The Rev. Wayne Watson and Family

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TWO AND A HALF CONVERSIONS

Moody once reported the results of or of his meetings thus: "Two and a ha conversions."

A friend asked, "Two adults and child, I suppose?"

"No," replied Moody, "two childre and an adult. The children gave the whole lives. The adult had only half life to give."

ey 73 Final Central mmittee Meeting

he final meeting of the Key 73 Cen- Committee climaxed all others. The t of God moved powerfully. A genu- spirit of love and concern prevailed.

his opening remarks, the executive ctor indicated that although the Key organizational structure will termi- , the work must continue. The Key structure was only a scaffolding to y out the Key 73 objectives.

on't let some of the negative evalua- of the media be too disturbing. It ifficult for the worldly to evaluate heavenly. The reports of the central mittee sharing session were most tive. Although Key 73 did not de- o precisely as anticipated, Key 73 ened where the committee always it must happen, namely on the con- ational level.

aise God that Key 73 was a mighty ement of the Spirit. Pray that Key nay have laid the ground work for erative evangelism on a worldwide .

e banquet was a mountaintop ex- nce. Both, Dr. Harold Lindsell, edi- of **Christianity Today** and Dr. Leigh- ord, of the Billy Graham Evangelistic ciation, spoke eloquently, powerful- nd prophetically on PRAISE—TODAY COMMITMENT — TOMORROW. The ial music provided by the Salvation y Carondelet Band of St. Louis, Chris es, bandmaster, and the 40-member a Choir from Lincoln Christian Col- Lincoln, Illinois, under the direction rof. T. O. Myers, was soul thrilling.

mmemorative plaques were present- o the committee members and phase men. The cost of the plaques was ayed through a special donation.

. Victor Nelson led the group in the er of commitment based on the pray- our Lord. The Rev. Nathaniel Lin- ed the group to the throne of grace most meaningful prayer, which we e:

ur Father in heaven, as we come to close of this glorious celebration of of fellowship, and of victory that has ours in this evangelistic movement he past several years, we give thee r and praise today. We give thee e and thanks, O heavenly Father, for director, Dr. Ted Raedeke, and his . We especially pray that thou wilt ith them, O heavenly Father, as they us into the future.

"We have come, our heavenly Father, through five phases, repentance and prayer, the Word, the resurrection, new life, and the proclamation. Now, Father, we seek thy richest benediction as we depart to execute the final and most significant phase of our work, that of commitment. We realize that it is not enough for us as denominational and Christian group leaders to be committed. Give us strength and power, dear Lord, to involve those at the grass roots in total commitment. As ambassadors and change agents in this great evangelistic movement, we pray that thou would'st not leave us alone, but empower us with thy Holy Spirit for the task that is ahead. May our factured continent become a united community in Christian service to all mankind. O, God, we pray that we might become more light to the world and more salt to the earth. Grant, heavenly Father, that through our efforts we will be able to transform the world. As we fulfill thy mission, O heavenly Father, grant that men will know that we are Christians, not only by our race or our denominational label, but by our love—our love toward thee and our love toward our fellowmen. Hear our prayer, O God, we pray in thy Son's name. Amen."

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The retiring usher was instructing his youthful successor in the details of his office. "And remember, my boy, that we have nothing but good, kind Christians in this church—until you try to put someone else in their pew."

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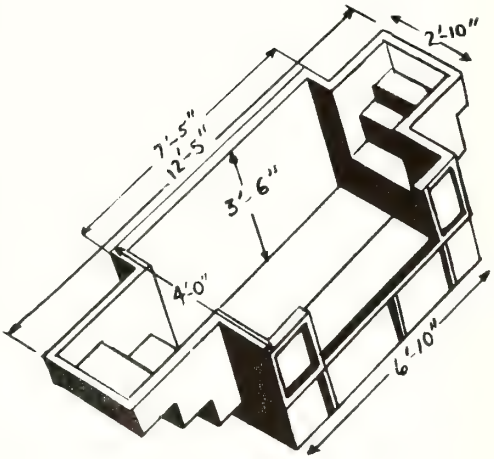

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WHAT IF?

FRIDAY morning I started getting apprehensive. Dress rehearsal for the play was scheduled for that night and I was supposed to be there.

I had seen one rehearsal previously. The cast played their parts marvelously and the director worked like a pro. But the gnawing, nagging feeling of uneasiness had crept over me. The kind of uneasiness that compels you to do all those odds and ends that normally you would find too aggravating.

Dress rehearsal was like any other dress rehearsal. The first and second speeches got tangled and they had to begin a second time. The table leg fell off, and the tape recorder, which played one of the main roles, was cranky. Just routine. Nothing to be alarmed about.

Upon opening the Saturday afternoon paper, jumping out at me from the printed page was a huge block advertisement telling of the play in bold black and white. My apprehension reached a new crescendo.

Having confidence in the director and cast did not help me sleep and Sunday arrived after a second night of restlessness. I kept thinking, What if no one comes? After all the hard labor the cast, stage crew, lighting and sound directors, and the choir, that would be most embarrassing. Or, what if everybody comes and the play does not "go over"? These two questions kept throbbing on my consciousness all day.

The first question was answered when the choir marched through the Fellowship Hall on the trip to our seats in the balcony. There was an usher busily taking folding chairs into the sanctuary. That meant a packed house!

The vacancy made by having the first question answered was immediately filled when the second question gained momentum.

The play opened and the cast became the characters they portrayed. I looked on as the story gripped me as if I had never seen it before.

Finally, it was over. Our choral number was a success. Then came the invitation. Tears that must have been in storage for days flowed unchecked down my face as a lady went forward giving her heart to Christ. All my apprehensions and anxieties disintegrated and a dynamic realization clutched me—doing the will of the Lord is so very, very important.

There are so many times the Lord speaks and we answer "no" because we are afraid of failure, afraid of putting extra work on someone, or for other personal reasons, not trusting in the Master for the final results.

What if the director had answered "No"? Another director may not have chosen Bobby to play the part of Tom. What if Bobby had answered "No"? His mother may not have been at the service and she is the lady who accepted Christ. What if Mrs. Conway had not invited her daughter, Martha, to attend? Martha walked out of the church when the service was over to return and be led t Lord. What if Rhonda's mother had "No, we will not attend"? Rhonda her profession of faith the follo night as a result of the performanc

There are so many "what ifs" in ed in a single soul being born again. one deed alone, nor one prayer alone one person alone was responsible these conversions; but an intricate tern including scores of people inv in the events preceding, the present itself, and especially the prayers. even one "what if" could have dras ly altered the final results.

Oh, this joy we share as Chris carries with it such a responsib Shame engulfs me when I think o shortcomings in obeying the comm of the Lord. And to think, I almos not write the play. What if?

(Names have been changed.)

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The congregation in one church so small that when the minister "Dearly beloved," the maiden thought he was proposing.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BEST SELLERS

Below is a list of the National Religious Best Sellers as published by the "Bookstore Journal" for the month of October, 1973. These books may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, P. O. Box 158, Ayden North Carolina 28513, or from any of its branch stores in New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson, North Carolina.

CLOTHBOUND BOOKS

The Living Bible by Taylor, Tyndale	$9.9
The Becomers by Miller, Word	$5.9
The Christian Family by Christianson, Bethany	$4.9
The Fat Is in Your Head by Shedd, Word	$3.9
In the Presence of Mine Enemies by Rutledge, Revell	$4.9
Halley's Bible Handbook by Halley, Zondervan	$4.5
A New Joy by Evans, Revell	$3.9
They Call Me Coach by Wooden, Word	$5.9
The Hiding Place by Ten Boom, Chosen	$5.9
Daktar by Olsen, Moody	$5.9

PAPERBACK BOOKS

Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth by Lindsey, Zondervan	$2.2
The Hiding Place by Ten Boom, Chosen	$2.9
The Late Great Planet Earth by Lindsey, Zondervan	$1.9
The Way by Taylor, Tyndale	$5.9
Prison to Praise by Carothers, Logos	$1.2
I'm Okay, You're Okay by Harris, Spire/Avon	$1.9
Power in Praise by Carothers, Logos	$1.9
Hope for the Flowers by Paulus, Paulist	$4.9
A Taste of New Wine by Miller, Word	$1.2
Say It with Love by Hendricks, Victor	$1.4

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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estion: Please explain, "Verily I say you, There be some standing here, n shall not taste of death, till they he Son of man coming in his king- (Matthew 16:28). Did Jesus mean is there were some of that gener- who would not go through the of physical death before His second g?

swer: No, I do not think He had this nd. He evidently meant that James, , and John would witness the scene Him they experienced as is to be by reading the first eight verses of ew 17. Here Jesus, together with s and Elijah, appear on the scene esting the glory of God in a visible that astounded these three saints. evidently is what our blessed Lord alerting them to be ready for. He d to teach them something to help stand steadfast in the times of ation, surely to follow His ascen- nto heaven.

wants to help us to be overcomers our trying experiences here as we out His orders to get the gospel o every creature before He comes while the devil and all his angels they can to hinder us by discour- ents—roadblocks of one kind and er. So being the good Shepherd ays down His life for His sheep, He us to see and understand how He before and prepares the way for servant in the way this is needed. are the following: "Jesus saith un- n, If I will that he tarry till I come, is that to thee? follow thou me" 21:22); "Moreover I will endeavour e may be able after my decease to these things always in remem- e. For we have not followed cun- devised fables, when we made n unto you the power and coming Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewit- s of his majesty. For he received God the Father honour and glory, there came such a voice to him the excellent glory, This is my be- loved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount" (2 Peter 1:15-18). The transfiguration then was the event our Lord had in mind and Peter, James, and John were those to see Him in His glory before the generation passed.

Jesus did not say that James, John, and Peter would not pass from this scene of evil action; that is, they would not die, nor did He say they were to remain alive until He returned in His second coming.

You and I may "shuffle off this mortal coil" before He returns, but the glorious and wonderful promise and assurance we have is that if we remain ready at all times, knowing He may come at any moment, that if we sleep in death we shall be resurrected in a body of His glorious likeness; and if we are still alive we shall be changed and translated into this likeness and all, both those Christians who have died and those that remain alive, shall be caught up ever to be with the Lord. For me this is sufficient and I praise Him from the depths of my redeemed soul for this glorious assurance.

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Question: Please explain, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

Answer: This expression, "faith without works is dead," teaches us that if our faith in Christ has not produced a radical change in our activities it has not brought about that change in our lives that the Bible indicates being born again does; therefore, lacks in conformity to the ways of Christ and needs to do what we have always needed—take Christ as our Saviour and let Him take control of our lives. The Bible warns us against being hypocrites or being influenced by them. The Bible says: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

The Bible distinctly teaches that a change of heart is necessary and prerequisite to a changed life. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

When you find a person that claims to be a Christian, but he is ashamed to witness for Christ, you need to help him see that he, like all of the world, is lost by showing him such Scriptures as Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; John 3:3-5; Acts 16:31; and John 3:36. To believe on Christ as one's Lord and Saviour involves more than the assent to the historic fact that Christ came, lived on earth some 33 years, was crucified as the Bible teaches, and that all else happened in conjunction with His life and death that the Bible indicates.

It calls for a personal acceptance and appropriation of Christ himself as the Lord and Master and the controlling force of one's entire being. He must, so far as that individual is concerned, be made Lord of all or not lord at all. A lord, as the Bible makes use of the title, means someone in complete control, with the power of life and death over his subject. Many in the orient still give this meaning to the term. When such subjects have made sure the wishes of their lord, it makes no difference how demanding the order or what its requirements may be; they do all in their power to conform to that wish just simply because it is a command from their lord. Christ being our Lord asks no more and yet no less of us. When Saul failed to carry out God's orders, even though they may have seemed unreasonable to him, he saved some he thought to be the best for sacrifices; but God said to him through His trusted servant Samuel, "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stub-

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STORIES

for our youth

FOXY SAYS THANK YOU

MARTHA PUTNAM

RANDY couldn't understand why his mother disliked the little black and white dog so much. God made dogs, too, and people should like them, especially when they were as cute as Foxy.

But Mom stood in the doorway and frowned at Foxy as if he should have taken a bath and combed his long, wavy hair before he came to their back door. Foxy looked back at her. He wagged his tail slower and slower as Mom said nothing.

It wasn't fair. Nobody seemed to want Foxy. He was the loneliest dog Randy had ever seen. Randy wished he could keep Foxy, but Mom—well, Mom just didn't like any dogs today.

"He followed me all the way from school, Mom," Randy said.

"You could have sent him home," Mom said sharply. It was very obvious that Mom had one of the terrific headaches she sometimes has in the fall of the year.

"I tried, Mom." Randy could feel the ache in his throat getting bigger and bigger. "The kids were kicking at him, and he stuck to me, just as if he thought I'd help him."

"Help him!" Mom had to be really sick to have her voice crack like that. "He knew you would help him. He probably has seen all the homeless dogs you've dragged home all summer long."

"Well, may I feed him something, Mom? Huh? May I, Mom? Please?

Mom pressed her hand against her head. "Oh, yes, I guess so," she said. "There are some meat scraps in the refrigerator. I've got to lie down. You'll have to help Daddy get supper, Randy."

"I will, Mom," Randy agreed eagerly. He hurried to the refrigerator. "I'll get all of it. You lie down, Mom. And thank you, Mom. Thank you!"

Mom smiled as much as her headache would allow.

"You'd better let Daddy fry the steaks, dear," she said. "And if we ever find a dog that says thank you as easily as you do, Randy, I may let you keep him."

"Oh, Mom—" Randy's eyes grew bigger and browner as he looked at her.

"Now don't get any ideas," she cautioned. "This Foxy doesn't look smart enough to come in out of a rainstorm."

Randy knew his mom was mistaken. But this was a project that needed God's help.

He didn't have time to stop for a special prayer. So Randy talked to God while he spooned out some food for Foxy. And the most wonderful idea came to him!

Instead of giving Foxy all the meat scraps at once, he gave him one at a time. After each one, Randy helped Foxy to sit up while Randy said, "Thank you." By the time the last scrap was gone, Foxy had sat up twice by himself.

Randy couldn't tell Mom about it yet. So he made a bed for Foxy behind some of the shrubs next to the back steps. Foxy would be warm there. Randy didn't take into account that the dog would get lonesome.

That night after the lights were out, Foxy started howling. Randy heard Mom say, "That dog!" Then he heard Daddy roll out of bed with a groan and start padding toward the kitchen door.

Randy slipped out of his room quickly and beat his daddy to the door. He opened the door to step outside, trying to block Foxy. But Foxy was too quick for him and dashed in. He ran around the living room so fast that Daddy had to dodge to keep out of Foxy's way.

Randy was so afraid that all he cc do for a second was to stand, shiver, pray. "Please, God, make Foxy beha

"Catch him, Randy," Daddy said. "H wreck the furniture. I guess he thi he has found a home."

Randy caught him for a second, long enough for Foxy to give him an fectionate swipe with his tongue.

"What in the world—"

Daddy and Randy turned to look Mom standing in the bedroom doorv Randy felt sick all over. He hadn't time to teach Foxy to say thank you ev time he was supposed to. Even hadn't had time to answer Randy's p er.

Foxy knew that there was somett wrong. He stopped racing around room. His little blinking eyes looke Daddy, then at Randy, and then at M

Daddy cleared his throat, and Fo tail moved ever so little. But he k looking at Mom. Then his tail wag a little more.

Foxy saw the tiniest flicker of a sr on Mom's lips even before Randy did. made a dash for Mom while Randy sta in surprise.

Foxy stopped just short of touch Mom. Then he sat up and raised front paws in the way Randy had tau him. Mom reached down and patted gently.

"You may keep him, son," she s softly this time.

"Shouldn't we try to find his owne Daddy asked.

"He has been hanging around school, Daddy. Nobody wanted him.

Mom agreed. "He looked entirely saken, dear," she told Daddy. "He's a smart little dog without a home."

"Thank you, Mom," Randy cried hugged Foxy.

Daddy grinned, and Foxy wriggled v pure joy as Randy buried his face Foxy's hair and whispered, "Thank y God. I guess you don't have to h time to get things done."—**My Pleas**

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"I'D STILL BE YOUR MISSIONARY"

James Chalmers, missionary to N Guinea, said, "Recall the twenty- years and give me back all its exp ences—the shipwrecks and the ti when I stood in the face of death, rounded by savages with their sp flying about me and clubs knocking to the ground—give it all back to me I'd still be your missionary."

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Reminder to All Free Will Baptist Ministers

e Historical Commission of the North ina State Convention initiated a proj- t the Convention in Tarboro to col- basic biographical information about Will Baptist ministers through forms ibuted at the convention by the Com- on and the Credentials Committee. form was titled, "Minister's Data t." Each minister registering was sted to complete the sheet and re- either to the convention desk or to istorical Commission in care of the Will Baptist Historical Collection, nt Olive College.

date only 20 such sheets have been ned. We earnestly request that all received the forms, complete them return them to the Historical Collec- at the College. If you did not attend convention or failed to receive a , these may be secured upon request the Historical Commission in care e Historical Collection at the Col-

ke this opportunity to assist future rations in securing information about and your ministry by completing a ister's Data Sheet."

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73 Mount Olive llege Dinners

low is a schedule giving the remain- dates and places for county dinners e held for Mount Olive College dur- he month of November.

nes County—Wednesday, November 30 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Carol Banks and Mrs. Irene Batch- cochairmen.

t Cou y—Thursday, November 8, 7 D. H Conley High School, the Revs. es Crisp and Bobby Bazen, cochair-

slow-New Hanover Counties—Friday, mber 9, 7 p.m., Dixon School Cafe- Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

eene County — Saturday, November 10, 7 p.m., Greene Central High School Cafeteria, George Harrison and James Ray McLawhorn, cochairmen.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties—Monday, November 12, 7 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon and the Rev. Herman Grubbs, cochairmen.

Wilson County—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties—Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Beaufort County—Saturday, November 24, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties—Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman.

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When General Booth received a communication from one of his captains, that the work was so hard he could make no progress, the General sent a telegram back, "Try tears." We are told success came to that corps. If the church of God followed the same advice more frequently, she might reap a larger harvest of souls.—Wm. Olney.

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NEWS NOTES

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bobbing; as well as a cake walk, costume contest, and bingo.

Prior to the carnival the Layman's League sponsored a barbecue supper. Just before refreshments were served the Layman's League auctioned off a barbecued ham left from the supper. Also the YFA, woman's auxiliary, and the young woman's auxiliary sponsored activities which helped make the carnival the success it was.

The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, along with the master of ceremonies, Alvin Dildy, worked with the carnival chairman, Lori Craft, and assistant chairman, Betty Rae Beaman, to plan with the many committees and individuals the Christian recreation for the Halloween season.

Approximately 125 attended the event. The Modern Woodmen of America and local merchants awarded special prizes for the occasion.

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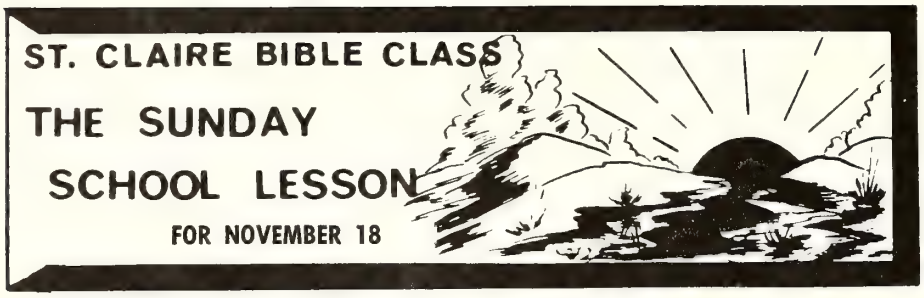
Halloween Carnival Proceeds Go to Children's Home

The Sunday school of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, sponsored a Halloween Carnival, Tuesday night, October 30. Each class held games and contests in their rooms and then everyone gathered in the fellowship hall for the costume judging. Winners in the young people's division were: Randy Baker, Danny Temple, Dewey Murray, and Ramey Jo Dickerson. The adult winners were Jean Little and Jim Rochelle.

At the entrance of the educational building a "witch" presided over a pot where everyone had the opportunity to give a donation for the Children's Home. Mr. Sam Weeks and the Rev. D. W. Hansley from the Children's Home were present at the carnival.



The Strong and the Weak

Printed Text: Romans 14:1-4; 1 Corinthians 8:7-13

Memory Verse: Romans 15:1

I. INTRODUCTION

All Christians are saved by the same grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, but not all Christians are the same in point of strength and character. Some are very strong, highly moral, and completely dependable; others are weak, subject to the power of carnality, and are often unable to render consistent Christian service. Why are there these differences and what causes lie behind them?

The causes may be as many as there are individuals, but a general summary of them would certainly include the following: home background training, strength of former sins and evil habits, depth of spiritual grace in initial stages, quality of spiritual training after conversion, and encouragement (or lack of it) from other Christians.

The strong and weak Christians are in every church and the contrast is often amazing. Realizing the fact of these differences, the question comes, What is the role of strong Christians in regard to their dealings with the weak? They have several alternatives. They can ignore the weak and go on about their own business. They can sympathize with the weak but do nothing about it. They can understand the causes of their weakness and set about trying to help them. The latter course is, reasonably enough, the one strong Christians should take.

Why they should take this course and how it may be done is the purpose of this lesson today. What we do about it will determine whether the weak will ever become the strong.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If the church did what God intended for it to do in the way of helping its weak and needy members, there would be no need for many other organizations that exist in the world today. What does your church do to help the weak? the needy?

B. God knew exactly what He was doing when He placed people in families in the world. He did this so that small and weak children would have someone who loved them to care for them. God places His people in a family, the church, for the same purpose. The church that fails to help the weak is not doing its job.

C. The wonderful thing about helping other people who need our help is that we help ourselves at the same time. One cannot help others without helping himself.

D. The weaker brother does not need criticism. He knows that he is weak, and he knows that he has sinned. The Holy Spirit will convict him of that. What he needs from us is encouragement and help. Will he get it?

E. Sometimes the best way to help another is to forgive him the wrongs he has done us and to let him know that he is forgiven.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In some parts of our country there are three-lane highways. In the right lane we may safely travel, provided we obey the laws of our government concerning the use of this lane. We are forbidden to go into the far left lane on this highway because it is illegal. To do so might mean death and destruction for us and others. But we may go into the center lane. We have freedom to travel in that lane under certain conditions. We may enter this lane only if it is unoccupied by another car coming from the opposite direction or if it will not in any way endanger the lives of others.

The road the Christian must travel is somewhat like this highway. There are some things that a Christian is commanded to do as he travels the Lord's way. If we travel in the right lane, we will be certain to obey the Lord's commandments to worship regularly, obs the Lord's Supper, give proportiona pray, etc. But like the left lane, t are things which are forbidden to Christian. Drunkenness, immor blasphemy, lying, coveting, and the are condemned by God. In the ce however, is an area of freedom. are those things that are not forbi or specifically commanded. Here must choose what we will do. At t we must forego the privilege of this dom because we may endanger the of a babe in Christ.

Are you careful as you travel in center lane? Let us be careful that use of our Christian freedom will no come a stumbling block to othe **Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. Someone has made the observa that self-preservation is the first la nature, and it would be difficult to this observation, but there is somet that is higher than law, and that is c and concern for others, and the lav which these are governed is not to serve self, but rather to deny self the welfare and well-being of othe **The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

C. A junior boy was won to Chris his Sunday school teacher. He love teacher and wanted to be like him. first Sunday night after he was sa the lad did not see his teacher at evening service. The same was true following Sunday evening. Soon the stopped coming to church on Su nights. When asked why, he replied if his teacher did not think it neces to go, neither would he. What w you say if you were that teacher?— **Bowen.**

D. A man in Scotland once gave a eagle its freedom and watched to what would happen. Soon another swept down from the sky, passed the sick eagle fanning it with his w and finally lifted it up on its broad ions until the sick bird, gaining stre from its contact with the other e spread its wings and soared away. seems to be an illustration of the God's people ought to help one anc We are taught in the Bible, "Bear ye another's burdens, and so fulfil the of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Some we say that since we are not unde law, we are free; but we are unde law of love, which is the law of Chr **F. B. Cherry.**

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Too many well-meaning people wa the hearse to bring them to church

NORTH A. GASKINS

(1897 - 1973)

August 21, 1973, in tender love infinite mercy, our heavenly Father ed down and beckoned home one e life reflected his commitment to Creator and his love for his fellow- North A. Gaskins was truly a man d who, from the time of his conver- through his retirement years and his death, was about his Father's ess.

rn on April 27, 1897, he served his try during World War I as a Machin- Mate First Class in the U. S. Navy. stent with this love of country, he for more than 40 years a member e American Legion and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, having d as chaplain of both organizations.

dedicated husband and father, he led in his children the Christian es which had been such a vital part is life and sought to give them a tian father to whom they could for guidance and counsel.

s avocation was the Christian life his vocation was serving as an em- e of the U. S. Postal Department e he was employed for 28 years. wing his retirement from the depart- , he served as chaplain of the Na- l Association of Retired Civil Service oyees Chapter of which he was a ber.

ing one whose chief aim in life was advancement of God's kingdom, he oubt would have felt that his great- ccomplishments were in service to church and denomination. Not con- to restrict his interests to the local ch, he was instrumental in organiz- Sunday schools in two neighboring ches and supported the work of his mination through attendance at area ings and conventions. A faithful ber of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist ch, New Bern, North Carolina, for years, he served a term as deacon was a longtime teacher of the Men's Class. Important as these positions e church might reflect, no doubt his est contribution was in the area of onal work—of sharing his faith with who did not know his God. Never busy to visit in a bereaved home, a hospital call, or explain the plan lvation to one in need, this man of delighted in this very special avenue ervice traveled by far too few of of us who profess to be Christians. etirement years afforded greater opportunities in this direction and in this area he found his own special place in the kingdom's work.

His passing leaves a void in his church as well as in the hearts of his loved ones; however, we rejoice in the life that he lived and the challenge that he passed on to a new generation of believers, and we pray that we may emulate his life through service to his God. Like Enoch of old, North Gaskins was a man who walked with God.

Respectfully submitted,
Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church

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A man should never be ashamed to own he has been wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

Calvary Youth Choir Honors Pastor and Wife

The youth choir of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, honored its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling, with a surprise birthday party following the Western District Youth Rally, Saturday, October 27. The party was held at the Kenly Tastee-Freeze. The youth choir presented to Mr. and Mrs. Boling a gift as a token of appreciation for all they have done for the choir and for Calvary church.

The following poem was written by members of the choir and dedicated to the Bolings:

It's not the way you wear your hair
That makes us love you so;
It's just because you're just plain you
Everywhere you go.

Greater folks could never be found
No matter where you look;
I know that God is pleased to have
Your names upon His book.

You work with us from day-to-day
And never do you whine;
But inspire all of us around
To let our bright light shine.

You love us though we often grumble,
And when we verbally fight;
You correct us with all your love
And then pray for us with all your might.

Now it's time for us to give to you
A token of our love,
As we pray many blessings upon you
From our heavenly Father above.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Eddie Jordan announces that he is available for full-time, part-time, or supply pastoral work for any Free Will Baptist church within driving distance of High Point, North Carolina, desiring his services. He is an ordained minister and a member of the Piedmont Conference. He may be contacted by writing 706 Belmont Drive, High Point, North Carolina 27263, or by calling 431-6991.

Also please note Mr. Jordan's new address. He states that since he moved from Morganton, North Carolina, part of his mail is going to that address. All future correspondence should be to his High Point address.

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Auxiliary to Sponsor Bazaar

The Woman's Auxiliary of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, will sponsor a bazaar, November 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Items will be on sale such as Christmas decorations, gifts, potted plants, household articles, etc. Sandwiches will be available at lunchtime.

At 6 p.m. a fish stew will be served at the church. The auxiliary members extend to everyone a cordial welcome to come and enjoy all these events with them.

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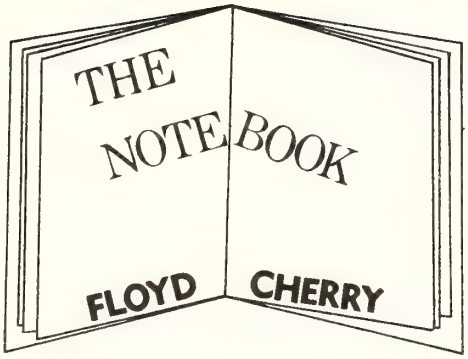

The Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met on October 24 and 25 at Macedonia church, Ernul. The Rev. Walter Sutton did a good job as host pastor.

The Eastern Conference is the largest conference in North Carolina. It is composed of 83 churches with 9,160 members spread over eleven counties in the Southeastern part of the state. There are approximately seventy-five ordained ministers.

The conference was well attended on the first day, and we do not know about the second day because we did not get to attend. The moderator, the Rev. Elbert Edwards, did a good job as leader of the meeting. The secretary, or clerk of the conference, is the Rev. Carol Hansley. Sermons were preached during the conference by the Rev. Lloyd Vernon and the Rev. Clifton Rice.

This conference is typical of Free Will Baptist conferences all over North Carolina. There are no large churches. In fact, the average membership is only 110 per church, and the churches are, for the most part, rural churches. Don't let these statistics fool you. The fact that the churches are rural and spread over a wide territory is to their advantage. The Eastern half of North Carolina is being industrialized rapidly. Most of the large industries are locating outside of the cities and towns because of space requirements and city taxes. This means that many of our churches are strategically located to take advantage of the increasing population in the Eastern half of the state.

The question that each minister and each church should be concerned about is this: "Are we prepared to utilize the new people that are coming into our communities, and lead them to Christ and integrate them into our churches?" Make no mistake about it, this will require some changes in the life of the church. Sometimes these changes meet with great opposition from older members who are not able to see the need for change. We must try to keep these older members happy and at the same time move forward in aggressive evangelism if we are to realize our potentials.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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shame and said, "I never thought of that." —*Western Recorder.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Earthly possessions may be here today and disappear tomorrow. Our heavenly possessions are invincible.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations,* Eerdmans Press.)

Questions & Answ

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cause thou hast rejected the word
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Some pillars of the church are
nothing but caterpillars.

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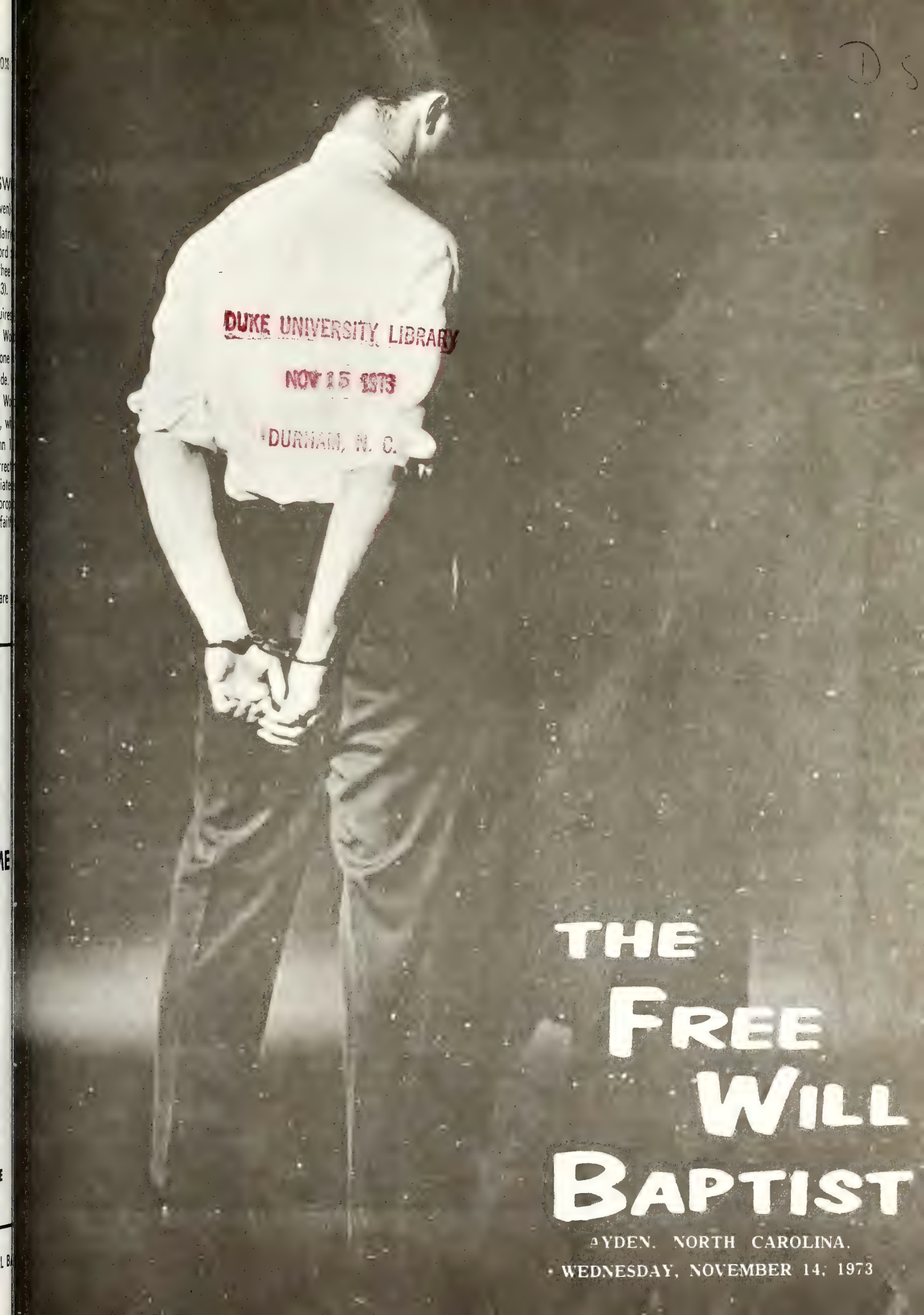

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LIQUID SIN AND A STORY OF TWO BOYS

I'll tell you a story of Johnny and Bill,
Bright and glowing and good boys until
One day on life's pathway they happened to meet
A bottle of liquid that claimed to be sweet.

The bottle of liquid by some was called beer;
It boasted of joy and freedom from fear;
Friendship with Johnny and Bill through disguise,
The bottle of liquid thought both boys a prize.

"Listen now closely, young fellows," said he;
"Love me and use me, and young men you'll be;
I offer you courage and liberty's door;
Use me just once and you'll surely want more."

Bill eagerly listened and thought himself smart
To yield to the bottle and take him a part,
But Johnny knew better and thought it not wise;
He challenged the bottle—accused it of lies.

"A coward is Johnny," said Bill to the beer;
"I'll use you and love you in spite of his fear;
A man of strength and wisdom I'll be,
And Johnny so soon will be jealous of me!"

A few years had passed and time made it be
When manhood for Johnny and Bill would we see;
The same two young fellows we'd seen on life's road
Stopped for a moment to rest of their load.

"Hi Billy," said Johnny; and firm was his hand;
Fearless and tall, he stood as a man;
"Hi Johnny," said Bill, with pain in his eyes;
He remembered the beer he'd considered a prize.

Thin and disheveled and stooped did he stand;
No one would cheer this model of man;
Yet, on life's pathway he'd thought it so dear
To love and to cherish that bottle of beer.

Life for our Johnny has now just begun,
And joyful and peaceful the course he has run;
But Bill in his boldness had ventured to be
A man with no wisdom; now sorry is he.

The bottle of liquid now is his rule;
"Brave" little Billy was surely a fool
To listen and yield to that bottle of beer;
Life now was empty and death was so near.

The bottle of beer is a demon indeed;
On bright, little minds it continues to feed
Till more lives it ruins and hearts does it break,
Promising joy and manhood to make.

We've told you our story as well as we can;
The bottle of liquid can hurt any man;
Out on life's pathway, we think of it still,
Happy is Johnny, but so sad is Bill.

The story's not ended; there's more to it yet;
The bottle in question's just part of the net;
There's stronger stuff ready to play its big hand
To rob of respect both woman and man.

At first it's so gentle and offers reward,
Then swiftly it grabs you and cuts like a sword
To cause you hurt daily and in its own way
Diminish your status and hold you in sway.

Out on life's pathway, by chance if you meet
A fast-talking liquid that claims to be sweet,
Don't listen; instead, turn a deaf ear and face
The thought of the sorrow, the awful disgrace

That came to our Billy in the story we've told—
The Billy who listened and thought himself bold
To taste of the liquid which sought to make sure
That Billy was hooked, afforded no cure.

Though narrow we seem to both foe and friend
To speak of this subject and call it a sin,
Think on it; don't use it: We make this our plea;
Just open your eyes; look around you; you'll see

Why we've voiced our opinion and let it be known;
We've seen the sad harvest of bad seeds so sown;
For, out on life's pathway are Johnny and Bill
And a devilish liquid awaiting the kill.

They could be your children and mine—God forbid!
One thing's for certain: 'Tis best to be rid
Of that bottle of liquid; oh please—please beware
Lest you or a loved one be caught in its snare. . . .

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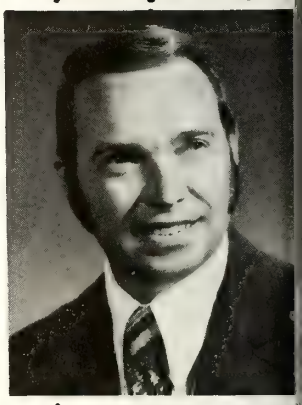

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haring the Christian Life

"SOUL WINNING"

by A. B. BRYAN

S is the third in a series of articles y the Rev. A. B. Bryan on the sub- "Sharing the Christian Life." In ticle we will deal with making the n to come to Christ in simple faith.

n all the teaching we do to try to plain what a person must do and is involved in coming to Christ in faith, there are those who have difficulty in making this decision. are people in the church today no assurance and those who go year to year without being able to y and boldly stand upon this ex- ce. Does this not prove to us that e too lightly or are confused about being born into the family of God means?

should not look at saving faith as that always takes place in a pub- eting, but as a personal matter—a in which a person comes face to ith God and has to make a decision own. However, we as Christians use others to become Christians by ting to them the need of the Chris- fe and letting this life so shine in es that they will want to pattern ives after ours. It is much easier l with a person who makes a pub- fession of Christ and has become a er of the church.

times when conviction is present ome people carry this conviction onths and months before settling erson has a heavy burden to know rd. Very few people come to know without a period of forethought. When we Christians pray right, live right, and work right, someone is bound to be saved.

Do we really know how to lead someone to Christ? First let's deal with those who are anxious to be saved.

1. We need to show them how to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. People have various opinions about the working of the Holy Spirit in this area. Our opinions are not a must or will they hold unless founded upon the Word of God.

Jesus says in Matthew 10:32, 33: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." The meaning of these verses is that one must acknowledge Christ to be the Saviour, the Son of God, and the only One who can forgive sins. He must have his heart and life regulated by his spirit and doctrine. It is not enough to merely have the heart right before God; there must be a firm, manly, and public profession of Christ before men. One cannot take the attitude to keep his religion to himself. If one does not take this firm stand before men, then Christ will not represent him but renounce him before God.

The individual owns Christ when he owns His doctrine and works in and with his ministers and servants and does not let any fear hinder his supporting and assisting in the ministry of his church. Verse 33 is literally saying, "Whosoever prefers his worldly interest to his duty to God, sets a greater value on earthly things than heavenly things, and prefers the friendship of men rather than the friendship of God." In this state one cannot have Christ as Meditator or Saviour. How could one allow this to happen and not die in horror? There is no way to escape except through Christ.

2. The privilege of being a son of God is simply ours. We read in the Gospel of John, Chapter 1, Verses 12, 13: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood (the channel of natural birth), nor of the will of the flesh (through the natural process of physical growth), nor of the will of man, but of God."

3. There are three areas of the spiritual birth and assurance. They are:

a. **Faith,** which the sinner must exercise. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). This faith is in conversion and is continually exercised in the Christian life.

b. **Fact**—Man has nothing to do with this part of his life, it occurs by a miracle of God. When God in His Word says something is so, then it happens as He says. To once doubt God's Word and His work is to make God a liar. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1 John 5:10).

c. **Feeling**—Feeling of salvation is represented as to the use of wood for a fire (faith); then the fire is kindled, creating warmth (fact); and last comes the heat to warm the body (feeling). "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he (the eunuch) went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39).

4. To climax our study we share one of the simplest directives of the whole Bible for simple faith for salvation. We read in Romans 10:9, 10: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him (Jesus) from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (This is no

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Titus 2:7, 8

ON HIS FATHER'S GROUND

Colonel Fred N. Dow tells the following story to illustrate how the son of a father devoted to a great principle is likely to follow in his father's steps. Colonel Dow once visited friends at Quebec, and, while seeing the sights of the city and its surroundings, he took a public carriage to visit the Falls of Montmorency. At a halfway house on the road the driver pulled up his horse and remarked, "The carriage always stops here." "For what purpose?" asked the Colonel. "For the passengers to treat," was the reply. "But none of us drink, and we don't intend to treat." The driver had dismounted, and was waiting by the roadside. Drawing himself up to his full height, he said impressively: "I have driven this carriage now for more than thirty years, and this happened but once before. Some time ago I had for a fare a crank from Portland, Maine, by the name of Neal Dow, who said he wouldn't drink; and, what was more to the point, he said he wouldn't pay for anybody else to drink." The son found himself occupying the same ground as that on which his father had stood.—*New Century Leader.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Help parents to realize that they are examples for their children. Setting a good example gains better results than any amount of words or actions of discipline.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—3 John 11

WISH'T YOU WAS MY FATHER!

In Chicago a boy was sent by a drunken father to buy something at a store. Somehow the lad lost the money, and he dared not go home, for when drunk his father got dreadfully angry about the slightest thing. A man who saw the boy shivering in a doorway learned his trouble and gave him the dollar he had lost. Thanking the kind stranger, the boy went off to the store, but suddenly he turned back, and looking wistfully at the man, said, "Wish't *you* was my father!" He had just had a glimpse of the difference it would make to have a good father instead of a drunken one.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Drunkenness causes not only errant fathers or mothers but disagreeable, slovenly husbands or wives as well. The world would be a much better place if alcohol were nonexistent.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 33:12, 25

TIE THAT BINDS

It was Sunday in occupied Kiangsu. The morning service proceeded smoothly until a stir in the rear of the church caused a turning of heads. Women uttered suppressed cries of fear, clutching their children to them. Men half rose from their seats.

A Japanese soldier stalked up the aisle. He reached the front of the church and in the silence which followed every ear awaited the expected edict, declaration or warrant.

In the stillness the enemy soldier pulled his hand out of his pocket and laid an offering upon the table. All could hear the clink of a coin on the collection plate. He picked up a hymnbook, turned the pages and pointed out to the organist a number which he evidently desired to join with the Chinese congregation in singing.

It was the Chinese translation of "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."—*Christian World Facts.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is just as impossible to judge a person by his outward appearance as it is to judge a book by its cover. Endeavor to look deeper into a person's true being before forming an opinion.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 106:1

"BEGINS AND ENDS BY THANKING GOD!

The Rev. Leslie F. Church related the following story at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society:

A friend of his was staying in Yorkshire one very wet Sunday with two other friends. On the way to church he was told they would be the only people there probably, and that the service would be taken by a lay preacher who would have walked fifteen miles over the hills in the pouring rain to get there. "Is he a great preacher?" the friend asked. "No, but he can pray. He always begins, continues, and ends with thanking God." Sure enough, they were the whole congregation, and the old man came into the pulpit, drenched through with the rain, but punctual. He began his prayer thus: "Almighty God, we thank Thee that it is not always as bad as this."—*E. Edmunds.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Seldom are we appreciative of our good fortune. In times of stress we find more time for prayer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:14, 15

TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

When the New England colonie first planted, the settlers endured privations and difficulties. Being disposed, they laid their distresses God in frequent days of fasting and Constant meditation upon distress ke minds gloomy and discontented, and them disposed even to return to their land, with all its persecutions. At when it was again proposed to appoin of fasting and prayer, a plain, co sense old colonist rose in the meeti remarked that he thought they had b long enough over their difficulties, a it seemed high time they should c some of their mercies; that the colo growing strong, the fields increasing vests, the rivers full of fish, the woo of game, the air sweet, the climat brious, their wives healthful, and the dren dutiful; above all, that they po what they came for, full civil and r liberty. On the whole, he would am resolution for a fast, and propose stead *a day of thanksgiving.* His was taken.—Tom M. Olson, in *Now*

PRAYER THOUGHT

One day a year is too often th time we stop to consider our blessings everyday Thanksgiving Day!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:2

"GO EASY!"

My six daughters sometimes around me telling me how they need money for music lessons, and for other things. Sometimes I have bee pelled to say, "Go easy! I am not out of money. We will just have what we can afford and go witho rest." But I never read in God's where He ever told anybody, "Go e don't have very much. I have strained myself giving to others. I give as much as you ask." No, no of our greatest sins about praying we do not ask for enough. We do n what God is willing to give. . . . G give us our little, stingy, unbelievin ers!—John R. Rice, in *Prayer—Askin Receiving.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We make use of banks, gas statio partment stores, and restaurants. W so difficult to make use of one of th rewarding services rendered to us b through prayer?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:4

"I'LL HIDE UNDER THE BENCH

When the time for the offering c one church, a little girl noticed a buxom lady fingering over the conglo treasures of her handbag in searc small coin. Failing in this, the closed her purse, and folded her ha

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Grove Revival in Progress

ival services are in progress this at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist h near Vanceboro, North Carolina, will continue through Saturday even- November 17. Services are begin- each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Brown as the visiting evangelist. astor, the Rev. Hillary Gaskins, is ing Mr. Brown. Along with good hing, special music is being render- ch evening. The pastor and the egation invite everyone to attend remaining services. Mr. Gaskins s, "We are in business for God."

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fall revival at Gethsemane Free Baptist Church, Route 2, New Bern, Carolina, is now in progress. Ser- began Monday evening, November nd will continue through Saturday ng, November 17, beginning each ng at 7:30. The guest minister is ev. David Charles Hansley of Golds- North Carolina. He is being assist- the pastor, the Rev. Eldon L. Brock. al music is being rendered each ng by "The Messengers" from New and other singing groups. The pub- cordially invited to attend the re- der of these services.

Homecoming and Revival At Wildwood Church

The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 70, near Newport, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, November 18. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. William Stroud, at the worship hour. This will be followed with the usual picnic lunch. All former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

On Monday evening, November 19, revival services will begin at Wildwood church, continuing through Saturday evening, November 24. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Sound View church of Newport. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. William Stroud, assisting Mr. Rowe. Each service will feature good gospel preaching and special music by the local church and visiting singers. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Especially are the local churches invited to attend and render special music throughout the meeting.

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for October, 1973

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of October, 1973:

Balance September 30, 1973	$5,326.13
Receipts	
Churches	$491.04
Leagues	43.86
Woman's Auxiliaries	30.00
Sunday School Convention	24.00
Gifts	5.00
Sunday Schools	23.91
Unions	72.20
Total Receipts	689.81
Total to Account For	6,015.94
Less Operating Expenses	310.12
Balance October 31, 1973	$5,705.82
Savings (Earmarked)	2,447.98
Grand Total	$8,153.80

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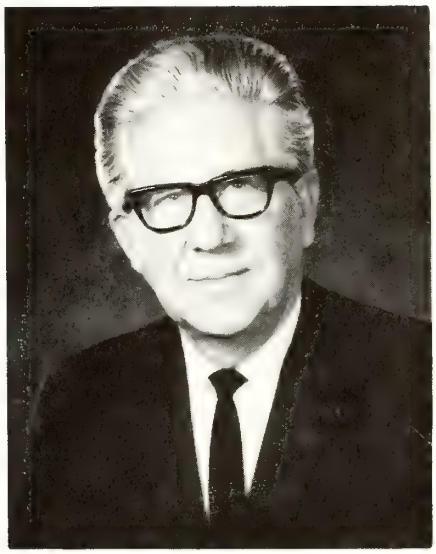
Stoney Creek Revival November 21-25



Revival services are scheduled for Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina, November 21-25, 1973. Services nightly at 7:30. The Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, is the visiting minister. Mr. Bowen is a former pastor of Stoney Creek church. Each service will be filled with inspirational preaching and gospel singing. The membership of the church and the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

Coming Events . . .

November 17 — Thanksgiving Service, 10:30 A.M., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, announces the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., effective November 25, 1973. Mr. Billy W. Trevathan, chairman of the Board of Deacons and Pulpit Committee, request the prayers of Christians that God will lay the burden of this ministry on the heart of God's man prepared for this calling. Mr. Trevathan may be contacted by writing him at Route 1, Box 557, Tarboro, North Carolina 27886, or calling 823-4931.

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SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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maybe-so.) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If you are anxious to be saved from your sins, you do not accept church membership to be saved, you are not baptized to be saved, nor do you cry a little and hope all will be all right. But you turn away from your sins which you are convicted of to the best of your ability. Then you accept the Person, Jesus Christ, and believe what He has done for you in coming into the world and dying upon the Cross. You believe that He arose from the grave and is now in heaven with His Father (God) interceding for us. You also believe that He is coming back someday to claim His own who will dwell with Him forever in the pearly white city.

When you believe and accept all the facts mentioned above, then the Holy Spirit will come into your life to abide. Then your body will be the temple in which the Holy Spirit will dwell forever. Friends, please do not defile this temple with disobedience and unbelief. If you do, then your relationship and assurance with God will become dim and happiness will flee from you.

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SHILOH AFC'S VISIT HOME

On Saturday, November 3, 1973, the AFC's of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, visited the Children's Home. There was a total of 27 persons in the group which included their adult leaders. They brought five blankets and each child brought a present for our children.

Mr. Weeks escorted the visitors o tour through the cottages in the m ing. After lunch, which was serve the dining hall, the tour continued on campus and then through the farm.

We sincerely thank this group for t visit and the many gifts. It was an joyable visit, and we invite them and to visit us real soon.

QUARTERLY COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS REPO

(July, August, September, 1973)

Cash on Hand July 1, 1973

	1973-74	1972-73	Increas (Decre
General Fund	$ 2,312.87	$12,627.64	$(10,314
Reserve Fund	5,071.62		5,071
Other Accounts and Petty Cash	17,479.92	17,345.38	134
Total	$ 24,864.41	$29,973.02	$(5,108
Receipts			
Religious Contributions			
Albemarle Conference	$ 2,443.74	$ 1,220.74	$ 1,223
Cape Fear Conference	3,893.81	3,147.45	746
Central Conference	11,509.24	6,542.41	4,966
Eastern Conference	8,892.67	6,706.96	2,185
Pee Dee Association	556.59	295.55	261
Piedmont Conference	457.23	283.33	173
Western Conference	9,682.52	6,006.51	3,676
Other Conferences/Associations	676.92	410.94	265
Auxiliary Convention	153.84	123.33	30

Other States	85.90	71.17	14.73
Total	$ 38,352.76	$24,838.39	$ 13,514.37
Parents and Relatives	$ 3,180.42	$ 2,499.84	$ 680.58
Friends and Others	4,472.62	2,202.00	2,270.62
Endowment	1,000.00		1,000.00
Farm Sales	1,404.09	3,112.46	(1,708.37)
Notes Receivable	25,000.00		25,000.00
Other Receipts	3,015.57	1,997.83	1,017.74
Total Income	$ 76,425.46	$34,650.52	$ 41,774.94
Total to Account For	$101,289.87	$64,623.27	$ 36,666.60
Disbursements			
ting Expense	$ 49,686.96	$45,123.82	$ 4,563.14
ment	1,131.02	300.00	831.02
tock Expansion	800.00		800.00
llaneous Noninstitutional	1,880.48	17.69	1,862.79
al Improvements	15,586.67		15,586.67
Total Expenditures	$ 69,085.13	$45,441.51	$ 23,643.62
Cash on Hand September 30, 1973			
ral Funds	$ 3,213.09	$ 2,258.15	$ 954.94
ve Fund	5,071.62		5,071.62
Accounts and Petty Cash	23,920.03	16,893.61	7,026.42
	$ 32,204.74	$19,151.76	$ 13,052.98
Total Accounted For	$101,289.87	$64,623.27	$ 36,666.60

Notice that each conference reflects a significant increase in contributions over year. We sincerely thank all of you for this achievement.

isitor – Unobserved

by Mrs. Royce Matthews
Wilson, North Carolina

PPOSE Christ made a visit through your community one night. It is summer and the doors and windows pen to the refreshing breezes.

fore He gets to the first house, ob- shouts greet Him, followed by ers and giggles.

eling He isn't welcome, He moves the next one. They are expecting surely. He will be welcome there. as He nears the house, the greeting e same, more ugly shouts and laugh-

the next home He smiles as He s a melodious voice singing a popular , backed by an orchestra. "More style," He thinks as He comes nearer. nocks and waits. Through the open , He sees a man leaning against a d piano. In his hand is an alcoholic k which he sips between verses. Sur- ed, Christ listens to the words of song which is punctuated with vul- sms.

naking His head sadly, He moves on he next home. Through the door- something catches His eye just before He knocks. A man is shot in the mouth and a roar of laughter bursts forth as blood is spewed back at a man grasping a revolver.

"What could possibly be funny about a violent death?" He wonders as He turns away feeling sick in His stomach.

"I'll come back tomorrow afternoon," He decides. "Maybe tonight just isn't a good time."

The next afternoon He stops midway the block and pats a dog gently on the head as He walks up the steps. He hears arguing and harsh words, so He moves on.

He comes to a lovely house nestled into a flower garden. "Here I will be welcomed," He decides. But through the open window He sees scantily clad bodies of beautiful girls pulsating to the lively music vibrating through the house. He turns away.

The voices He hears as He nears the next house are softer. He smiles and knocks. While He is waiting to be welcomed, He can't help overhearing words which are no more than a whisper, "I know you belong to someone else, but I want you, now." His smile fades and the hand that had knocked drops quickly to His side as He hurries away. He doesn't want to hear anymore.

Coming to a wooded area down the street, He drops to the curb with His head in His hands. Dejected.

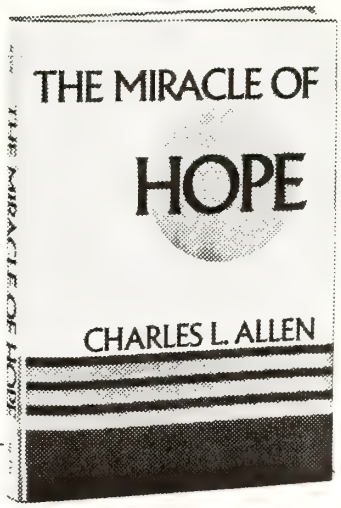
"What could have gone wrong? I sent them word I was coming. Didn't they read My letters? Didn't **anyone** read My letters?" Christ questions.

He slowly picks Himself up from the curb, and in sorrow, He goes home.

It is a shame that Christ came and left and not one person knew of His coming. Everyone was too busy watching television to notice.

I wonder how many times a day Christ does come to our neighborhoods, to our doors, to knock on our minds, only to find them filled with the filth and garbage channeled by Satan through television!

The miracle that is yours for the asking!



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New Company Releases First Films

Outreach Films, a newly formed motion picture company, has announced the release of its first three films: "The Sun Seekers: A Surf Odyssey," "The World of Numbers," and "Love Is Beautiful."

The Rev. John C. Souter, distribution manager for the new company, stated that "these releases are geared to both youth and adult audiences and each carries a contemporary Bible-centered, evangelical message."

The Sun Seekers: A Surf Odyssey, a 27-minute color production, was filmed in Hawaii. The film explores surfing with a variety of exciting photography techniques, including the 200-frames-per-second slow motion camera. Some of the world's best surfers, including the former women's world surfing champion, share their personal faith in Christ to a background of original music.

The World of Numbers is a fascinating exploration of the explosion of knowledge in the computer world. This 28-minute production reveals the orderly universe in which we live, and graphically illustrates that this order is the plan of God.

Love Is Beautiful is a 15-minute motion picture that presents the biblical view of sex, love, and marriage.

Based in Burbank, California, Outreach Films will distribute their films through a network of rental film distributors in key cities across the country. Prerelease invitational screenings are now being scheduled in selected cities.

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In utter resignation to God's will for his life, Dr. B. H. Carroll prayed, "Lord, take my hands and let them work for Thee; take my mind and let it think for Thee; take the whole of me, for I belong altogether to Thee."

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Treasurer's Report
North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

(End of Second Quarter — October 31, 1973)

Balance in Bank July 31, 1973		$ 2,7
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 39.00	
Promotional (CSF)	171.73	
Denominational Enterprises	7,420.16	
Total Receipts		7,6
Total for Which to Account		10,3
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$ 404.92	
Denominational Enterprises	7,420.16	
Total Disbursements		7,8
Balance in Bank October 31, 1973		$ 2,5
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$ 2,2
Interest		3
Total		$ 2,5
Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking Account)		$ 1,7
Atlantic Savings and Loan		8
Total		$ 2,5

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE REPORT

	Itemize	Received	Disb
Home Missions (Church Extension)	$	$ 374.49	$ 3
Central Conference Missions		179.00	1
Foreign Missions			
State Project (Mrs. Timmons, Mrs. Link, and Mrs. Jones)		1,658.54	1,6
Mexico	5.00		
Mexican Missionary Salary	180.00	185.00	1
Mount Olive College			
General Fund	173.01		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	52.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	50.00		
Chapel Fund	153.05		
Memorial Organ	756.38		
Books	15.00	1,199.94	1,1
Children's Home			
General Fund	432.49		
Clothing	390.00		
Freezer	958.93		

LADIES AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

(Submitted by Mrs. Dianne Raper)

, the Ladies' Auxiliary of Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, esfield, North Carolina, made a mous decision to take a stand st pornography at our August meet- This article is being sent to our town councils and newspapers in ope that all types of pornography e either banned or seriously re- ed.

Christian adults, we cannot con- the public display of filth and cheap ial that is taking over our neigh- od's entertainment and newsstands. s a serious offense against Ameri- eople and her God. Nowhere in his- have a people and a nation grown survived from degenerating them- .

cannot destroy our youth by allow- is type of material to keep on be- eddled by money-hungry sensation- The effect on these young people the next few years could be disas- The rate of unwed mothers, suicides, and crime, as well as addicts of drugs and alcohol, will rise sharply.

Pornography will not only affect the youth of our area, it has **already** affected the youth as well as the adults of our state. And it may very well continue to affect them. Pornographic materials are causing great marital problems in couples of all ages. Some of these problems are being helped by counselors, ministers, and doctors. But a lot of the difficulties are ending in divorce. Wholesale sex is putting so much pressure on young adults that many of them are skipping marriage altogether. This will create many more problems that will have to be dealt with by our town leaders in the near future. Before long more moral and social laws will have to be written to take care of issues that should never have come about in the beginning.

The effects of pornography will have many far-reaching results. Some of them have already been discussed. We already have a crisis in our communities and schools with drugs. Many people associate pornography with drug users. So it is only natural that our drug rate will increase. This will cause a chain reaction in the area of crime. The rate of crime in our state is already too high. With a weaker moral structure our state will be a target for more professional criminals. This may well include organized crime. Up until now we have had a pretty clean, well-liked state. North Carolina has benefited from having a good reputation. We must guard against losing it.

People are not really satisfied with this type of entertainment. If pornography was restricted severely, the film industry and the majority of our authors would work harder to produce cleaner materials. The public would welcome this better grade of material, and in the end everyone would benefit.

It is now time to take a stand on this important issue. We have to decide in which direction we shall go. We may go the right way—the way which will benefit all of us; or we can take the other way—the way to our destruction. It is entirely up to our leaders and our fellow people to decide the destiny of our state. We pray to God it will be the right decision for us all!

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Solitude

Dr. Alexander Maclaren said, "Solitude is 'the mother country of the strong.' The wilderness, with its savage crags, its awful silence, and the unbroken round of its blue heaven, was a better place for Moses to meet God than in the heavy air of a palace or the profitless splendors of a court."

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ont Assembly, Inc.		455.96	455.96
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idows and Ministers Adopted	23.00	298.94	298.94
embership Fees (Mount Olive College)		100.00	100.00
Phillips Loan Fund		159.92	159.92
Vandemere		60.00	60.00
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issions	171.74		
ount Olive College	171.74		
hildren's Home	128.80		
ragmont	128.80		
uperannuation	85.87	686.95	686.95
Totals		$7,420.16	$7,420.16

Christian Service Fund retained as Promotional Fund, $171.73.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church Has Mount Olive College Night

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of music and testimony at Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, North Carolina, on November 18, at 7 p.m.

A slide presentation will also be given by the Rev. David Charles Hansley, special assistant to the president.

The Rev. Melvin Moore, pastor, extends to all friends an invitation to attend the service.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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estion: Is it right or is it wrong for nister either to have or to permit playing in his home? Give Scrip- to support your opinion.

swer: I have never been in the com- where people played cards very I recall once being where my played what they called "Old " once where "Rook" was played, erhaps a time or two where some of card game was being played other on those two occasions. My parents de us participating in such pastime, fore I have some kind of conscience st this activity and am not an rity on the subject. I inquired of f my uncles, whom I particularly and whom I heard played cards, if ought it was wrong. He said, "If et, it is wrong; if you do not, it is However, this was never erased my mind and my conscience with arlier parental teaching that for- it.

e of the reasons given me in my ood days for its prohibition was many card players began gambling ing small wagers, and graduating the gambler's wife and children be- desperate in the lack of having d food, clothing, fuel, medicine, and necessities in normal living. Even h I do not know much about the t, yet I have heard of many ex- s where families became poverty- en because one of the members of amily started in so-called innocent laying that led to small wagering snowballed into the loss of prop- and finally into the disintegration family with some of the members ing liabilities to society.

Bible definitely speaks against "Abstain from all appearance of (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Then there e biblical teaching that indicates Christian must be adjusted to a like type of living that makes him ample to both sinners and less ed Christians than he is or should be. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31, 32). The Holy Spirit also directed Paul to write for our admonition. (See 1 Corinthians 8:9-13.) "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (1 Corinthians 8:13).

It would seem to me that even though one did not have the early training such as some of us older Christians were disciplined in against this kind of "pastime," that in the light of such Scriptures as these he would see a duty and a responsibility he owes to weak Christians and the unsaved people under conviction. Therefore, he so represents his Lord as to refrain from all such questionable activities and their impact and influence to people not well informed in the Christlike, biblical-taught type of living many belonging to the Early Church exhibited.

When I was a student at the Moody Bible Institute I often heard some of the saints of God say, "If you are in doubt about something questionable, don't do it." Perhaps if we who profess to be Christians would heed that admonition we might have a more sin-free conscience and therefore be a better example to young Christians and to the lost who are almost persuaded to be Christians. The Bible says a lot about worldliness and always admonishes Christians to flee from its lust. Habits that are not completely controlled by the Holy Spirit should be excluded from the Christian's experience. In fact, the reason for a Christian's being allowed to live here awhile before being in the presence of his Lord and separated completely from this sinful world is to give him an opportunity to adjust his Christian state and standing so that all his habits and activities may be made entirely Christlike.

Paul, in discussing this, said, ". . . I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31); "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). I believe that every Christian does when he allows it. I know my new nature reaches out for a more Christlike way of life than that I have yet attained unto, and certainly I have no wish to resort to any carnal pastimes that might intercept this Christward progress.

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Question: Please explain, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied" (1 Peter 1:2). The words **elect** and **foreknowledge** are those in which I am especially interested.

Answer: The word **elect** as we find it in the Bible first designated the chosen of God, such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and then Jacob's sons known as Israel, since they bore Israel's name and were to divide his inheritance—the inheritance handed down from Abraham to Isaac and then to Jacob or as God later named him Israel. (See Isaiah 42:1; 65: 9, 22. Compare 1 Timothy 5:21; Romans 11:1-6; Mark 13:20, 22.)

This word is further used in the Bible to identify Christians. We the saved and the sanctified are also called "the elect of God." Paul warns us of this class, to make our election sure. Peter gives a similar word of admonition to those who are saved, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10).

The elect are those whom the foreknowledge of God caused God to choose in Christ before the foundation of the world. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom did he predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. . . . Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Romans 8:29, 30, 33); "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:23).

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God puts the church in the world; Satan puts the world into the church.

STORIES

for our youth

DHATU – and the God Who Cares

JEANETTE LOCKERBIE

DHATU was troubled, his big dark eyes sad. He didn't run to play with Yacob and Jumni in their game. He just sat cross-legged on the ground, running the dirt through his brown fingers.

Was his father really going to die?

He had been wide awake last night, lying on his mat while the older folk talked.

". . . he cannot live . . . will surely die . . . only if the gods . . ."

Dhatu had strained his ears but he couldn't hear the rest of what the men said. He didn't know what the gods could do if—

Suddenly, sitting by himself on the hot ground, he remembered. There is a God who can help my sick father. If only—if only—"

Dhatu thought hard. He remembered the day he had gone with his uncle to the market town. What fun he had had! The snake-charmer with his flute that made the slinky snake coil around the man's arm; the candy-seller—his uncle had bought some for Dhatu to offer to the god in the temple—and the sellers of cloth; they were all there. But best of all was the man with the picture on a stand. A man with a kind face.

Dhatu had watched and listened to this man while his uncle had bargained with the grain sellers. He had heard a story of a wonderful Sadhu (god or holy man) who cared for people; who had even healed sick people. Uncle Brahim had snatched Dhatu away before the end of the story but all the way home he had thought about this strange new God.

"He careth for you." That was what the man with the picture had said. This God cared about everybody.

"He would care for my father," Dhatu said to himself, then his face clouded. How would this God know about the father of Dhatu?

"I'll tell Him. I'll tell this God about my sick father," he determined.

But how can I find Him? he asked himself. He knew where his family god was: on the high shelf. He had to reach away up to offer his candy to the god he worshiped. But this God who cared for people! Could he reach Him?

He rose from the ground and quickly ran to his house. Unnoticed he slipped inside; picked up some of his mother's chapatis, (pancakes) and wrapped them in a banana leaf. He heard his father moaning on his mat. His uncles were crowded around the sick man.

Dhatu, walking along the hot, dusty road, thought of the jolty ox-cart ride the last time he had gone to the market town. He stopped to eat one of his chapatis. It tasted so good but it made him thirstier than ever. It seemed such a long way.

"Oh, there is the market!" he exclaimed joyfully and ran the rest of the way, hearing the sounds and smelling the special market smells.

Now—where was the man with the picture?

Dhatu darted in and out under the legs of hulking elephants, lazy cows stretched in the dust—past the candy-seller, but no man with a picture could he see. He searched for the grain merchants and—there he was! The man with the picture and the kind face.

Dhatu forgot how tired and thirsty he was. He thought about his sick, dying father.

Excitedly pushing past the bigger people, Dhatu crowded up close to the missionary. He was talking from a Book. On the picture stand was the sam ture Dhatu remembered. The Goc touched people and made them wel

There was no Uncle Brahim this to drag him away. He listened in until the man folded up his picture and closed his Book. When the mi ary began to say his goodbye sa Dhatu frantically tugged at his shi

"I want to talk to your God," said urgently. "I must tell Him my father who cannot live unles gods—"

"What's this?" The missionary down to listen.

"Tell your God—your God who for people—that the father of Dh sick and cannot live," begged the boy.

The missionary listened, then Dhatu by the hand, talking to h they walked away from the noisy m place.

They came to a house where ch were playing: children with fac white as the man with the pictur

The next few minutes were the exciting of Dhatu's whole life. scared, he climbed into something a "jeep." Another man—the talles Dhatu had ever seen—climbed in the missionary, and off they went.

Soon they arrived at Dhatu's and a crowd gathered around the There was loud talking and a lot of shaking before the uncles cleared for the tall man with a black bag hand. He hurried into Dhatu's ho

He was there a long time—and he came out, there was a smile face.

Dhatu waved his hand as long could see the jeep disappearing cloud of dust.

He was happy. His father wou die. And the man with the picture had told his story to the crowd w outside the sick man's house, was ing back to Dhatu's village. He tell them more about the God who the true God in heaven, and His Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Dhatu ran to play with Yacob an ni, singing as he went.—**Selected.**

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FOR THE MINDS OF MEN

Billy Graham cautioned, "Today a battle emerging at the university We don't find Communism making inroads with the masses, but with tellectuals. The struggle for the of men is going to be decided in th of learning throughout the world.

THE SLEEPLESS HOURS

by Joyce Proctor Beaman

VE you ever fallen asleep, only to waken after an hour or two with-eing able to sleep again? Or have ver tossed and tumbled without be-ble to go to sleep at all? This is ps a problem well known to each If this happens, what shall we do? I share with you these suggestions efeating the sleepless hours?

. Think of a person who has blessed life—Mama, Daddy, a brother, a sis- minister, a fellow worker, a neigh- teacher, a friend—and go back into ood as far as you can and try to every good event or experience that person.

. Write (mentally) a note to a flo-ho has filled your request by send- especially pretty wreath to a fun-r an arrangement to a sick friend hospital; or plan a note to the lady e country store who always makes cial effort to have in her store goods ne can buy with confidence; or plan e to an older person in the com-y who has blessed your life because e influence of her goodness, letting now that it is good to have lived at ame time that she did.

. Think of the simple things that be done—things that have perhaps a burden—sewing up a ripped seam, ng a soiled mirror, cleaning a clut- shelf. Put four or five together, ing how few seconds it will take to ete them one by one in the morn-

. Plan a devotion for a worship ser-r a club meeting (though you may use it). The ABC's of a good driver ys **B**e **C**areful); the ABC's of becom- Christian (**A**ccept, **B**elieve, **C**onfess); BC's of Christmas (**A**ppearing, **B**less- hallenge); the ABC's for the New (**A**lways **B**e for **C**hrist).

. "Dream" of the things you want ok: old-fashioned things that you't cooked for a long time—sugar s, gingerbread, or chicken and ings. See if you can recall just how sed to make them, and how they !

. Find the Master and talk to Him in the quietness of the night about e things He has given—family, health, recovery from an illness, education, a good husband, a fine daughter, a worthy son, a comfortable home, a job, the ability to work and laugh and play, the privilege of worship, a heart with which to love, a mind with which to think, a soul with which to care, a neighbor returned safely from Vietnam, the privilege of being an American citizen.

. . . And the next morning, the sleepless hours will seem like a dream—good dreams that you can make come true!

Do you wonder when I wrote "The Sleepless Hours"? You are right. It is the fulfilled dream of a sleepless hour!

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

BROTHER, DON'T WORRY

by Taylor Hill

"You need not worry about financial support, just prepare for the work and leave the financing to us." Those were the closing words I had to say in a letter to the Rev. Wayne Watson who will be moving his family to Charlotte, North Carolina, for home mission work around the first of the year.

I know that there are a lot of people who will disagree with me in making such a statement; but when a servant has exercised his faith and has accepted the challenge that new mission work presents, then I believe our Lord Jesus Christ will hold true to His promise by standing by that servant even unto the end of the world. Now just where do you suppose Christ will find enough concerned Christians to support such a promise? one might ask. Well, having been down that mission road myself, I have seen how our Lord works. He will send help sometimes from the least expected sources and at the same time expose the true hearts of the so-called noble ones.

I have learned from my experience that church people fall into two basic categories: they are **talkers** and **doers.** Jesus said, "You know a tree by the fruit it bears." Yes, there might be some pastors and churches who are never able to concentrate on anything but their own problems or their self-glory, and if they are, then they will have one to judge them in the end. As for me, I am not selfish nor biased in my Christian endeavors. I believe in the total program of my Lord Jesus Christ which is caring for the physical needs of people and spreading the gospel. I am not boasting about it for it is a basic requirement for every Christian, and I believe that people are more important than money or any other material things.

Yes, my brother, servants can count on me to stand with them, and I believe that I was correct in assuming that Christ has enough other concerned disciples within our churches to undergird this work with their prayers and material support.

The Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" and "Faith without works is dead." There is no work in the church that is more important than that of spreading the gospel and establishing new churches. This is the basic purpose of the Christian church.

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TRIUMPHANT IN CRISES

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker testifies, "I probably would not be here today if it had not been for the spiritual light and the moral power derived from the Bible. It has carried me through many crises of life."

Always of Good Courage

Printed Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:1

I. INTRODUCTION

It is obvious to all men, and especially so to youth, that the basic philosophy by which the majority of the world lives, including professed Christians, is materialistic in nature. This observation makes it difficult for young people to be impressed by what they frequently refer to as "pie in the sky," and makes it easier for them to follow the example rather than the exhortations of their elders.

There is good reason to believe, however, that young people of our day are thoroughly disgusted with the hypocrisy which they behold, and they are anxious to adopt a plan for their lives that is spiritual and has meaning and direction. They should be encouraged to fight their way through the perplexities of doubt to find a faith of their own that will be both real and instrumental in giving purpose and direction to their lives.

It is our belief that by encouraging our youth to make a personal and diligent study of the life and ministry of Jesus as it is revealed in the Bible we will be able to point them in that direction where they can find a personal faith that will be in accord with the longings of their own souls and in keeping with the teachings of Jesus.

The background for today's study is the church at Corinth and the spiritiual conception that led them to look beyond time to eternity.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince believers that the reward for their faithfulness is well worth any price they have to pay in order to attain it.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Some people say that the reason they are afraid of death is because it is a natural instinct. Wasn't it a natural instinct for man to trust God before his fall in the Garden of Eden? Now that we are saved, it should be our instinct to trust Him. Of course, there is an unknown quality about death. There are many things we do not know about it. If we will trust God as we ought, it will overcome that fear.

B. Sometimes we wonder why God created us as He did. Why does He let us get older? Why does He allow us to get sick and suffer? Why does He not keep us from many difficulties? God created us in a world like this to make us long to be with Him in eternity. Don't you long for heaven sometime?

C. If there were no trouble and suffering in this life, why would anyone want to go to heaven? The difficulties of this life make the prospect of heaven grow sweeter everyday.

D. The word "death" means separation. Physical death is separation from this physical life, and spiritual death is separation from God. The second death is to die unprepared to meet God and to be cast into everlasting punishment.

E. If God spared not His own Son from the death of the Cross, how can we expect Him to spare us from death and trouble?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Paul worked as a tentmaker in Corinth, and when he later wrote to the Corinthians he compared our physical body to a tent, or "tabernacle."

The tent, made out of cloth or skins in Paul's time, was designed to be a basic accommodation, adapted to the needs and the circumstances of that day. Even our modern camping tents offer barely adequate accommodation.

Tents are temporary, intended to be used for a limited period. A tent provides shelter, but it cannot survive a major storm.

Our physical body, said Paul, is as a tent. It too is a temporary dwelling, fitting our needs only while we live our lives on earth. Weak and frail, subject to the wear and tear of time, our body provides shelter for a few years only.

But God is going to give us a new body, fit for our existence in a new realm this life is over. Paul speaks of thi body, not as a tent but as a ho building of God.

This house will be permanen strong in contrast to the weak an porary nature of our physical bod new body will be more than a shel will be a home.

We can look forward with courag hope as we anticipate God's he home.—**Standard Lesson Commenta**

B. While a student I preached i town of Geneseo, New York. One appointments was to hold Sunda vice at the county farm. There w the institution, at that time, a brave old woman who had once lived in mosphere of culture and security. misfortune came her way and she spending her sunset years at the c farm. . . . While I was chaplain a institution, the doctors told her sh fatally sick and was not far from th of the trail. She sent for me and "I've just one request. When it is I want somebody to sing at the las vice, 'I'm a Child of the King.' " I never forget the day we laid her to . . . All was drab and dreary and d solate, and then a transfiguration place. A deep, rich contralto voice singing over the pine box: "I'm a of the King! I'm a child of the K And she was! She was the child o King, and had moved out of the house into her Father's house of " mansions."—From a tract publishe the **Christian Publishing Society.**

C. In 1832, Adoniram Judson was fined to the prison in Rangoon. T dignities to which he was subjectec tortures to which he was daily subm were such as to have utterly overw ed a spirit less brave, and finally discouraged even him. One day he to the officer in charge, "Cast me the water and let me drown; I hav journed in this land, done my bes Christ, but it has come to naught; le drown!" But it was only the weal of a second, for immediately he a "No, no, I must face it cheerfully an the place God has appointed me." this the sum and substance of all Paul is saying to these Corinthians to us?—**F. B. Cherry.**

D. We have an earthly tent that temporary dwelling place. Our ph body serves our present purposes well, but it is easily blown down, up, and worn out. However, the made for us by God is everlasting i

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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g to appear in an attitude of worship the plate passed in front of her. The girl, who had brought her envelope ome, realized the seriousness of the on—that someone should be at church t an offering. So the little tyke push- r envelope into the woman's hands he words, "You put this in and I'll nder the bench!"—Warren Filkin.

PRAYER THOUGHT

s told us to become as little children, eaning the senile childishness, but the sweet childishness of youth, which is , trusting, and innocent.

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nday School Lesson

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on and, doubtless, beautiful in its . We know that it will be the by which our personalities will ex- themselves in the eternal realm. s our entire physical organization igned to function in this world, to ear, move, taste, etc., so will our al body be framed to function in e that will be nonmaterial. So will r partial existence be merged with fulfillment and our mortal frailty sorbed into immortal energy and .—**Selected.**

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LIFE DEAD ON OUR HANDS

Carl Jung, renowned psychiatrist, ented on the neurosis of emptiness: cut themselves off from the root ir being, from God, and then life empty, inane, meaningless, without e. When meaning goes, value nd life turns dead on our hands."

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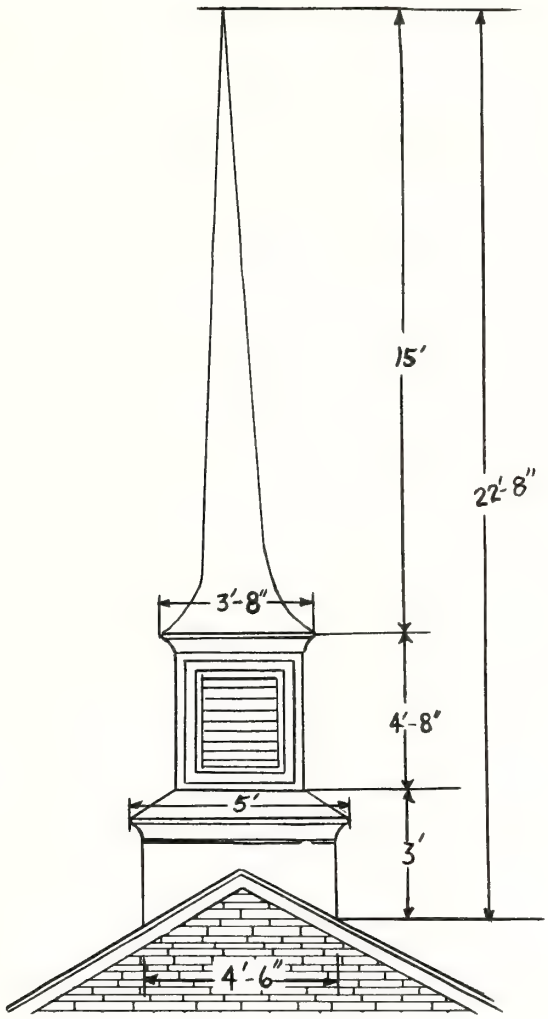

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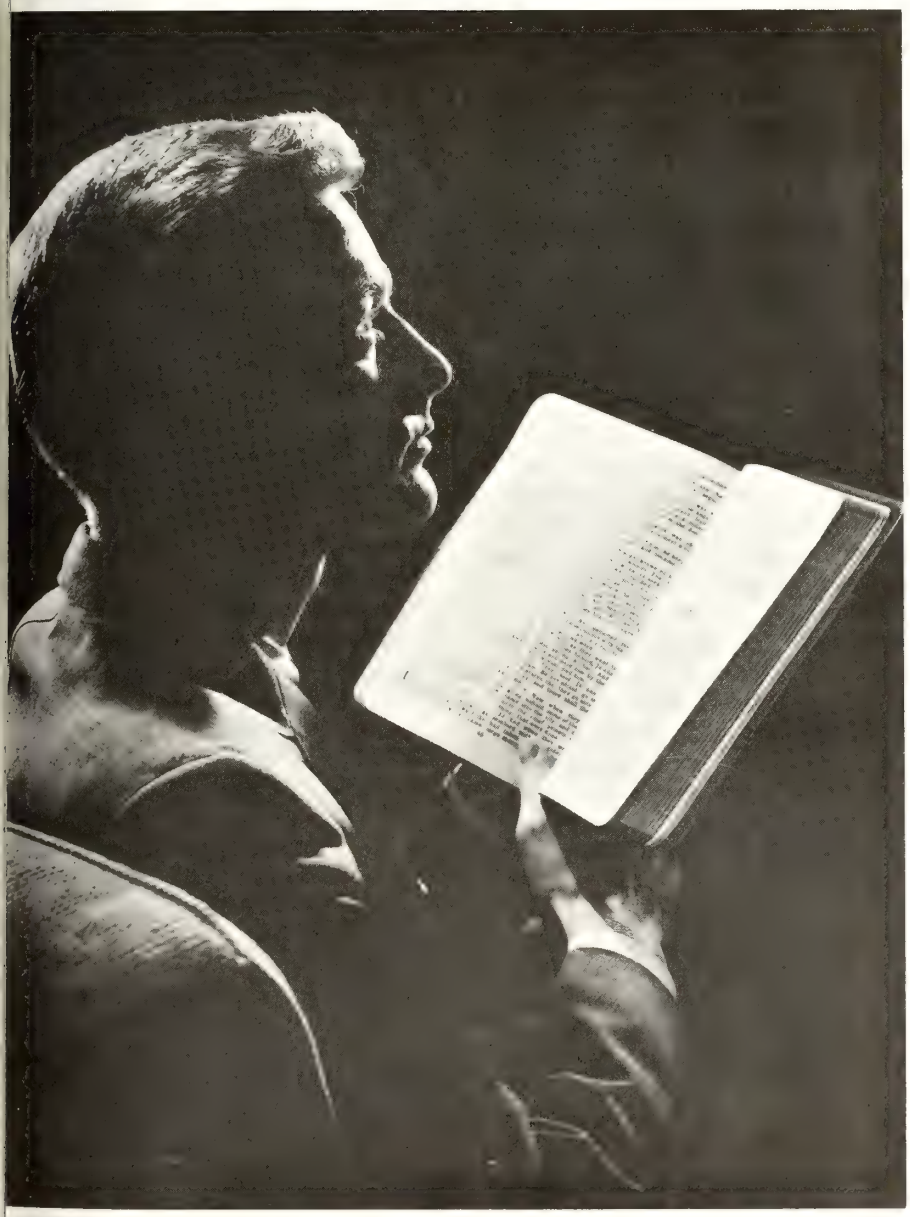

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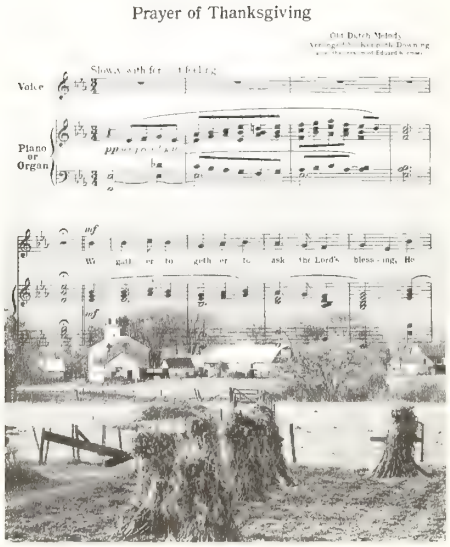

FOR WHAT SHOULD ONE BE THANKFUL?

Until one becomes a little sicker than he has ever been before, he is hardly able to appreciate life fully. He is hardly able to know the real value of family and friends and their love and concern. He finds himself reflecting over past experiences, where he's been, what he's done, and all his reasons for feeling the way he did in certain situations, and wondering if he always acted wisely. To his mind come the faces and names of people whom he has hurt in the past, however unintentionally; and he wonders whether his apologies were really accepted as sincere ones or perhaps received halfheartedly.

Until one finds himself bedridden or immobile, he takes little time to think—to think about all the tangibles and intangibles of life. The things once taken for granted seem dearer, strong ties become stronger, the longing heart yearns more for whatever it happens to be craving. A flower becomes more beautiful to the eye and sweeter to the smell. A card becomes more meaningful, and little hand-written messages take on greater personality and bring thrills before unknown. The touch of a friend's hand, the smile of a stranger or a new acquaintance, the sincere prayer of a minister or someone close to God—all of these project themselves in a manner never before noticed and in a way never to be forgotten.

A doctor's "Hello, how are you this morning?" the nod of his head when he determines that vital signs are better than they had been yesterday, the nurses' waves of acknowledgment as they pass your door, their looking in just to speak your name and to let you know that to them you are more than a patient's name on a chart—that you are a real person to whom they can relate and for whom they hope the best: All of these personal expressions reach the heart—the heart that may be paining physically and emotionally; and, somehow the pain is lessened—at least for awhile.

Somewhere a familiar hymn is heard. Someone's radio is playing, and the strains of the old tune permeate the air, causing you to listen more intently to the melody or the words, bringing nostalgic memories of another time, a church, a particular service, a beloved congregation. It is all that you can do to contain yourself. You think of things you had planned to do but had left undone because you had thought that you had many tomorrows in which to do them. You suddenly realize that your tomorrows might be limited, that all of your most cherished dreams and greatest treasures may go unclaimed. . . .

You look out of your window and see the sunshine, wishing that you could stand in it for just a moment, remembering how bright it was when last you had stood in its warmth. You remember it as it had set upon the ocean waves, prism-lighting them as they rolled in on the shore wetting your feet. You remember the coolness of the water which now you wished could moisten your parched tongue, your dry throat. You hear the noise outside: the cars, trucks, busses, and you wonder how it would feel once more to be caught in a traffic jam, hoping that you will be afforded one more such inconvenience. . . .

Somewhere a little child's laughter is heard—the sweetest of music—and your thoughts settle upon your own son, and you long for his looks of love and tight embrace and "How are you feeling, Daddy?" You force these thoughts from your mind and trust God—trusting Him more and with a measure never before exercised; for, suddenly you realize that you are helpless, that **all** really is in His hands, that however strong you thought yourself to be, you are weak. So, you weigh the pros and cons. You know that there are many more fortunate and many less fortunate than you; and as screams of anguish echo through the corridors, you sigh in relief that at least for awhile your pain has subsided, that your plight is not so severe, and that your condition is not so critical as are some others. You bow your head and thank God. You thank Him for letting you live a life that has had some measure of both sadness and happiness so that you can now genuinely appreciate the two aspects. You thank God for the kind lady who sat on the edge of your bed and shed tears when your pain was great, when she, herself, had a more serious problem.

You open your eyes at the sound of muffled footsteps on the carpeted floor as a tiny lady approaches your bed, her eyes sparkling and her face wearing the most angelic of smiles. She is a nurse of high repute, having charge of three wards in another hospital, but who, on this, her day off, has chosen to visit someone who is sick and away from home and family. She greets you warmly, fluffing your pillow, kindly holding your hand and telling you in her Filipino accent that the Lord is good—

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Knock! It Shall Be Opened

HE young man buried his head in his hands. The pain he felt in his heart as greater than he could bear.

Voices around him raised and subsided a blur of reality. Steps marched anxusly toward him then faded into the stance.

He paused but a moment and glanced own the hospital corridor. No sign of r. March. The sterile, barren hall seemd more like a distant dream. He studied he fluorescent lights overhead. One afer another each lighting a path into the arkness. It appeared to stretch into ternity.

How could it happen? Why? Why? e screamed into his soul.

"Cindy, my wife, my lover, my friend s dying and I can't help. Oh, I must elp!"

The anguish and guilt were more real han his life. He should have been home vith Cindy. He should have been home.

"Paul, . . . Paul, . . ." came a steady nale voice behind him. He turned to ind a sandy haired young minister, not nuch older than himself.

"Paul, I just heard. Is Cindy all right? s the baby all right?" questioned the young minister.

"I don't know Pastor. I just don't know. They called me at work, a car accident. Cindy was driving the car and a truck ran into her." Paul sobbed, "I just don't know. Why did it happen? Why?"

"Paul, you know Jesus is with Cindy. He's . . ."

"Don't give me that Jesus stuff, Preacher!" Paul screamed in anger. "Don't tell me Jesus anything. He let Cindy get hurt. Just answer me that, preacher man, Why? Do you know the baby is two weeks off? Cindy and the baby, Why?"

The minister's sad, gray eyes watched the angry young man as he paced across the room.

He gazed out the window into the darkness of the night. The stars glittered like a thousand diamonds in the sky. The street sounds drifted up into the bleak hospital room.

The call of a mother for her son was drowned in the haunting wail of a siren.

He looked into the majesty of space with the emptiness of life.

Paul thought back. Cindy, his wife, was 24. She was all a man could have ever wanted in a wife. He regretfully wished he had told her so more often.

Cindy was perfect except for one flaw. She was hung up on being a Christian. She even taught a Sunday school class. He resented her time spent at church; he resented her placing Christ before him.

Paul thought that religion was archaic and out dated. Religion was something that the old folks needed to hide the guilts of their youth.

It gave Cindy peace to be in church and it made her happy. Perhaps that was enough.

He hastily lit a cigarette and impatiently twisted it into a ashtray nearby.

"Paul, let's talk," the minister said.

"What do you want, Preacher? Heh? What to you want?"

"What do you want, Paul?"

"I want my wife to live! What does God want? I'll go to church, give to the building fund, anything, but I need Cindy. I'll do anything to help her. I want my wife."

There was a pause as the preacher carefully contemplated his next words.

"Paul, you don't make a bargain with God. You ask, you pray, you wait—His will shall be done," the minister said quietly.

Paul looked aimlessly at the falling world around him. His world had failed, perhaps God's world would not crumple.

"Paul," the minister gently spoke, "let's go to the chapel. It will be quiet there."

The chapel was dimly lit by candlelight. Small wooden pews gave off the luster of shining polished wood. The altar was simple but beautifully originated. An open Bible marked by a green sash divided the book carefully into two sections. Two white candles burned slowly in golden candleholders. Above the Bible loomed a large wooden cross.

The serenity of the scene quieted the anger Paul felt.

"Is God here, Preacher?" Paul asked looking about.

"Yes, God is here; He's also with Cindy, Paul."

"I think she'd like that," he softly whispered as he sank to the pew.

He gazed into the glowing flame of the candle and thought of his life.

Have a good time had been his heart's longing. He dated only girls he knew would give him what he wanted; he drank whatever he wanted until he drove his reckless way home. Over a piercing throb in his head, he'd tell the guys what a great time he had the night before. How empty it all seemed now! How foolish he had been!

He recalled meeting Cindy. She was everything a man would want. She was pure, virtuous, and beautiful.

He stopped drinking when they dated and stopped cursing around her.

Cindy was religious and as long as it hadn't affected Paul's life, he didn't mind.

He even let Cindy talk him into attending Sunday school and church.

Whenever he found himself listening to the message, he'd turn off to the sermon, to the preacher, and to God. During the invitation he clutched the pew ahead of him, grasping it until his knuckles turned white.

As naturally as summer blends into the warm shades of autumn, Paul's love for Cindy deepened. He debated marriage. He couldn't afford it, . . . he ought to leave Cindy before he could get serious, . . . life without Cindy!

They were married one cold December day. In church Paul thought, the beginning and the end.

"Oh God, please, no, I need Cindy, God! I need her!" He suddenly realized he was praying. He stopped and glanced about himself to see if anyone was looking. Well, he was in a weakened situa-

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by Mrs. Linda Craft

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 4:10

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN WHOM YOU PUT YOUR TRUST

Looking through binoculars in the Alps, a group of scientists saw a healthy specimen of a rare plant which they wanted. It was located, however, on a valley floor. Although they had ropes and climbing equipment, the cliffs appeared too steep for anyone of their weight. Just then a young lad with his dog came bounding down the path. They stopped him with this proposition: For a certain amount of money they would tie a strong rope around his waist, lower him to the valley floor, and draw him up again when he had uprooted the plant. He considered a moment, then without a word returned the way he had come. In a few minutes, however, he again appeared, leading by the hand a burly Swiss Mountaineer. "All right, gentlemen," he said, "I will get your plant. But my father will hold the rope."—*Tomorrow.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Place your trust in your heavenly Father. No one else is as trustworthy.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12:15

PLACING MONEY IN CHRIST'S HAND

A pastor was taking a missionary collection recently when he said, "I want each of you to give today as though you were putting your money right into the pierced hand of Jesus Christ." A lady came up afterward, and said, "I was going to give a half dollar, but I did not do so." "Why did you not do it?" the preacher asked. "Do you think I would put a half dollar into His pierced hand? I have ten dollars at home, and I am going to give that." If we were putting our money into the pierced hand of our Lord our contributions would amount to millions, and the world would be evangelized in ten years.—*Religious Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What would be a great enough gift to place in Jesus' pierced hand? Are we ready to give what Jesus would require of us?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:7

WHY BLUNDER ALONG

Dr. George Washington Carver was a man of prayer, and in the simplicity of his faith made answered prayer his natural habitat. I asked him if he had ever found prayer for guidance, to avail. "Of course," he said, "that goes without saying. You see, there is no need for anyone to be without direction, or to wander amid the perplexities and complexities of this life. Are we not plainly told, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths'? Why go blundering along on our poor, blind way when God has told us He will help us? God can always be depended upon. Here is a radio. It is of little use standing there unless I turn the dial and tune in on the station I want. Then I will have what I seek. It is all so simple; just opening up the avenues of approach to God through prayer."—From *Saint, Seer, and Scientist* by J. H. Hunter.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We do not expect an answer to an unwritten letter nor do we expect someone to open a door unless we knock. In like manner we cannot receive an answer to an unspoken prayer.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:6

"ATTENTION!"

A practical joker, so the account goes, one day saw a man, who had spent years of service in the English army, going home from the store. He was an aged man who had been for some years out of the uniform of the army.

When the joker suddenly called out, "Attention!" the former soldier stopped, and as his arms snapped to his sides the bundles he was carrying fell to the ground. His military training had been so thorough that it had become a second nature.

Sometimes when we speak of a person's habits we mean his bad habits. But good habits are just as possible to establish as bad habits, and are just as much of a help as bad habits are a hindrance.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Today might be a very good time to "sort out our lives." We should rid ourselves of bad habits and replace them with habits of worth.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:14, 15

A THRILLING SERVICE

The Methodist Recorder of London tells of a group of survivors of a ship sunk by enemy action, who, on reaching port after being some days adrift on the mighty ocean, cold, hungry, and ill-clad, asked not for food or clothing, but for a minister to hold a thanksgiving service for their safe landing. *The Recorder* states: "The responsible officials at once telephoned to the mayor of the town, who for forty years has been a Methodist local preacher. He at once in touch with one of the circuit minist and also the organist of the circuit cha who gladly responded. Within two ho the survivors had a hot meal and were clothed. At seven p.m., a service was h in a room at the municipal building. H the hearts of these two dozen or more s vivors were stirred as they sang "Jes Lover of My Soul," "Eternal Father, Str to Save," and "Abide with Me." Th present affirm that the memory of that s vice, including the address, will live w them through all time."—*Alliance Weekl*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It would be wonderful if we would f the inspired spiritual uplift of thanksgiv and love for God without having to perience tribulations.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:3

A BLESSING OR A HINDRANCE?

Marion was a selfish girl. Her o clothes, her own good times, and her o ambitions filled her life until she met Lord Jesus. Even after she was saved, one in her family noticed much change her for some time. She did want to w ness for Christ, but most of her thought w still for herself, so her family thought t Marion's religion was only one of her id syncrasies. But only two years later Mar surrendered her life unreservedly to Lord. Soon after, she said: "I am asham of my past. I wanted to be a blessing my family, yet I can see I've been alm as selfish since I was saved as I was befo I think it's my fault that they're not int ested in the things of the Lord. Pray t I may really let my light shine for Christ home and be willing to do more than share for His sake." Just a few weeks af this her younger sister said to her one nig when they were preparing for bed, "I w to be a Christian like you are." Marion h really begun to live for Christ, and was s happy!—Vivian W. Gunderson.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do people long to pattern their lives ter ours, or do they feel that if we are example of a Christian they would rat not become one?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:26

A LITTLE GIRL'S QUESTION

A little girl and her brother were car ing a basket of cakes to their grandmoth Curious to see what was in the basket, th very carefully raised the cover and look in. When their greedy eyes saw the tem ing cakes, their mouths fairly watered taste them. After counting them over s eral times, they almost make up their mir they might eat just one of them. Nobo would know it, and it would taste so go While they were gazing at the cakes, a just ready to take one, the little girl look

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A Paean of Thanks

by MARY M. SCHOELLER

HANKS for giving us strength to do the tasks which each day brings. Give us the gracious spirit to accept both the easy d the difficult chores that come our way and the wisdom to parate the important from the worthless.

Thanks for refreshing slumber at day's end to rejuvenate r minds and bodies so that we will greet each new day glad the knowledge that "This is the day which the LORD hath de; . . ." (Psalm 118:24).

Thanks for the unchanging orderliness of the universe, ere day follows night and where spring follows winter, ad initum. With eyes wide open and hearts aware of the conual renewal of the goodness of the earth, we are grateful for ght sunshine which warms, for rain to water the parched ound, and for all the elements of nature which are provided for welfare and sustenance.

Thanks for the beauty revealed to us in sparkling sunrises vivid sunsets which the greatest artistic genius cannot reduce. In the dark of the night we see the stars in all their lliance, and we echo the words of the psalmist: "When I conr thy heavens, . . . the moon and the stars, . . . What is n, . . ." (Psalm 8:3, 4).

Thanks for the green of springtime, for the soft air on a ght May morning, for the birds singing gaily for the very joy being alive, for the awakening of animal and vegetable life, for the promise this gives us that we too will one day awake of our sleep to a more glorious life.

Thanks for warm summer days and evenings cool to sit outrs and relax after the day's work has been done. Sudden wers and the rainbows that glow in the heavens afterward ind us of God's covenant with Noah, which has never been oked: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and d and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall cease" (Genesis 8:22).

Thanks for the late afternoon of the year—autumn—when ure paints multicolored pictures on every hillside; for harttime, when all men reap what they have sown—deeds as well seeds; and for the falling leaves, telling us that nature will for a time. God's children also need occasionally to be still know so that our spiritual life may gain new vigor for the ure.

Thanks for winter. The purity of new snow and the hushed ness of the world as the snowflakes quietly fall enable us walk in it to meditate and to think profound thoughts. On r, crisp days our breath billows out like smoke, taking us memory to the delight we knew as children cavorting in the w and on the ice.

Thanks for all growing things, be they plants, animals, or an beings—especially our children and grandchildren, and perchance even great-grandchildren. We are grateful also for our own growth, irrespective of our age, for Peter admonishes all Christians to ". . . grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. . . ." (2 Peter 3:18).

Thanks for our five sensory organs, which permit us to see the calm serenity on the face of an aging, Christ-centered life, to touch the soft smoothness of a baby's face, to hear the laughter of little children, to taste cool, refreshing water, and to smell the tempting kitchen odors on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks for work to occupy our minds and to tire our bodies so that we will appreciate our moments of relaxation; for dirty dishes and soiled diapers, for it is with each chore well done that we create an atmosphere of love within the family.

Thanks for good health and the occasional bouts of ill health which slow us down when we're going too fast. ". . . know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . ." (1 Corinthians 6:19). We dare not abuse it or neglect its proper care.

Thanks for loved ones: family and friends near and far, many of whom are far distant in body but close in spirit; for those alive today, and for those who have been dear to us in the past but have now gone on to a new and better life; and for those, as yet unknown, who may tomorrow become very beloved.

Thanks for the tears of the bereaved, whose hearts are wounded but nevertheless open to receive consolation in their sorrow. Contemplating a meeting with the one who is now departed, our grief loses its bitterness in the joy of anticipation.

Thanks for melodious music, which echoes the harmony of all creation. Whether we participate or merely listen, we know that it is a precious thing to sing praises to the Lord. A friend subject to recurring emotional disturbances once explained that "when the music inside me stops, then I know I need help." The personal note from a popular orchestra leader, "Keep a song in your heart," is good advice, and we need no great musical talent to prove its efficacy.

Thanks for books, whereby we have the privilege of thinking lofty thoughts with the author, and through which are opened up for us the wisdom and knowledge of many learned people. A teacher challenged his class to "never read anything that you completely understand. It is only when you read things that you **don't** understand that you are learning." We can grow old gracefully if we never stop learning.

Thanks for our talents—one, two, or five (cf. Matthew 25: 14-30). Do not allow us to let our talents become atrophied through disuse, lest we lose what we already have. Let us use them constantly, with a prayer for guidance, and let us be faithful in a few things to prepare for greater opportunities ahead.

Thanks for precious friendships which ripen, like golden grains of wheat, as the days go by. Friends need not always agree with us, for we need the stimulation of those whose viewpoint and outlook are different from ours.

Thanks for freedom of religion—not to accept or reject it, but to choose the church which speaks most eloquently to our minds and which meets our spiritual needs most adequately. All religious bodies that recognize and accept Christ as the only begotten Son of God and their Saviour are a part of the church universal and are worthy of our respect.

Thanks for all of our freedoms. But help us to guard against using those freedoms as license to limit our neighbor's similar privileges. Although it sometimes becomes necessary to fight in order to preserve peace, the line of demarcation between law and order on the one hand and rioting and chaos on the other must be clearly defined and maintained. An honest victory thus

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THANKSGIVING

David B. Stewart

Thanksgiving, Lord, for Thy great love
That sent a Saviour from above,
To die for us upon a tree
And dying ever set us free
From sin and every hateful lust
And pride that now must lie in dust
At Thy dear feet.
And nevermore are we the same
Because Thy love as with a flame
Has scorched to death our evil deeds
In that atonement by Thy blood
Which ever pleads
At heaven's throne.
And we responding to Thy love
In dedication now shall prove
We are Thine own.

Thanksgiving, Lord, for earthly care
The love of family and friends
In which we share.
The mercies of the new-lived day
Which brought us safely on our way
Through dangers deep.
And then when day is done
We safely sleep
Beneath the awning of protective grace
That ever walked with us apace
In all life's scene.
And thus each day we close
In faith serene.

Thanksgiving, Lord, that here we meet
To pour fresh praises at Thy feet.
Because our every need Thy grace has met
And we can never fret
As others do,
But pledge our love to Thee
In thanks most true.
And all the bounty of Thy love
A table full has given
As every earthly blessing is
A gift from heaven.
And thus might we
This new Thanksgiving Day
Our tongues employ,
To praise as ne'er before
With holy joy.

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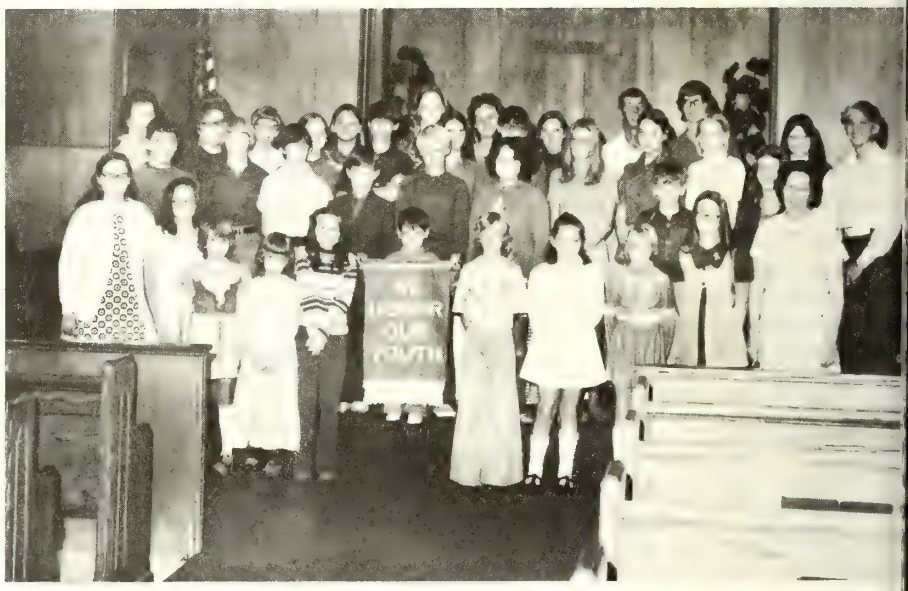
Press and Bookstores Closed

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and the Ayden Bible and Bookstore, along with the Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson Bible and Bookstores, will be closed Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. They will all be opened for business Friday, November 23, at the regular hours. Thank you.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH HONORS YOUTH



The youth of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Newport, North Carolina, were honored in a special service Wednesday evening, October 24, during prayer meeting. During this service the young people of the church presented a play entitled, "Jesus Is Coming Again," directed by Norma Gurganus, a member of the YFA of the church. The group also sang several songs. At the close of the service the church presented to the youth a red and gold banner with the words "We Honor Our Youth" (shown in the picture above). The presentation was a complete surprise to the youth.

The reason for this special service was the desire of the adults of the church to show appreciation to the young people and their leaders for all the outstanding things they are doing and the lives they are living in the community. During the past year the youth of the church has raised more than $600 to enable all the young people of the church who desired to do so to go to Cragmont during the summer. They raised this money by collecting drink bottles, having bake sales, etc. The youth participated in the Bible Bowl Quiz of the General Conference and were this year's winners. But most important, these young people made regular visits, with their leaders, to the s shut-ins, and unsaved in the commun averaging about 30 visits per mo However, none of these things could h been accomplished without the help the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, ch members, and leaders who supported youth. Each one was (and is) very portant and encouraging.

The leaders of the various groups as follows: YFA—Mrs. Addie Starnes Mrs. Susan Davis; Junior YFA—Mr. Mrs. Earl Godwin; AFC—Mrs. Lela and Mrs. Martha Ballard; CA—Mrs. nice Minatel and Miss Cindy Slaugh

The pastor states, "We thank Goc people like these and the opportunit serve Him."

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Free Union Church to Observe College Day

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Ch near Walstonburg, North Carolina, observe Mount Olive College Su November 25, according to the pa the Rev. C. L. Patrick. On this da W. Burkette Raper, president of the lege, will teach a Sunday school le and deliver the morning message. public is invited to attend.

e Union Church nors the Patricks

he Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick were nored Sunday evening, November 11, h a covered-dish supper served by the mbers of Free Union Free Will Baptist rch near Walstonburg, North Caro-, in the recreational building of the rch. Mr. Patrick has served the rch as pastor for twenty-five years.

delicious supper was enjoyed by roximately 140 people. The children Mr. and Mrs. Patrick gave a beautiful e in the shape of an opened Bible, oring their parents, on this occasion. cake was served to everyone present owing a musical program presented the members of the church under the ction of Mrs. Ray Cunningham.

n behalf of the church membership, . R. A. Heath presented to Mr. and . Patrick a silver bowl to show their reciation for the good work they have e for the church.

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ng Waters Church Be Dedicated

he Living Waters Free Will Baptist rch, Route 3, Pikeville, North Caro-, will be dedicated on Sunday, No-ber 25, at 3 p.m. The church is lo-d on Rural Paved Road 1002 at the rsection of Rural Paved Road 1324, ut three miles west of Pikeville, in ne County. The public is cordially ted to attend.

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. Board of Superannuation ort for Third Quarter, 1973

he following is the report of the Rev. ter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the rd of Superannuation of the North olina State Convention of Free Will tist Churches, for the third quarter of 3 (July, August, and September):

nce Brought Forward June 30, 73		$ 7,799.72
Receipts		
ious Contributions	$2,278.22	
Insurance and Retirement Premiums	5,258.26	
Ministers' and Widows' Fund	320.00	
Total Receipts		7,856.48
Total to Account For		$15,656.20
Disbursements		
Ministers' and Widows' Checks for the Quarter	$ 787.50	
MRS Retirement Checks for the Quarter	271.98	
Insurance Premiums for the Quarter	2,949.36	
Operating Expenses	592.62	
Transferred to MWF	320.00	
Total Disbursements		4,921.46
Balance September 30, 1973		$10,734.74

Information of the superannuation work may be secured by writing the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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Revival Scheduled At Reedy Branch Church

Revival services are scheduled for the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, November 26-30. Beginning nightly at 7:30, the services will feature the Rev. Jack Mayo of Winterville as guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson. Special music will be rendered nightly with Mr. Blanie Moye directing the church choir and Tommy Manning and Lou Nanney serving at the organ and piano respectively.

The public is issued a cordial invitation for what promises to be a time of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship.

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Let us pray that we may be willing to commit our way unto the Lord, in all our ways acknowledging Him who has promised to direct our path.—**Seek.**

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, announces the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., effective November 25, 1973. Mr. Billy W. Trevathan, chairman of the Board of Deacons and Pulpit Committee, request the prayers of Christians that God will lay the burden of this ministry on the heart of God's man prepared for this calling. Mr. Trevathan may be contacted by writing him at Route 1, Box 557, Tarboro, North Carolina 27886, or calling 823-4931.

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Broken Wedding Vows

Roughly 400,000 couples are divorced each year. About 40 percent of them are childless. The rest have some 500,000 children, two thirds of them are under the age of ten. More than six million Americans are now divorced or separated. Increasingly, the divorce problem is a problem of the young. Forty-six percent of all divorces involve girls who marry in their teens, and 74 percent are those who marry under twenty-five. Conversely, it is estimated that 85 percent of Americans who marry at the age of twenty-five or over stay married.—**Time Essay,** February 11, 1966.

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On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.—William Jennings Bryan.

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OWEN'S CHAPEL AFC'S VISIT HOME

About thirty AFC's and adult leaders from Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, visited the Children's Home on Saturday, November 10. The group arrived with their pastor, the Rev. David Powell (not in photo), about 10:30 in the morning and was conducted on a tour of the campus by the superintendent. They remained for lunch, which consisted of a fish fry given by friends of the Home (see adjacent article). After lunch the tour of the facility continued until the group's departure. During the visit, Mr. Powell presented a large contribution to the Home from the AFC's and Owen's Chapel.

The visit was enjoyed by the church group and the Home. We hope they will return soon and we strongly encourage other churches to visit often.

NOTICE

If you try to contact the Children's Home by telephone on November 22, 23, 24, and 25 and are unable to get an answer; then please try calling 235-4736 or 235-3338. Most of the children and employees will be away from home visiting on those dates. On Monday, November 26, normal operations will resume.

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Great as the preparations for the dinner, everything was so contrived that not a soul in the house should be kept from the morning service of Thanksgiving in the church.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Thankful for Little Things

I'm thankful for the little things,
For cooling breath of air,
For warmth of winter's fireside,
For fall and springtime fair.

I'm thankful for the bird notes,
First wafted on the breeze
Of summer's softest footsteps
Proclaimed in leafing trees.

I'm thankful for the little things,
Oft little in men's eyes,
Yet great in God's provision—
These things I highly prize!

FISH FRY FEAST

Saturday, November 10, is a day t many of us at the Children's Home v remember. On that day, Mr. and M Howard Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Willi Brown of the Holly Springs Free V Baptist Church at Newport, North Ca lina, treated us to a fish fry. The f were caught by them down east a cooked by them at the Children's Hor They cooked until all of us and our v tors were full and then had fish left ov

Mr. Benson and Mr. Brown with so of the children at the Home.

We all had a wonderful time and are very grateful to people such as th who are willing to share themselves w us. Good fortune with your fishing a hurry back soon.

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"I'D STILL BE YOUR MISSIONARY"

James Chalmers, missionary to N Guinea, said, "Recall the twenty-(years and give me back all its exp ences—the shipwrecks and the tin when I stood in the face of death, s rounded by savages with their spe flying about me and clubs knocking to the ground—give it all back to me a I'd still be your missionary."

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Foy Lee Kennedy

oy Lee Kennedy, age 54, of the Cabin mmunity near Beulaville, North Caro-a, died September 22, 1973. He was son of Picolla Pittman Kennedy and late Roy Kennedy. Foy's death was hock for us. Even though he had not n feeling as well as usual, his death ne as a blow when he died almost in-ntly from a severe heart attack. Others o survive besides his mother include wife, Esther Wallace Kennedy; two ghters, Mrs. Esther Jo Babbitt, Win-n-Salem, North Carolina, and Mrs. na Dare Miller, Raleigh, North Caro-; one son, Jimmy of Charlotte, North olina; two brothers, Sydney G., Jack-ville, North Carolina, and Alson Ber-, Beulaville.

is funeral was conducted in the Cabin Will Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. Jimmy Webster; a former pas-the Rev. Walter Sutton; and the Rev. le Cox. Burial was in the church etery with Masonic rites.

oy was a charter member of Cabin rch and served on the deacon board thirty-four years. Being a lover of ic, he sang in the church choir. He a member of the Beulaville Masonic e Number 658 AF and AM since D.

e can rejoice with the family in the they have of meeting their loved again where there will be no part-

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Callahan
Eunice T. Noble

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Mr. Lewis I. Mercer

wis I. Mercer, a 66-year-old mer-t of the Cabin Community near aville, North Carolina, died October 973. He died after several weeks of nement in the hospital and nursing e. He was the son of the late Cal-. and Sarah Jones Mercer.

rviving are three daughters, Mrs. Kennedy, Pink Hill, North Carolina, Elsie Lanier, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mrs. Ellen Shelly of Norfolk, Vir-two sons, Donald Mercer, Atlanta, ia, and Macon Mercer of Selfridge orce Base, Michigan; three sisters, Daisy Rollison and Mrs. Mamie Kennedy, Beulaville, and Mrs. Lina Sumner of Pink Hill, North Carolina; two brothers, Dave Mercer of Pink Hill, and Calvin R. Mercer of Beulaville.

His funeral was conducted at the Community Funeral Home in Beulaville by the Rev. Luther Swinson, a former pastor of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church. He was assisted by the present pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Webster. Burial was in the East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

Lewis had a stroke August 20, and was hospitalized at this time. Another stroke on October 8, claimed his life. He was a charter member of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church.

We can rejoice with the family in the hope they have of meeting their loved one again where there will be no more parting.

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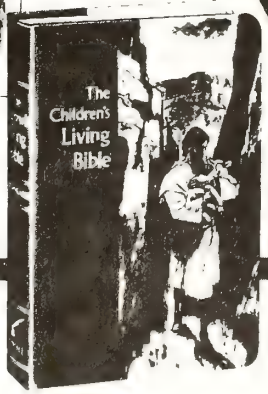

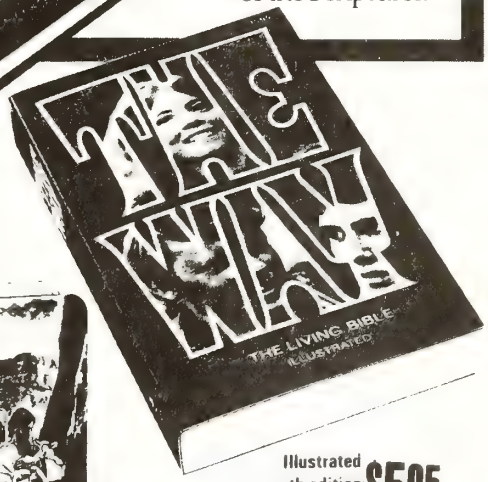

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STILLNESS OF EARLY MORNING

by Joyce Brock
Kinston, North Carolina

I HAVE always enjoyed awaking early in the morning while the family is still asleep, getting quietly out of bed, walking softly through the house; yet, pausing to look in on the children to make sure they are all right and to thank God for keeping them safe through another night.

I like to sit quietly by the kitchen window and look out over the field and woods. I look at the flowers in bloom and see the birds fly around, chirping happily. As I look out at nature, I realize how fast each season passes: spring, summer, fall, and winter. It seems only yesterday that the fields and woods were green, now they have all the beautiful colors of fall.

I look up at the sky. Sometimes it is blue with a beautiful touch of gold coming from the east as the sun begins to rise. Other times the sky is darkened with clouds.

As I sit quietly in the stillness of early morning, I feel the presence of God, and I feel serene with the thought of His love and strength. My soul offers thanks to Him for the beauty of the earth and for those He has given me to love.

I ask Him to help me through another day, to help me pass through the rough places in life with joy, and through the dark places with peace. I ask that where there is hatred that I might sow love, that where there is injury, pardon; that where there is doubt, faith; that where there is despair, hope; that where there is darkness, light; and that where there is sadness, joy. I ask that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; to always have a forgiving heart; to find time for those who need me and in some small way make someone happy each day.

These moments of quietness are precious, but suddenly broken with the wonderful sounds of my children getting ready for another day at school. I hear the children outside as they wait for the busses and the sound of cars as people are leaving for work.

Yes, I am thankful for stillness of early morning, a time I can have alone to commune with God. I also thank Him for those around me that break the silence, for they, too, are a part of my life. He has given them to me to love; and without others to break the silence of a new day, how lonely life would be!

St. Mary's Grove Youth Fellowship Meets

The Youth Fellowship of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, held its monthly meeting in the activity building of the church Sunday evening, November 11, beginning at seven o'clock. There were sixteen members and nine guests present.

The meeting opened with the group singing "The Saviour Is Waiting" and "Pass It On." Timmy Penny was in charge of the program and Pastor R. H. Jackson led in prayer.

The following officers were elected for the year, 1974: President, Terry Barbour; vice-president, Pansy Byrd; secretary, Mike Langdon; assistant secretary, Mike Byrd; treasurer, Mike Coats; program chairman, Timmy Penny; assistant program chairman, Gene Cobb; social committee, Sherry Barbour, Kim Batson, and Andy Langdon; enlistment committee, Cathy Wheeler and Teresa Johnson; pianist, Jeanette Barbour.

Following the benediction, games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake, topped with strawberries, and drinks were served.

The next meeting will be a Christmas banquet, held Sunday evening, December 9, at the church.

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TWO AND A HALF CONVERSIONS

Moody once reported the results one of his meetings thus: "Two an half conversions."

A friend asked, "Two adults and child, I suppose?"

"No," replied Moody, "two child and an adult. The children gave t whole lives. The adult had only ha life to give."

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The Supreme Being does not only fer upon us those bounties which ceed more immediately from His h but even those benefits which are veyed to us by others.—Joseph Addi

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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uestion: Please explain, "My son, p thy father's commandment, and for- e not the law of thy mother: Bind m continually upon thine heart, and them about thy neck. When thou st, it shall lead thee; when thou sleep- it shall keep thee; and when thou kest, it shall talk with thee" (Prov- s 6:20-23).

nswer: These verses from Proverbs, pter 6, are instructions of a wise er to his son. Like all the rest of the e first of all it is God's inspired Word. scripture is given by inspiration of , and is profitable for doctrine, for oof, for correction, for instruction in teousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

s author, Solomon, God depicts as the st man of the ages. Solomon is here his proverb in part, portraying or re- ing the instructions he had received David his father, the man after s own heart. God has brought these uctions down to us that they might, all else we are taught in the Bible, nlighten us as to keep us from the s and pitfalls of sin all are inclined nd those that hinder or prevent our wship with God. We need always in mind the fact that we were creat- the image and after the likeness of and are to have continued fellow- with Him. The Bible including e verses is God's designed tangible ns to bring us in a right relationship Him. The Word is the only means able by which we sustain this rela- hip. This being true, all fathers d follow the example in giving in- tions to their sons and daughters. Bible teaches, "Thy word have I hid ine heart, that I might not sin st thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp un- y feet, and a light unto my path" m 119:11, 105).

lomon had followed the wise in- tion of David in order that he be to write this kind of instruction for thers. David and Solomon both had d God who taught through Moses, who wrote as God inspired him: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Of course when they realized that they had done as all men do, committed a sin in disobedience to God's Word, they repented, confessed, and forsook their sins and found forgiveness. All sinners, including all parents, need to follow the example set for these Old Testament saints. Compare, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13); "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:9, 10).

In Verse 20 the son is admonished first to keep his father's commandments. The father in a home is the God-appointed head, and therefore has the first and final word of authority. In any well-managed home this authority is respected. God chose Abraham as the example in faith, knowing he would observe this universal rule; and He chose Sara, knowing she would fit in as the second voice of authority. They both filled the office with dignity. They each, Abraham under God and Sara under God and second to Abraham, kept the faith as they obeyed God. The responsibility that came with each office, Abraham in the first place and Sara in the second, they assumed with dignity.

Take for example the theophany at Mamre. The angels came to Abraham. Abraham followed God's teaching concerning hospitality to strangers, so when three angels came in the form of men as was fitting for Abraham (a man of God) he insisted on their sharing his bounties when he hastened, killed a calf, dressed it, and gave Sara instructions to prepare it for the strangers. She did just exactly what he told her to do. When the meal had been served she had been assured again that she was to be the mother of a special son whose seed would bless the whole world. She rejoiced and was made glad in the Lord. Abraham was an obedient husband; that is, he had faith in God and showed it in the correct management of his family as he was directed of the Lord. Sara was obedient to God in obeying her husband.

Isaac the son was obedient. When God requested of him that he go a three day's journey into the land of Moriah in obedience to God's command and subject himself to Abraham, he went and God was satisfied. Oh, that all Christians in a home should so function without discord and dissent! What a tremendous and glorious force in Christian victory they could be! But in too many cases, the fathers come short in the fulfillment of their responsibility, and perhaps in as many more the authority breaks down in the life of a disobedient or not completely obedient wife. Then there are the offspring that are so often self-willed or not willing to work in perfect accord with a mother and a father who will dare trust and follow God's orders, as placed in the Bible, in all things.

As God told Saul through Samuel, it is still better to obey than to sacrifice (see 1 Samuel 15:22, 23). The New Testament gives disobedient children as being His reason for judging the church age. "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6); "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience" (Colossians 3:6). This would indicate that the last half of Proverbs 6: 20, ". . . forsake not the law of thy mother" is to be observed by all her offspring with the same reverence as the first. In those days, of course, household servants were included. No grown son in a home with his parents should ever in the absence of his father conduct himself in any different manner than he would were both parents at home and the whole family observing God's rules for the family together.

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STORIES

for our youth

TOM'S THANKSGIVING

L. Dwayne Thorson

TOM NYMAN, on his way outside to look over his grandparents' farm, turned in the kitchen doorway. "Mom, here we are on the farm for Thanksgiving Day, and it's a beautiful morning. But we have to go to church!"

"Why, Tom," Mrs. Nyman said softly. "Don't you say that again." She placed a feeble hand on his arm. "We should all want to go to church on Thanksgiving Day. Why, look at me. The Lord has been so good in helping me get over my illness. I'm **happy** to go to church, and you should be too. Now you go out to Grandpa, and maybe he'll let you help with the chores."

Tom was glad to get outside. It is wonderful, he thought, the way Mom's getting better. But she doesn't understand how a fellow longs to be **free** and not sitting in a stuffy church.

Tom's grandfather was singing, "Thanks to God," in Swedish as he threw hay to the cows. **"Tak att Gud,"** rang the words.

"Hi, Grandpa," Tom called. "Can I help you?"

"Well, you're up early, Tom. You're just the fellow to help me so we can get to church on time."

It was fun working with Grandpa. Tom got to feed the chickens, and he helped two young calves to drink from a bucket.

"Why are you so happy today, Grandpa?" he asked.

"Why? Well, it's Thanksgiving Day, Tom. There's so much to be thankful for." He paused from feeding the pigs and swept his arm in a wide arc about the farm. "We have so much more than the Pilgrims had."

Tom looked up with interest. "Grandpa, why did the Pilgrims give thanks and go to church? My teacher told us that they had a terrible time when they came to America."

"Well, they did have a rough time," Grandpa replied. "But they were thankful just the same." He paused, set his bucket down, and leaned comfortably against the fence.

"It was in the winter of 1620," he continued, "that they landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. It was a hard winter. They had to watch out for enemy Indians, they didn't have enough to eat, and many got sick and died."

"My," Tom broke in, "they probably wished they hadn't come!"

Grandpa gazed thoughtfully at him. "No, Tom," he said. "They kept working. As soon as they could, they planted their crops and went ahead with their settlement. Then that fall they had a big celebration. After the crops were harvested, they gave thanks to God for all He had done for them."

Grandma called them for breakfast, so Tom and Grandpa walked slowly toward the house.

Tom continued the conversation: "I don't blame them for being thankful." He turned to Grandpa. "But why did they have a church meeting?"

"Well, Tom," Grandpa replied, "that's what they were most thankful for. They had come all the way over here from Europe and suffered all those hardships because they wanted to be free to worship God in their own way."

As they were cleaning up, Tom pondered what his grandfather had said. Combing his hair, he thought of many good things that had happened in his life. "Forgive me, Lord Jesus," he prayed, "and help me to be more thankful."

When he came to the breakfast tab he walked over to his mother and to her frail hand in his. "Mom," he sai "I **do** have a lot to be thankful for, a I'm glad we can go to church on Thank giving Day."—Selected.

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About Thanksgiving

Have you ever wished that you cou have been one of the Pilgrim boys or gi who sailed across the Atlantic on t "Mayflower" and arrived in Massach setts in 1620? How exciting that vo age must have been!

If you want to see how colonists liv in 1627, visit Plymouth Plantation, t and a half miles from Plymouth, Mas chusetts. The wooden houses w thatched roofs, the sheep and chicke roaming the dusty streets, and childr tending small vegetable gardens rem you of English villages of the ea 1600's. Men, women, and children dressed in garb such as the Pilgrims w in the seventeenth century.

Once you get inside a Pilgrim hou you will notice that there aren't m pieces of furniture. The Pilgrims co not afford to have furniture shipped fr Europe; and because it took them so l to make it themselves, most fami were satisfied with just a few things

Their beds were often made of sa of straw and covered with quilts or b kets. The chest had to serve as ch closet, and dresser. Clothes had to hung on pegs in the wall. Although grims wore starched collars and bon for church, they wore special clo while working. Besides farm work, sheared sheep and built houses. Wo made candles, soap, butter, and chee

Each house in the village represen special part of Pilgrim life. In the ren House, you'll see bowls of fresh and vegetables and taste samples chicken cooked over an open fire.

In the Standish House, you'll ins copies of Pilgrim weapons and ar When you tour the Fuller House, y examine tools used by a village doc

In the Pilgrim Hall Museum, you see clothes worn by Peregrine, the child born in the settlement. Sw used by Miles Standish and Wi Brewster and many kinds of utensils by Pilgrims are on display.

In the Fort Meetinghouse, you wil lifelike figures worshiping God.

There was so much work to do to build a country. You can still do

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THANKSGIVING

by Mrs. Royce Matthews
Wilson, N. C.

hanksgiving—a day set aside to re- t on the abundance of harvest. Our nksgiving prayer: "Dear Lord, it is y to thank thee for the good things t come our way. For love, for the velous human body, for health, for a e, for the miracle of birth, for colors, pure water and sunshine, and a bil- others, some of which we're not h aware, for these we give thanks.

But, Lord, the Bible says this isn't ugh. We should give thanks for every- g. Dear Lord, please grant us the dom to know that even the bad can blessing because thou canst change to good.

Thank thee for mistakes that have ed us to grow, for stop signs along ngerous path. Thank thee for our knesses, from them we see thy ngth. For boredom that fires our tive minds.

Thank thee for the summer storm cleanses the air, for tiny parasites an't outwit. These keep us humble. k thee for making us wait at times cultivates patience which we need so y.

hank thee for wars which have kept free Christian nation, for national dals that teach us the virtue of hon-

hank thee for tension that keeps us ur toes, for failures that teach hu- y, for fear that produces a challenge. k thee for pain that has caused us arn the marvelous wonders of the for death that releases a spirit from n-wracked body. Thank thee for all orrible things we can't understand. hank thee, Lord, for everything, especially the shed blood, without we'd be lost. Amen."

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1973 Mount Olive College Dinners

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Beaufort County — Saturday, November 24, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties — Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman.

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Area Admissions Counselor

Mrs. Diane Brown (Dennis) Riley, a 1967 graduate of Mount Olive College and president of the Alumni Association, will begin full-time employment with the College, December 1, as an Area Admissions Counselor. She will reside at 412 Rockledge Road, River Bend, New Bern, North Carolina, and will be available to visit students in their homes, meet with youth groups in churches, as well as visit high schools.

Mrs. Riley holds a B.S. degree from Atlantic Christian College and has taught in public schools in Cumberland and Craven Counties. She is a native of Johnston County, North Carolina.

In announcing the appointment of Mrs. Riley, President W. Burkett Raper declared, "Mrs. Riley will bring to our admissions office new dimensions in both depth and outreach. She is one of our own students who knows personally the distinctive values of Mount Olive College, and by operating out of the New Bern area, she will strengthen our contacts with high school students in that part of our state. She is an articulate and enthusiastic spokesman for Mount Olive College and we are most pleased to have her on our admissions team."

Interested students may contact her at her home (telephone 919-638-4511).

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Mount Olive College Night at Hopewell Church

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a musical program at the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Smithfield, North Carolina, at 7 p.m., Sunday night, November 25, 1973. During the service, the Rev. David C. Hansley, special assistant to the president, will give a slide presentation, "The Advancement of Mount Olive College—Now!"

The pastor, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, extends an invitation to the public to join the congregation for this Mount Olive College night.

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Why Not?

Some parents say, "We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in the matter of religion." Why not? TV and radio will. The press will. The movies will. Their neighbors will. We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, and cattle. Shall we ignore our God-given responsibilities to our children?—J. Edgar Hoover.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 2

Why the Gospel of John?

Printed Text: John 20:30, 31; 1:6-13; 17: 1-3

Memory Verse: John 20:31

I. INTRODUCTION

Why study the Gospel of John? One good reason is because, without a doubt, it is the most popular of all the four Gospels, having for its central theme, "Jesus Christ, the Son of God." In these lessons, divided into three units, we will discover again that Jesus and the Father are One, that Jesus came to die on the Cross for the sins of mankind, that He arose from the dead and lives forevermore, and that after His ascension He sent in His place the Holy Spirit, whom He called the Comforter, the **Paraclete,** or One who walks along beside us (and lives within our hearts as Christians).

Unit I consists of the first four lessons, emphasizes the subtheme, "The Son of God Came to Us," and ends with the Christmas lesson.

Unit II has six lessons covering subjects found in Chapters 3—16, which deal with the works and teachings of Jesus.

Unit III includes the last three lessons, which discuss the trial, death, and the resurrection of Jesus, and emphasize Jesus' victory in all three.

Today's lesson tells why we are to study John's Gospel, introduces us to Jesus, and shows whence He came and why. No one who believes the Bible and is in his right mind can fail to see in these passages today that Jesus was indeed God in the flesh while He lived on earth. Seeing this again, our faith in His deity becomes stronger.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We must never feel that we have all the words or deeds of Jesus recorded in the Bible. Each of the Gospel writers wrote for a purpose, and they recorded those things which suited the purpose for which they were writing.

B. John's Gospel more than any other presents Christ as the universal Saviour of all who will believe on His name.

C. "I am accustomed to call this Gospel (John) the key, which opens the door to the understanding of the others."—John Calvin.

D. "About 92 percent of the contents of the fourth Gospel is unique to John and is not found in the three Synoptic Gospels."—Merrill F. Unger.

E. Think of as many reasons as you can why it is necessary for one to become a child of God.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. You know why God sent His Son from heaven to earth and to death. It was so that ". . . whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). You know why Jesus took our sins upon Himself and endured the death of the Cross. It was so that we may escape the wages of sin and enjoy God's free gift of life eternal (Romans 6:23). You know why John wrote the book we are studying. It was so that you may ". . . believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

The purpose of God, and Jesus, and John, is to bring you from death to life, and that for eternity. What is your purpose? Do you want to live or die?

Romans 3:23 says all have sinned, and that includes you. Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is death, and that is what you have earned. Without God, all humanity is like a failing swimmer in a stormy sea, unable to reach the shore—and you are in that predicament along with the rest.

But no one need be without God. In love and mercy our Father set up the lighthouse of His love to show us which way to go. More than that, He sent forth a lifeline. He did not merely throw out the lifeline across the dark wave as the old song urges us to do; He sent Jesus to take it into the storms of earthly life, to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

John too was lost in the storm till sus came with the lifeline. When he safe, John saw other lost souls, and s threw the lifeline out to them in the b he wrote. Here (the Bible) is the life John tossed out, and here with it other precious messages from our h enly Father. It is within your reach. means of this you can come to bel most surely that Jesus is the Christ, Son of God; and believing you can h life in His name.

Faith—your faith—is the hand which you grasp the lifeline. Your is to grasp it firmly to be drawn in G way, to let Him lead you in doing will through all the storms of life till come to life eternal with Him. Eag He offers salvation to you. Are grasping this salvation as eagerly as offers it?—**Standard Lesson Cemment**

B. George Bowen, missionary to B bay, is famed for his life of self-sacri ing love for Christ. For many years was a skeptic. Utterly wearied with contention of his thoughts, which phosphorescence in the wood fascin him, but gave no light for his path once exclaimed: "O God—if there God who notices the desires of me only wish that thou wouldest n known to me thy holy will. I will at any cost." From that moment skepticism was gone.

It was the illuminating rays of G sunrise touching the highest peak o soul, his volition, and soon filled all landscape with light.—James M. Louc

C. In Florida a recent count show took the average church member years to win another to Christ. record is better than most. A ge survey showed an average of tw seven years required for the ty church member to win another. would such a survey reveal in church? Most of us are afraid to out. However, let us determine tha world around us will not die for la a witness.—C. F. Bowen.

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Change of Addres

Please note the change of addre Lt. Col. John B. Narron. Mr. Nar being reassigned from Whitemar Force Base, Missouri, to Clark Air Base in the Philippines, effective N ber 26. His new address will be lain, Lt. Col., John B. Narron, PSC 1253, APO San Francisco, Cali 96286. All future correspondence be directed to his new address.

or What Should One Be Thankful?

(Editorial)

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t He, in His wisdom, saw fit to take son from her, but that **you** will re-e him in her heart. You feel hum-, and you pray that you will be afford-he privilege of living to enjoy another nksgiving Day, a day that will mean e than turkey and dressing, and that will grant you the opportunity of re-ing kindnesses rendered to you, that ehow you will be able to merit this lady's regard and be worthy to be ed her "son."

ou thank Him for a satisfying breath, n breathing had never really been before. You thank Him for oxygen inistered by an amiable respiratory apist who took his work seriously, t at making you feel more comfort-and at the same time displaying his , all the while speaking in friendly s which made you know that his pro-onalism was coupled with compas-.

ou thank God for so many things: gs that heretofore had been noticed not studied, things seen but not ed in detail. You thank Him for le, for places, for the one person got you to the hospital in time, for hings bright and beautiful. . . .

nd yes, you thank Him for being sick at you will be able to appreciate the t blessing of health. You thank Him His Son who gave His promise of be-with you during sickness and health; you thank Him for His healing r, desiring it, surely, nevertheless itting to and praying that His will one.

r what should one be thankful? One d be (and can be) thankful for things umerous to mention here, for things umerous over which to ponder and hich to write and speak, though one hooved to record and to shout his ksgiving to all the world.

what should one be thankful? one is down, then he can truly ; and then will he truly be. . . . ur editor knows.

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H THANKSGIVING"

e careful for nothing; but in every-by prayer and supplication **with sgiving** let your requests be made n unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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up in her brother's face, and asked the question, "Can't God count?" This settled the matter; the lid was shut down, and all the cakes were carried to the grandmother. —*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Unfortunately, for many of us, God can count. How does your life add up? It will matter much in the long run.

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A PAEAN OF THANKS

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gained, results in improved conditions for all concerned, and liberty within the law is established for the benefit of everyone.

Thanks such as these are but a grain of sand on the shores of the oceans in comparison with the many temporal and spiritual blessings bestowed upon us by our loving heavenly Father. All of these, and many, many more which we do not name here, are reasons for gratitude.

Above all, we thank and praise God for the spiritual blessings that are ours through Christ's redemptive gift of eternal life to all who will accept His sacrifice. In writing to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul summarily exhorts believers to ". . . thank God, then, for his indescribable generosity to you!" (2 Corinthians 9:15; Phillips). Advice such as this is equally apropos in our sophisticated century.

With our limited human minds, we can never fully express what we mean. But God, who looks at our hearts, sees the sincerity with which we say today, tomorrow, and everyday, "Thanks be to God!"—**Selected.**

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Questions & Answers

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In the parable of the vineyard we note that God intends for His rules to be carried out here upon earth in the absence of the visible presence of Christ with the same accuracy they would if He were visibly present. When in a given situation the mother's voice in the home is the highest authority it should unconditionally be obeyed with dignity and honor. There should be no more substitute for it than for the father's in or under given circumstances. Note that in Verse 21 we are instructed to bind these laws of mothers and of fathers to our hearts just simply because they are acting in their office as parents and as God's agents to carry out His orders.

I recall that when I and other fellow students of the Moody Bible Institute seemed to have more verses to memorize in Bible doctrine, personal evangelism, and such subjects than seemed possible, we wrote them on cards, placed them before us as we shaved, as we did other daily chores, trying to keep each word, each number of each verse, and all the necessary details before us and in mind at all times; so when exams came we might be able to give as perfect account as possible, and in that way may be able to use them throughout life in defending the faith and in winning precious souls for Christ. Some literally tied the verses on cards around their necks and some even wrote them on the white cuffs of their clothes. When we really want a thing within reason we find many ways to secure it for ourselves.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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today. More than ever your country and your church need your help, courage, and strength. Your country has problems, and it will be your duty to try to help solve these problems.

One way that you can help the world be free is to let the Lord Jesus fill your heart and mind with love for your brothers and sisters everywhere. Love your country and church just as the Pilgrim boys and girls did over 350 years ago. Do everything you can to spread peace and love and joy.—**Kitty Miller.**

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KNOCK! IT SHALL BE OPENED

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tion wasn't he, wouldn't anyone pray? He didn't finish the thought.

He silently drifted back—seven months ago. Cindy was aglow with delight when she found out that she was pregnant. Paul was happy but confused. He hadn't had time to adjust to a wife, much less a son. He smiled to himself—he was even thinking of the baby as a son.

God, oh God, you can't do this to me. You can't give me the world then quickly snatch it all away.

The flickering of the candlelight glowed in brilliant radiance for a moment then softly subsided into a shimmering warm glow.

Paul cupped his head in his hands and prayed.

"God, I don't exactly know the right words to say, but please God, you give life and you can take it away. Please spare Cindy, please God. Take me instead, God. I'm no good; I never have been. Please God. I'll do anything. Oh Lord, I'll not bargain. You have brought me to my knees in pain and I will arise and walk with you, I'll be all you want me to be. No, Lord, I'll not bargain. Thy will shall be done," he prayed.

"Paul," the minister's voice gently spoke, "let's make that decision now. Give your trust to God. Give your life to God."

Paul opened his tearful eyes and looked at the Bible in the minister's hand and read the passages the preacher pointed out.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10); "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

"Do you understand that Paul? That means everyone: you, me, Cindy, everyone."

"Yes, Pastor, I understand."

The minister turned the pages slowly to Romans 6:23 and pointed it out to Paul.

" 'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Do you understand that Paul? That means the price of our sins is death; but the gift, the gift of God, is eternal life through Jesus Christ. We are washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. All you have to do to be saved is right here. Look Paul, it says, 'If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' Do you believe that, Paul?" asked the minister.

"Yes."

"If you really believe that and want that in your heart, repeat after me. 'God, I see myself as I really am, a sinner. I repent of my sins, and accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Amen.' "

Paul, between sobs of grief, joy, and hope repeated each word carefully until he repeated the prayer.

"Do you mean it Paul?" asked the minister.

"Yes, Preacher, I really do. Do you believe God will answer prayer like you say."

"Yes."

"Well, let's pray for Cindy."

Paul felt as though a burden had been lifted off his shoulders. He suddenly knew Cindy's life and their unborn child was God's to take and God's to give. Paul also instinctly knew his wife had been spared from the hands of death.

"Preacher, Cindy is going to be allright! I know it!" Paul smiled.

"But Paul, you know the doctors . . ."

"Preacher, it's just like the song, 'Have faith in God, He cannot fail.' "

"Mr. Paul Thomas?" a white coated doctor questioned.

"Dr. March, is Cindy all right?"

"Yes Paul. I don't know how, it's just a miracle. Cindy pulled through and you also have a five pound and six ounce girl. Both are doing fine."

"Can I see Cindy?"

"Paul, she's had a rough time of it, but I guess for just a couple of minutes, it will be all right."

Paul raced down the hall without another word.

In the excitement the Bible the minister had been holding fell to the floor. He carefully picked it up. The old tattered Testament had opened to a passage he had marked long ago.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto y For every one that asketh receiveth; a he that seeketh findeth; and to him t knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 9, 10).

The minister glanced again at young man scurrying happily down corridor to a wife, child, and a new l He pressed the Bible close to him.

"Praise God!" he smiled. "Pr **God!"**

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AN OPEN LETTER

Greetings to you from the Orig Free Will Baptist Mission of Leland, N Carolina.

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"A NATION UNDER GOD"

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THANKSGIVING AFTERTHOUGHT . . .

by Ralph A. Bowen

Now that Thanksgiving, 1973, is history, are you satisfied with the thanks you gave to God for His bountiful blessings throughout the past year?

Did you offer thanks for food, shelter, clothing, health, and the untold blessings that were too numerous to mention?

Did you give thanks for this great country of ours—America, the land of the free—a country with just about all the freedom a person could ask for? In fact, sometimes we perhaps have too many freedoms.

Did you celebrate Thanksgiving Day only as a historic occasion? If so, it had little or no value to you as an individual. The history of the occasion has much to teach, it is true; but it is true only in principle, not true in incident.

Was Thanksgiving Day just another occasion for family reunions, bountiful dinners, and festivities in the home? Sure all of this is fine, but with all the festivities we so often forget that the day is a day of religious observance set apart to give thanks for the blessings of the past year.

The thanksgiving of the Pilgrim Fathers was an acknowledgement of their dependence upon God. Was your thanks along this line?

Did you on this memorable day take time out to "count your blessings, name them one by one"? If you did, I'm sure you were surprised to see what the Lord had done.

Were you one of those who made the statement, "What have I to thank God for?" We must admit that there are those who live miserable lives, and whose economic situation leaves much to be desired; but did we as Christians ask God to care for those in need, so that the poor also can give thanks to God?

Were you one of those through your own faults who said, "I've made a mess of my life; what have I to be thankful for?" You could have thanked Him for never leaving you; that the moment you want to change, He is there to help you conquer the sin that has beset you and to help you regain your self-respect.

A noted Presbyterian minister once made this statement: "There is all the difference between making a nation under God, and making a god of this nation." The phrase "a nation under God" was coined by one of our earliest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

"Under God," we here in America had much to thank God for this past Thanksgiving Day. With all our problems such as drugs, alcohol, crimes, governmental and international problems, the majority of us have material prosperity, leisure to enjoy our comforts and conveniences, and the privilege to live in our comparative security. Most of us can say with the Psalmist David: "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10).

May the thanks we gave to God on Thursday, November 22, 1973, be thanks worthy for everyday of our life. To the Christian, surely, everyday is Thanksgiving Day.

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BOWEN NAMED ASSISTANT EDITOR

F anyone knows the workings of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ralph A. owen of Route 1, Ayden, North Caro-na, certainly does; therefore, it is only tting that he has been named assistant itor of literature; and, it is our plea-re to announce his selection. A resi-nt of the Ormondsville community, Mr. owen has served the Press for nearly a arter of a century and has witnessed any innovations in printing.

When he began work at the Press in e spring of 1941, some of the type as hand-set and all of the printing of erature was done by letterpress as op-sed to the more modern offset process printing process in which an inked pression from a planographic surface first made on a rubber-blanketed cyl-der and then transferred to the paper ing printed). Writers of literature w are employed outside the Press; that they work "on the field," as the ex-ession goes; but at the time of Mr. wen's early employment, all the writ-g was done by individuals working thin the Press.

Mr. Bowen "knows the ink," to para-rase a more-frequently used expres-n; and though most of his work ex-rience has been in an editorial capacity, has in times past operated the proof-ess and has been involved in near-every area of printing. He knows "when," "where," "what," and ow" of publishing and has, therefore, oven himself an invaluable member of staff. He "fits in," as it were, in all partments, but is happiest while en-ged in an editorial capacity.

A willing worker, Mr. Bowen has in ect dedicated his life to his denomi-tion. He has been a member of the mondsville Free Will Baptist Church, ute 1, Ayden, since early childhood, ere, at the age of eight, he began ying the organ for services. The st organ owned by the Ormondsville rch (then called Saints' Delight) was old pump kind, and Mr. Bowen re-mbers somewhat nostalgically how he would sit in his sister's lap so she could do the pedaling for him, as his legs were too short to reach the pedals. Later, a piano was purchased which Mr. Bowen, a gifted musician, could "handle" by himself. About fifteen years ago, a Hammond organ was secured; and, Mr. Bowen found himself once more seated at the organ—this time quite capable of doing all of the work himself. Thus, Ralph Bowen has served his church in a musical capacity since youth, and continues to do so capably.

Mr. Ralph A. Bowen

Music perhaps is his favorite pastime, and Mr. Bowen is proficient at praising his Lord with it and also at entertaining at various civic and social functions. In addition, he is a favored musician for weddings and funerals, and it is impossible for him to enumerate those for which he has played. For the past several years, he has played for county-wide religious crusades and is often guest musician for revivals and homecomings.

Serving his denomination well, Ralph Bowen is a past publicity chairman for the central conference and was at one time editor of THE YOUTH BANNER, a teen-age magazine no longer in publication (its being "killed" due to the fact that other youth material was created as trends demanded such). A valued asset to the editorial department, Mr. Bowen processes "Baptist" articles, minutes of various conferences, proofreads manuscripts, galleys, and assists the editor ably in all respects. A hard worker, he goes about his business confidently, not having to be told what to do, nevertheless not above asking advice; and, he works tirelessly toward the achievement of what must be done. Not afraid of work, he has kept an abundant supply of "midnight oil" and has proven himself a devoted servant to his chosen profession, his denomination, and his Lord.

Pleasant in demeanor, neat in appearance, the well-groomed Mr. Bowen displays boundless energy that would shame men many years his junior. For the most part, he exhibits a quiet, unpretentious disposition, but is definitely friendly and much given to humor, always finding something to laugh about, making working with him a pleasure. He "gets along," as they say, with all people.

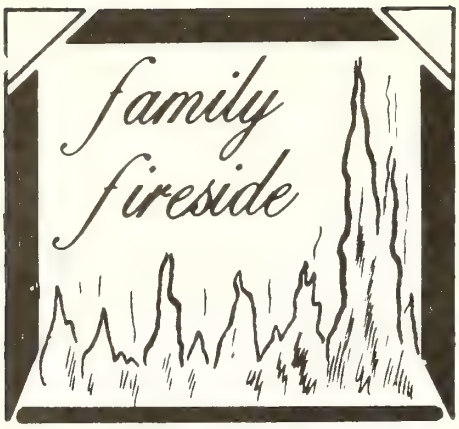
A compassionate fellow, he knows just what to say to make one feel more comfortable in difficult situations. He has helped train many editorial workers during his tenure at the Press, and has done so with patience and understanding.

Mr. Bowen is married to the former Carrie Lee Braxton. They have one child, Rosemary, age 14, who is a student at the Snow Hill, North Carolina, Junior High School.

Holding two degrees of higher education: a business degree from Mars Hill College near Asheville, North Carolina, and a B. S. degree in Elementary Education from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, Mr. Bowen taught school for one year but decided that the work at the Press was his "call." He is a former president of the Maury, North Carolina, PTA, the Maury Ruritan Club, and a former member of the Greenville Lions Club.

Much commendation is due Ralph A. Bowen for his selfless service to the Free Will Baptist Press in past years, and it is certain that he will continue to prove his worth in years to come. He has seen the Press "come a long way," and it is quite evident in conversing with him that he has the Press's benefit at heart. Suffice it to say that the Press is fortunate indeed to have him in its employ and especially in his new capacity as assistant editor.

Editor Tommy Manning is happy to have Mr. Bowen by his side, as he has always found him to be a conscientious and responsible staff member.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:15

APPEARANCE OF EVIL

A well-known Christian worker was riding in a dining car one day, and ordered some grape juice. It was brought to him in a glass of a certain type. Instantly he noticed that on the same table opposite him a man had a bottle of claret wine, and a glass exactly like his, filled with a liquid that looked very much like his. "I wondered," he said, "how one of my acquaintances would feel if he saw me sitting at a table with a bottle of wine, and a glass in what appeared to be the same drink. How quickly the story of my wine drinking would have scattered over the country! I got rid of the grape juice as soon as I could." Yes, he was careful, but not needlessly careful, for such incidents give rise to what can easily become a stumbling-block. We never do have any liberty to lead people astray.—Philip E. Howard Sr.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christians have a duty to perform. To them is entrusted the furtherance of God's works. We are instructed to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—Psalm 46:10

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD SUCH?

Said Spurgeon: "I have heard of ministers who can preach a sermon without mentioning the name of Jesus from beginning to end.

"If you ever hear a sermon of that kind mind that you never hear another from that man. If a baker once made a loaf of bread without any flour in it, I would take good care that he should never do so again; and I say the same of a man who can preach a Christless gospel. Let those go and hear him who do not value their souls; but dear friends, your soul and mine are too precious to be placed at the mercy of such a preacher.—*Christian Index.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A gospel or sermon without Christ has no place in Christianity. Gospel is something accepted as infallible truth. Christian gospel is that we have a triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:176

NOT FAR—BUT LOST!

A young Filipino, traveling in Chicago, registered at the Hotel Sherman. Taking a walk, he became lost. He was ignorant of the name, location, and appearance of the hotel, and so was unable to find it again. Consequently, he selected another room in the Hotel Astor. Unwilling to acknowledge to the authorities that he was lost, he tried for five days to find the place where he had deposited his baggage. Unsuccessful, he finally appealed to the authorities. The police station soon found his original registration place, and informed him that for five days he had been living NEXT DOOR to the place where he had left the baggage. Although so near, he lost five days' peace of mind, five days' time, and five days' use of his baggage all because he would not tell an officer that he was LOST. No one should entertain any fears about telling the Lord that they are lost, confessing, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep."—Tom Olson.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We as Christians are never lost. We may go astray, but we are not condemned to a hopeless, empty eternity because Jesus has assured us of another chance to improve ourselves.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—John 14:12

THE DIVINE TOUCH

I stood one evening watching the pure white flowers on a vine encircling the veranda. I had been told that the buds that hung with closed petals all day, every evening near sunset unfolded and sent out a peculiar fragrance.

The miracle was more than I had anticipated. A feeling of silent awe possessed me as I saw bud after bud, as if under the touch of an invisible hand, slowly fold back its leaves until the vine was filled with perfect blossoms, most beautiful and sweet. I said, *"If the finger of God laid upon these His flowers can do this in a way beyond the power of human study to explain, cannot the same divine touch, in ways we know not of, do as much for human hearts?"*—John Hall.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Why do we worry about our little problems or even our large, difficult problems? God takes care of such minute details as the fragrance of a flower. He has promised to take care of us and tells us to bring our problems to Him.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:24

OUR GOOD INTENTIONS

I once heard a lady speak at a women's meeting. She said that when she was ten years of age, one morning her mot whom she loved dearly, waked her asked her to arise and get her fath breakfast, as the mother was quite s She said: "I meant to get up; I loved do things for my mother, but it was c five o'clock, and I was so sleepy tha went back to sleep. Mother did it hers sick as she was, but she understood I didn't get up, when afterward, feel badly about it, I tried to tell her. She d shortly afterward, but that memory st ever with me. I don't want to fail any who needs me. God grant that I shall My cry to Him is that I may never fai sacrifice, that I may watch with Him Mrs. J. Shields.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Good intentions without being put to are no better than bad intentions put to God does not care for a lukewarm Ch tian; no one else does either.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:2

NO PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

When Adoniram Judson graduated f college and seminary he received a from a fashionable church in Boston to come its assistant pastor. Everyone c gratulated him. His mother and sister joiced that he could live at home them and do his life work, but Jud shook his head. "My work is not he he said. "God is calling me beyond seas. To stay here, even to serve God His ministry, I feel would be only pa obedience, and I could not be happy that." Although it cost him a great st gle he left his mother and sister to fol the heavenly call. The fashionable ch in Boston still stands, rich and strong, Judson's churches in Burma have f thousand converts, and the influence of consecrated life is felt around the worl *Forward.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have been told to spread G Word, both here and abroad. If our na would set a Christian example, our sionaries' work would be made more lievable.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:4

GO WITH CHILDREN TO CHURCH

Someone has asked whether child should be forced to go to church. If that the implication is pure force, would say no. The gospel of compul has a definite weakness to it. Force us ly begets force, its application engen resistance. Just because a child is weaker member in the family it must be intimidated.

The better way is to persuade a chil go; if done in time it rarely fails. The way is to say, "John, we are all going

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NOT WHAT WE HAVE LOST

by
JOYCE PROCTOR BEAMAN

HAT is life? How shall we explain our happiness, our success, our s? Especially, how shall we under- nd our disappointments, our frustra- ns, our tears?

ohn Milton, for the last twenty years his life, lived in a world of darkness; he gave light to the world through brilliance of his mind and writings.

udwig Van Beethoven, after age nty-eight, heard not a sound; yet he rd the music of the spheres through inspiration of his mind.

ohn Bunyan sat locked in a dusty, y prison; yet he saw the struggle of mankind and recorded it in **Pilgrim's gress,** now translated into over one dred languages.

lfred Tennyson reached the "ripe" age of eighty-three; in his last years wrote the immortal "Sunset and even- star, and one clear call for me. . ."

he Master heard the cries of the mob felt the pain of death; yet He lifted eyes to the greatest Hope of man- d.

ut these were of the long ago. What ut us today?

. . A family watched its home as it completely destroyed by fire; yet could reach forth his hand and h the living body of the others.

. . A farmer walked across his hail- tobacco and corn fields; yet he d remember the part of the crop al- y harvested and the promise of an- r year.

. . Another farmer saw his wheat ds leveled to the ground by a wind- m; yet he felt the burning sun dry- the fallen wheat so that some of it d at least be saved and fed to live- k on the farm.

. . Still another tiller of the soil ked across his tornado-torn farm— dings, home, crops—leveled to the nd; yet he realized that he himself had the strength that had laid the foundations of each building, and plant- ed the seed of the crops.

. . . A man awoke after several days of unconsciousness to find his body broken and torn—drained of all physical strength, perhaps forever; yet his mind was still his, uninjured and unscarred.

. . . A mother and father watched soldiers lift from a train a flag-draped coffin; yet the son and daughter beside them were reminders that though much was taken, much was left.

Could the answer to these be found in this thought from an unknown writer: "It is not what we have lost, but that which is left that we must consider." It is true that there are times when we must pause and shed a tear, even grieve perhaps. Our hearts bleed; our bodies ache. This is life! Yet, somewhere in the soul, that mysterious gift from God, we realize that through our faith and the use of time, God heals our minds as He heals our body when it is wounded or feverish or ill.

And so, like one of the followers of the Great Healer, we must try to "forget those things that are behind and press on . . ." We must pick up the broken pieces, and leave, except for an occa- sional memory, that which is lost and build on that which is left.

PUZZLED ABOUT WHAT TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS?

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(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Norman Malone, a member of the Eastern Conference, announces that he is available for full-time pastorate. In the meantime, he states that he is available for revival services and supply work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing P. O. Box 483, Bayboro, North Carolina 28515; telephone 249-9761.

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AN OPEN LETTER

This notice is directed to all Free Will Baptist laymen of the Central Conference. Some of you are members of the Layman's League, others are not.

Once every three months the Layman's League of the various churches in the conference assemble with a host church. We refer to this assembly as the **Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference.**

If your church does not have a Layman's League, please see that you have several representatives present for the next Fellowship and begin your plans for an organization. The next Fellowship will be held Monday evening, December 3, with the Peace Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetops, North Carolina, beginning at eight o'clock.

If your church has a Layman's League but is not a member of the Fellowship, we urge you to attend and become a member.

If your league is a member of the Layman's League Fellowship, then we are looking forward to meeting with you again in Christian fellowship.

"Religion should be our steering wheel, not our spare tire."

Sincerely yours,
Henry P. Beaman
Promotional Secretary

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We know more bad things about ourselves than does anyone else, yet no one thinks so highly of us as we do of ourselves.—Franz V. Schoenthan.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Calvary Church Celebrates Old-Fashioned Sunday

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, celebrated its second annual old-fashioned Sunday, November 18. Members and friends came dressed in their fashions from the past. Members sixty years of age and older were presented flowers and were recognized by the pastor during the morning service.

Howard Scott, a Mount Olive College ministerial student from Kenly, North Carolina, was the guest speaker for the morning service; and the Cordsmen from Fayetteville, North Carolina, were in charge of the evening service.

The church reporter stated: "Everyone had a wonderful day as we praised the Lord in an old-fashioned way. The pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling, even sang a solo."

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"Trick or Treat" for The Children's Home

The children of Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, North Carolina, celebrated Halloween a lot different this year than before. Instead of "Trick or Treating" only for themselves, they decided to do something for others.

About 50 children gathered at the church on Halloween night and went "Trick or Treating" for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina. The group collected $121 from church families and friends. The gift was taken to the Home during the thanksgiving season.

Following the "Trick or Treating" the children and their adult chaperons were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams of Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina, for refreshments consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, halloween cupcakes, candy, punch, soft drinks, and hot chocolate. Approximately 100 persons joined together for the refreshments.

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Ordaining Council of Piedmont Conference to Meet

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Conference will meet with the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, Tuesday, December 4, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Walter Carter, chairman of the council, requests any minister or person having any business to take up with the council to be present for this meeting.

NOTICE

The editor is back at work and is do well. The doctor's report is most couraging, stating that a recurrence the problem is most unlikely. Needl to emphasize, the editor is happy to doing so well and to have been gi such a good medical report. He tha all concerned individuals for their p ers and every manifestation of rega

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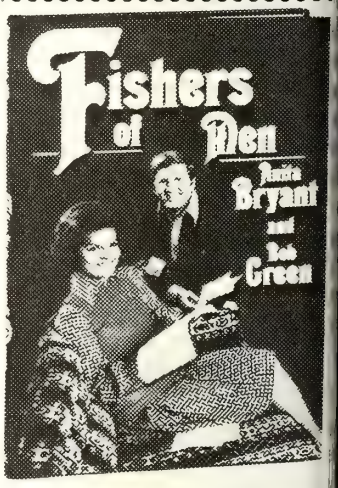
What It Costs

A woman was calling on a fri whose children were brought in. caller said, evidently with no thou of the meaning of her words, "Oh, give my life to have two such childr to which the mother with subdued nestness replied, "That's exactly w it costs."—S. D. Gordon.

ANITA AND BOB'S PERSONAL "CRUSADE"



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Calling Our Continent to Commitment

NTERPRETING the religious significance of Thanksgiving and Christmas is part the final phase of the evangelism ust of Key 73 by Christian groups oughout North America. The coop-tive, united, and simultaneous en-vor through Key 73 which began in uary, 1973, has brought together an recedented number of religious ies, over 150, in one common effort, uding many Protestant denomina-s, Roman Catholic dioceses, and ngelistic organizations in the enter-e of "Calling Our Continent to Christ."

xecutive Director Dr. Theodore A. deke, St. Louis, Missouri, has declared, ere is nothing wrong with turkey and ball, but Thanksgiving is more than key and football. Christmas—there is ing wrong with gifts, but Christmas od's gift, Christ's birth and our re-n. The New Year is a time to cele-e—another year of life for Christ and her year of service to the kingdom." e emphases of Key 73 are part of objective of "more fully and more ibly confronting people with Jesus st." The emphasis of Thanksgiving day of gratitude and prayer, Christ-as a time of receiving the gift of st, and the New Year as an oppor-ty for renewal are part of the final e of Key 73, "Calling Our Continent ommitment."

ey 73 is being implemented by city-e crusades, community rallies, Jesus ical festivals, art festivals, by small ussion groups in churches and com-ities, and by training programs in ersational evangelism. In the early of the year, Key 73 stressed the call epentance and Bible study and distri-on. Sparked by Key 73 an All Luth-Youth Gathering, Discovery 73, ght together for the first time 20,-youth of all major Lutheran bodies at ston, Texas. The Jesus 73 Musical val, August 9-11, at Morganton, nsylvania, brought together 11,000 h at worship, and a total of 20,000 ng the week.

any Key 73 projects have been aug-ed with special radio and television broadcasts. When the Key 73 Launch Special, "Faith in Action," was shown on 667 broadcasts the January 6 weekend in the United States and Canada, many small groups met at the TV set with prepared guides to discuss the film. In Bakersfield, California, the "Come Together" Pat Boone program was shown both in a community rally and over local television. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, the "Come Together" telecast was coordinated with the city-wide crusade with Myron Augsberger. In Hutchinson, Kansas, a local radio series coordinated Bible studies in the community.

In Las Vegas, Nevada, the Key 73 Committee sponsored from February through May one half of the "Study of the Acts of the Apostles in a Twentieth Century World," telecasts, the telecourse, "When the Church Was Young," over 14 weeks, by Edward W. Bauman of the faculties of the American University and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and senior minister of Foundry United Methodist Church. The Pat Boone TV special, "Come Together," was shown October 9 over KLVX, Channel 10, in Las Vegas, and was followed by the second half, another 14 week series, of the telecourse, "When the Church Was Young," beginning October 16 and extending into January, 1974. The telecourse was developed in 1958 when 80,000 area Washingtonians enrolled in this college level course presented by American University over WMAL-TV. By 1964, one million other Americans in nine cities had enrolled in the course. The program received an Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1963 as the most outstanding educational program in the Washington area. Dr. Bauman uses "wit, zest, and tough assignments" (**Variety** magazine) with a lively panel of 12 students who pose questions occasionally. (Bauman Bible Telecasts, Inc., 5214 Wehauken Road, Washington, D. C. 20016) Key 73 has both influenced the production of new evangelism printed and broadcasting materials, and stimulated the wider use of existing resources.

Local religious television programming has increased as a result of Key 73 stimulus. Ivor Hugh, Hartford, Connecticut, director of Cooperative Broadcast Ministry, scheduled three interview programs of various religious leaders in the launching period. The summer park ministry of Key 73 was telecast in Buffalo, New York, in "Key 73—Action and Words." In south central Pennsylvania a twelve-week pilot project, SEE (Sunday Education Experiment) was held from March 4 through May 20, presenting, "Is It for Real?" Varying lengths of 20 to 30 minute cycles of film were viewed from 9:10 to 11:10 a.m. on WITV-TV, Hershey, by church school classes. The repetition of the program permitted local adaptation of seeing the program, discussing it, and reviewing it. Study guides are available from Donald Zechman, 801 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603.

The Pat Boone TV special, "Come Together," by Jimmy and Carol Owens, was telecast on all CBC stations and affiliate stations, September 9, at 4 p.m., in Canada. Broadcasts in the United States are being placed station-by-station from the Key 73 Mass Media Office, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Rental of 16mm film of "Come Together" is possible on an offering basis ($35 minimum) from the Greater Los Angeles Key 73 Committee, Box 73, North Hollywood, California 91603. Prints of the 16mm launch film, "Faith in Action," are available from Johnson-Nyquist Productions, 1844 Eddy Street, Northridge, California 91324.

Under the direction of Burt Martin (P. O. Box 6337, Burbank, California 91505) four broadcasts for television in the "More Than You Are" series, hosting Bruce Larsen, will be shown in the fall on station-by-station placement. Guests on the programs are Keith Miller and Don Miller, "You Can Communicate"; Louise Mohr and Dr. Ralph Barkeley, "You Can Change"; Hull Youngblood and Glen Evans, "You Can Make a Difference"; and Ira Gallaway and Lloyd Ogilvie, "I'm Ready—Let the Revolution Begin." These one-half hour broadcasts provide lessons in conversational evangelism.

Bishop Lance Webb has produced the Key 73 radio series, "They Found Life Worth Living," which treats 20 personalities in autobiographical narration: Philip, James, Andrew, Nathaniel Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon the Zealot, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, James the Less, Apostle Paul, John, Simon Peter, Judas Iscariot, Judas (Thaddeus), Thomas, Joseph, Hanna, Elijah, and Jeremiah. The 14 and one-half minute programs were authorized by the Interdenominational Illinois Key 73 Task Force.

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Albemarle Conference

Gum Neck	$ 20.00
Malachi's Chapel	100.00
Mt. Tabor	92.14
Sunday School Convention	105.46
Sound Side	50.00
Union Chapel	12.00
	$ 379.60

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill	$ 26.34

Cape Fear Conference

Goldsboro	$ 10.00
Hopewell	5.00
Auxiliary Convention	2.00
Oak Grove	200.00
Palmer Memorial	85.83
Robert's Grove	50.00
Saint Mary's Grove	5.00
Shady Grove	129.00
Smithfield	10.00
Steven's Chapel	40.25
Tee's Chapel	10.00
Wooten's Chapel	34.40
Yelverton's Grove	100.00
	$ 681.48

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$ 185.00
Bethany	41.44
Black Jack	433.73
Community	54.23
Daniels Chapel	300.00
Dilda's Grove	25.00
Edgewood	65.00
Faith	25.00
Friendship	35.40
Free Union	222.53
Greenville	10.00
Hickory Grove	40.00
Little Creek	55.00
Second Union	11.75
Fourth Union	146.96
Otter's Creek	92.88
Piney Grove (Pitt)	46.47
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Reedy Branch	347.36
Rose Hill	45.94
Saratoga	40.93
Tarboro	80.00
Winterville	161.70
	$2,566.31

Eastern Conference

Antioch	$ 40.00
Arapahoe	101.49
Bridgeton	108.12
British Chapel	5.00
Cabin	25.00
Core Creek	78.00
Dublin Grove	57.41
Friendship	15.34
Gray Branch	25.00
Hillsberry	10.00
Jackson Heights	104.17
Juniper Chapel	5.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00
Fifth Union	60.00
Third Union Sunday School Convention	35.00
Third Union	75.00
Eula Jones	5.00
Moseley's Creek	30.00
Mt. Zion	30.00
New Bethlehem	27.19
New Haven	59.24
Northeast	90.39
Oak Grove	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel	219.29
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Trent	17.16
Whaley's Chapel	50.00
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Pee Dee Association

Beaver Dam	$ 325.00
Emerson	50.00
Little Bethel	60.45
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Pee Dee Conference	88.10
Oak Grove	43.40
	$ 586.95

Piedmont Conference

Durham	$ 10
Highland Pines	25
Hilltop	14
Mount Olive	11
	$ 61

Rockfish Conference

Rev. W. W. Hemingway	$ 10

Western Conference

Barnes Hill	$ 10
Branch Chapel	54
Elwood Lane	11
Everett's Chapel	89
Free Union	100
Fremont	40
Friendship	55
Kenly	50
Little Rock	5
Marsh Swamp	50
Memorial Chapel	100
Milbournie	83
Second Union	35
Second Union Sunday School Convention	75
New Sandy Hill	23
Oak Grove	45
People's Chapel	230
Piney Grove	17
Pine Level	235
Pleasant Grove	4
Pleasant Hill	55
Rosebud	4
Stancil's Chapel	29
Stoney Creek	325
Stony Hill	50
St. Mary's	75
Union Chapel	65
Union Grove	125
Wilson	50
	$2,09

Out of State

Laurel City, W. Virginia	$ 4
Total Religious Receipts	$8,58

Memorial Gifts ($80)

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"I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGA

I expect to pass through this w but once. Any good, therefore, th can do, or any kindness that I can s to any fellow being, let me do it r let me not defer it or neglect it, f shall not pass this way again.—Selec

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

ome Missions epartment Reopens hurch Doors

After three months of closed doors no worship services, the few mem-s that were left decided that the only ng left to do was to sell their West sboro Free Will Baptist Church prop-y and donate the money to the Mid-sex Children's Home.

he Children's Home superintendent, Sam Weeks, reported the matter to home missions department to see if church couldn't be revived.

e were fortunate to have one of our e missions board members, the Rev. rson Spencer, to accept the challenge eopening the church doors and serve astor to the small group that re-.

e people there seemed to be ex-ely happy about our offer to assist, he work has begun. Mr. Spencer his wife and son pitched right in and ome necessary repairs to the build-nd yards. Mr. Spencer reports that reopened the church doors for wor-services November 4. He stated they had a wonderful service with een attending and an offering of 9.

loved, as I report this to you, my is filled with gladness that we, as Will Baptists, are still able to offer a helping hand when the call for help is going out to us. Mr. Spencer is requesting our prayers and undergirding as he goes out to meet this challenge. He would not accept anything more than expense money for the time being because he knows the funds are low. He lives about ninety miles from Hillsboro and his address is: 605 Ashland Street, High Point, North Carolina.

This is our fourth home missions commitment in less than one year. The others are in Hope Mills, Henderson, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Please send all home missions contributions to Taylor Hill, secretary-treasurer, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

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"BE SURE!"

The man who once most wisely said,
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead,"
Might as well have added this, to wit:
"Be sure you're wrong before you quit."

WANTED!

Christian Men and Women to help establish New Home Missions throughout the Continental United States. Contact the North Carolina State Convention Home Missions Department.

Taylor Hill, Secretary-Treasurer
1207 Arsenal Avenue
Fayetteville, N. C. 28305
Phone 485-3980

Preparing for Eternity

"Mamma," said a little child, "my Sunday school teacher tells me that this world is only a place in which God lets us live awhile, that we may prepare for a better world. But, Mother, I do not see anybody preparing. I see you preparing to go into the country, and Aunt Eliza is preparing to come here; but I do not see any one preparing to go there. **Why don't they try to get ready?"—Prairie Overcomer.**

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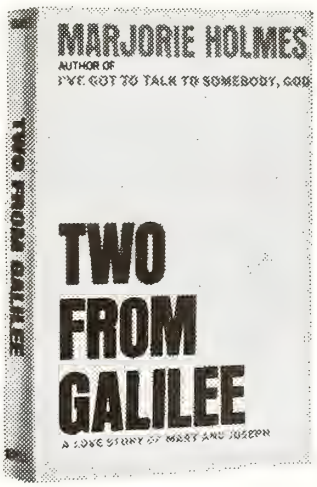
SLEEPY PREACHING

"If a man sleeps under my preaching, I do not send a boy to wake him up; but I feel that a boy had better come and wake me up."—Henry Ward Beecher.

This is the greatest love story of all...



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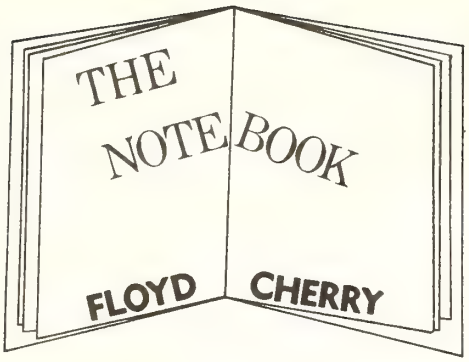

The voters have soundly defeated the proposed mixed drink of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina by a margin of more than two to one. However, this is no time to give a victory shout, but a time to come humbly to God and thank Him for the influence of His church.

The organization that fought this proposal was the Christian Action League of the state. It is common knowledge that this organization is, for the most part, an interchurch organization which is composed of ministers and laymen from the various church groups in the state who are interested in keeping the sale of intoxicating beverages in the state to a minimum. Some of the opposition belittled this fact, and said that those against liquor were a bunch of preachers, a few deacons, and a group of old ladies. Well then good for the preachers, deacons, and old ladies. We beat the "daylights" out of the crowd that was trying to force liquor-by-the-drink on us.

The thing to watch now is the legislature. This has happened in the past and may happen again in the future if we are lulled to sleep by our recent victory at the polls. The legislature could be influenced by the liquor forces in the state to pass a liquor-by-the-drink law in the future without giving the people an opportunity to vote on it. The forces of evil will not give up. We can expect them to make another try.

Christians who are interested in keeping North Carolina as free of liquor as possible should vote only for state representatives who are willing to take a stand against liquor. Do not be fooled by the fact that a candidate belongs to the church and is known as a good man, but make him go on record for his stand against liquor before you vote for him. We have not won the war, but we have won a battle. The church people of North Carolina can keep North Carolina from becoming an open barroom state if we will be vigilant.

The Rev. James Harris, 77, of Oreana, Illinois, collapsed and died at the end of his sermon in a county home for the aged. With his last breath, he said, "I have just one more point to make a then I'll close!" We believe he m the "last point" in the presence of wondrous Lord!—W. B. K.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years will be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS' PENSION LIST

The Rev. Herman Wooten
104 Avery Street
Garner, North Carolina 27529
Birthday: February 15, 1893.

The Rev. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576
Birthday: September 27, 1902

The Rev. W. G. Boykin
Dorothea Dix Hospital
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Birthday: October 10, 1900

The Rev. Milford Hales
Route 2
Kenly, North Carolina 27542
Birthday: February 5, 1898

MRS RETIREMENT LIST

Dr. J. P. Barrow
Route 1, Box 475
LaGrange, North Carolina 28551
Birthday: October 26, 1898

The Rev. L. S. Joyner
1220 Lynn Road
Durham, North Carolina 27703
Birthday: November 5, 1905

The Rev. J. A. Evans
Route 1
Seven Springs, North Carolina 28578
Birthday: November 10, 1905

The Rev. Willie E. Stilley
Route 5, Box 12
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: July 28, 1909

WIDOWS' PENSION LIST

Mrs. M. A. Woodard
c/o Rachel W. Gorsuch
60 Lemon Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Birthday: June 5, 1891

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
Birthday: February 8, 1884

Mrs. Emelina Rhodes
Route 2
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
Birthday: March 7, 1893

Mrs. Julia W. Snyder
Box 162
Erlanger, North Carolina 27292
Birthday: August 25, 1896

Mrs. Mary J. Parrish
Box 43
Elm City, North Carolina 27822
Birthday: September 23, 1903

Mrs. J. W. Alford
c/o Mrs. Earl Lewis
Box 163
Knightdale, North Carolina 27545
Birthday: October 11, 1881

Mrs. G. C. Joyner
c/o Mrs. Norma Eubanks
Route 3
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Birthday: April 15, 1894

Mrs. Bessie G. Mitchell
Box 65
Pikeville, North Carolina 27863
Birthday: July 18, 1891

Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
Route 4
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577
Birthday: August 2, 1899

Mrs. Letha M. Ringgold
Route 5, Box 47
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: December 7, 1903

WIDOWS' LIST (Not Pension)

Mrs. J. C. Griffin
2702 Edgewood Street
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: February 13, 1890

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

Question: Please explain, "My son, p thy father's commandment, and for- e not the law of thy mother: Bind m continually upon thine heart, and them about thy neck. When thou st, it shall lead thee; when thou sleep- , it shall keep thee; and when thou akest, it shall talk with thee" (Prov- s 6:20-23).

(Continued from Last Week)

f we would obey the Lord of lords and l of gods we would keep the first mandment, "Love the Lord with our ole hearts, souls, and minds; and seek t the kingdom of God and His righ- usness." Such love and such obe- ice requires all of us, as does God's d in Romans 12:1, 2. Both God in t He commanded, and the Bible in its irements of us, demand our all. n we go to it, God's law shall lead provided we have complied with what aid before the promise which we are idering. Yes, it is a "lamp" to our and "a light to our paths," and be- me, I have found that all through I have desperately needed this lamp such a light.

he law, we are told, is a domesticated e, "a schoolmaster" to bring us to st. So we need to know this slave choolmaster in order to know Christ ugh it. Then as Verse 22 states, en thou goes it shall lead thee." If isn't too sure he needs such guid- let him read carefully the story of ich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19- Believe me, this is no isolated case he Bible's teaching concerning the of the disobedient. John 3:36 says, . . he that believeth not the Son not see life; . . ." God says again s Word, "He, that being often re- d hardeneth his neck, shall sudden- e destroyed, and that without dy" (Proverbs 29:1). (See also ation 21:8.)

te "when thou goest, it shall lead." Bible teaches that ever since our parents, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and obeyed the devil, the way of this world has been dark and confusing; so we need someone to guide us if we are to return to God and orderliness. Therefore, God intervened, telling Adam and Eve what they had done and what they needed to do. He has in His grace and mercy not only provided the way back to Himself through the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world to provide us this way in types and symbols, but He has constantly reminded man of his need and of this provision. However, on man's part, faith and obedience have been required of him. It took both to cause Abel to offer the acceptable offering—one requiring that the blood of an innocent victim be slain and offered in God's prescribed way.

Note, "when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee." David needed this when for years he must, in fear of his life, keep out of the reach of Saul, the evil imposter, even though David had been properly anointed for the office. We are the anointed of God and yet Jesus wants us to beware of men for as the men that crucified Him did it without being able to give a just reason, so we are to be, while in this sinful age, sheep having no shepherd. He says that as the lost in the world kept His sayings so would they keep ours. He further described us as little lambs, each of us in a pack of ravenous wolves.

When John and Mary Stam were taken from their home and from their bed, brutally treated, and then slain the next day, they told by what they did and said that God was guiding them. The morning of their execution a Christian Chinese got near enough to ask him where they were going. John answered, "I don't know where these are going, but we are going to heaven." Only a short time later the Chinese drew a large axe and severed John's head from his body. Mary, contrary to her captors' orders, fell on her knees and put her head upon the body of her husband praying to God, a move that caused the captors to immediately behead her.

"When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee." The word she had so diligently hidden in her heart was a sufficient guide to see her safely through this world. Yes, it was a sufficient guide, "a vail of tears," just as it was to Stephen when he was being stoned to death. It will be sufficient for us even though we "walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

There is to be found on Pages 156, 157 in **Peloubet's 1968 Selected Notes** an excellent discussion on Verses 22, 23 which I believe sheds light on this subject:

"In this passage there is a line that I believe most Bible readers hardly know is in the Scriptures, the first line of Verse 22. **'When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.' 23, 'For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.'** Spurgeon has a great sermon on this opening statement which he calls, 'The Talking Book.' 'To talk signifies fellowship, communion, familiarity. It does not say, "It shall preach to thee." Many persons have a high esteem for the Book, but they look upon it as though it were some very elevated teacher speaking to them from a lofty tribunal, while they stand far below. I will not altogether condemn that reverence, but it were far better if they would understand the familiarity of God's Word; it does not so much preach to us as **talk** to us. It is not, "When thou awakest, it shall lecture thee," or "it shall scold thee"; no, no, "it shall talk with thee." We sit at its feet, or rather at the feet of Jesus in the Word, and it comes down to us; it is familiar with us, as a man talketh to his friend. And here let me remind you of the delightful familiarity of Scripture in this respect, that **it speaks the language of men.** If God had written us a book of His own language, we could not have comprehended it, or what little we understood would have so alarmed us, that we should have besought that those words should not be spoken to us any more; but the Lord, in His Word, often uses language which, though it be infallibly true in its meaning, is not after the knowledge of God, but according to the manner of man. . . .

" 'When the Word of God talks with us, it influences us. All talk influences more or less. I believe there is more

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STORIES

for our youth

OF INNOCENCE AND TRUTH

by Linda Craft

THE two boys sat side by side on the curb rocking back and forth.

"Freddy, I know you told a lie in school today about your homework," the smaller boy said quietly.

"What do you mean, Tracy?" the larger boy sprang to his own defense.

"I mean, you told a lie. I heard you. You told the teacher you didn't do your homework because you were sick, but you were over at my house playing last night."

"So what?" the other lad replied.

"Well, according to Mr. Jamison, our Sunday school teacher, it's a sin to tell a lie."

"Yeah, well it doesn't count anyway," said Freddy.

"What do you mean, Freddy?"

"I heard the preacher say that it comes under the age of accountability or something like that."

"What?"

"Accountability, silly."

"What does that mean?"

"That means no matter what I do until I'm twelve years old, it counts on my parents' record."

"Huh?" Tracy questioned.

"You know, the record God keeps in heaven; the one that has everybody's sins recorded in it. Well, God doesn't count little kids' sins until they are twelve years old. Good grief, Tracy! Don't you know anything?" Freddy sighed.

Tracy looked to the pavement and watched his shoes with immense closeness. They sat there for a long time. Freddy was thinking how very wise he was and Tracy was thinking about what his friend had said.

Finally, it was time to go home, so the boys said good-bye to each other.

At dinner that night Tracy couldn't stand it any longer. He just had to know for sure about the things Freddy said.

"Dad, what is the age of accountability?" he asked.

"Where did you hear that?" his father smiled.

"Freddy told me. Do you know what it is, Daddy?"

"Yes, I do son," his father said. "The age of accountability is when a child knows right from wrong and is responsible for his own sins."

"Is it twelve years old?" asked Tracy.

"Not necessarily. Some boys and girls know right from wrong when they are six years old, for others, it's twelve years old, and for some children it's even later than that," Tracy's dad said quietly.

"Is that like when I do something wrong, and I know it's wrong, but I do it anyway? Is that a sin for even a little kid like me?"

"Yes, son."

"I don't want to sin Daddy. I want to be a good boy" said Tracy.

"I know that son, and God knows that too," answered Dad.

Tracy jumped down from the chair and looked at his father. "Can I go to Freddy's house, please? There is something I have to tell him," Tracy pleaded.

"Tell him what son?"

"That just because we are little kids doesn't mean that God does not know our sins too."

"Tracy, don't forget that God especially loves little kids."

"You know what Dad? Little kids love Him too."

LITTLE THINGS

WHEN Elsie started to school on M day morning, her mother said, she kissed her, "Remember to h somebody today."

Elsie hurried off, but deep down her heart was the wish to do as mother had suggested.

Mother had a way of whispering sc such suggestion into Elsie's ear ev morning, just as she was ready to Elsie thought it was great fun to gu what Mother's new idea would be e day, for everyday she whispered so thing different.

All day long Elsie was looking some big way to help. Oh, how hoped something big would show up needed to be done and that she wo be the one to do it! But it seeme poor day for great deeds. Her tea did not have any errands to be run, Elsie did not come across any lame ple to help across the street, so found no opportunity to carry out mother's idea.

When night came and Elsie ta about the day with Father and Mot she was upset because she had not to report.

"I saw you lift little Mary over a puddle," Mother said. "She is suc tiny girl that she would have had t away around to get home if you ha helped her."

"I saw you come home with a l lame dog at noon," brother Jack "and I suppose you gave him his di before you took him home."

"Who helped Mother with the di tonight?" Father asked.

"But all those are little things," sighed. "They don't count. I wa to do some big things."

"You have the wrong idea, daughter," Father said, smiling. the little things that count. Often create more happiness than the things."

"I guess after this I'll think more a little acts, and not wait for big t to come," Elsie said.—**Emmanuel Her**

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What Prevents Filli

When you come to the Lord, He never send you away empty unless come so stuffed full of yourself there isn't room for any of His ble —Youth for **Christ Magazine.**

Mount Olive College happenings

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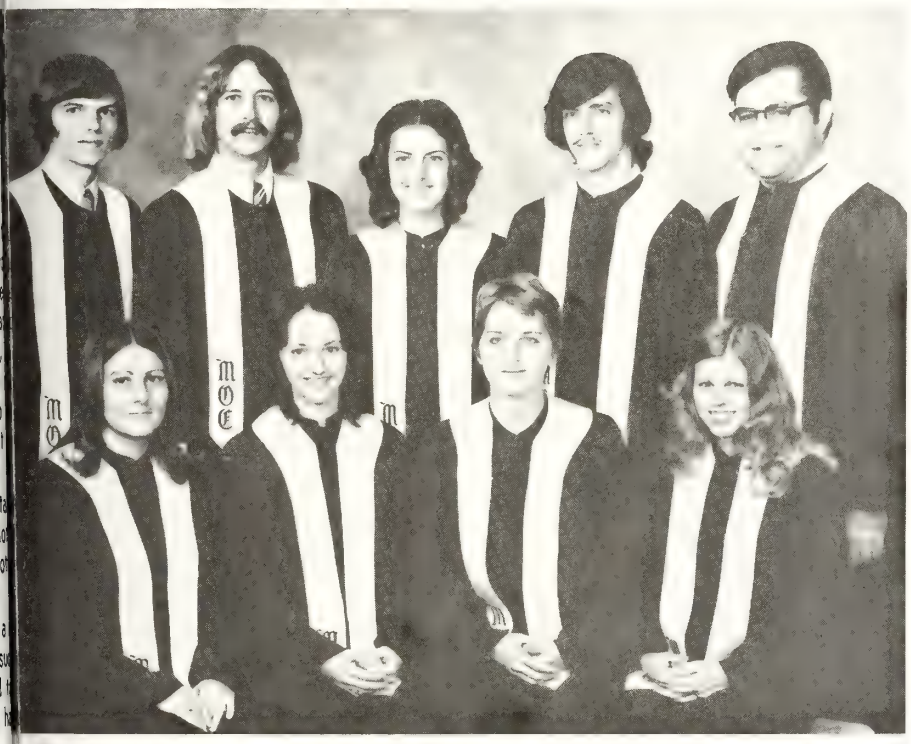
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE FOUNDERS' DAY



Thursday, November 29, Mount College will observe Founders' Day s twenty-second anniversary. Ser- will be held in the College audi- n, beginning at 11 a.m. The speak- the occasion will be the Honorable t Morgan, Attorney General for the of North Carolina. All friends of ollege are cordially invited to at-

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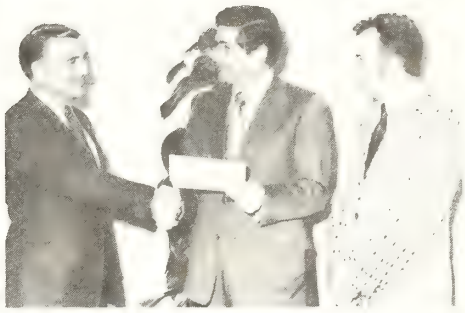
Asking for a Little Dog

Theodore Monod was once telling a little friend about Christ healing blind Bartimaeus. "And what," said he to the boy, "would you have asked from Jesus if you had been blind?" "Oh," said the child, with glowing face and kindling eyes, "I should have asked Him for a nice little dog with a collar and chain, to lead me about." How often do we ask for the blind man's dog instead of the seeing man's eyes.—**Sunday School Chronicle.**

SEARS MAKES GRANT TO COLLEGE

Grants totaling more than $49,000 will be distributed to 41 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina this week by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman said today.



R. A. Stelzemuller, left, manager of the Sears Store in Goldsboro, North Carolina, is shown presenting a grant in the amount of $750 to President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College. Also present was T. D. Tyndall, right, manager of the Sears Catalogue Store in Mount Olive.

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The North Carolina colleges and universities are among an estimated 950 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in $1,650,000 in Sears Foundation funds.

Nationally, private colleges and universities will receive $1,150,000 in unrestricted grants and an additional $500,000 through a Sears Foundation program to assist college and university libraries.

The unrestricted funds may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary. The library grant program is designed to supplement the normal book acquisition budgets of the participating institutions.

In addition to its unrestricted and college library grant programs, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, during the current year, will invest more than $1,100,000 in a variety of other education activities, the spokesman said. This will bring the budgeted education expenditures of The Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than $2,750,000 in 1973.

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100,000 Souls a Day!

"One hundred thousand souls a day
Are passing one by one away
In Christless guilt and gloom:
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They are passing to their doom."

—Selected.

Who Is This Jesus?

Printed Text: John 10:22-39

Memory Verse: John 10:30

I. INTRODUCTION

Who is this Jesus? What was He like when He walked on earth? When John was "looking upon Jesus as He walked," what sort of person did he probably behold?

First of all, Jesus was not the anemic, sad-faced, slender man the artists have depicted. He had to have a strong body to withstand the hardships and privations He endured, especially the fasting in the wilderness. He must have had a winsome personality, with thoughtful features, kindness, understanding, and sympathy being very much in evidence. He probably wore a turban, the national headgear, worn alike by rich and poor. It was probably white. His mantle was probably blue. It was not red, because that was a military color; it was not white, because it became white at the Transfiguration. Blue was the commonly used color.

He wore sandals, for John makes a reference to them. His hair and beard were long in all probability, and He wore a girdle about His waist. Doubtless He carried a thick stick in His hand to facilitate walking and for protection from animals.

If we have used the word "probably" often, it is because we really cannot know some of these things for sure.

Who is this Jesus? The finest intellects of over eighteen centuries have believed that He was the greatest man that ever lived, and all who have so believed have become better men and women for it. But Jesus was and is more than the "greatest man that ever lived"—Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.—**The Bible Student (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Although the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, we know that the doctrine—that God is One—is manifest in three Persons. This we must accept in faith.

B. If Jesus were not God manifested in the flesh, where did He get the power and knowledge to do the works that He did on earth?

C. If Jesus is God, then why do men reject Him? For the same reason that the Jews rejected Him—the wickedness of their hearts.

D. One has to believe that Jesus Christ is God or else believe that the Christians of this age and all other ages are deluded fools.

E. Have you ever known a person to trust Christ as Saviour and then later say that they were disappointed in Him?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Men were out to get Jesus—powerful men, the aristocrats of the nation. He did not attend their schools, He did not cooperate in their program, He did not defer to their authority. Yet He gained a following so large and enthusiastic that they could never match it. They hated Him with a fury that grew more violent each passing year.

Of the four Gospel writers, only John takes note of the passing of years. This he does by mentioning some of the regular feasts of the Jews. Probably he speaks of four Passovers—2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 12:1. The one mentioned in John 5:1 is called only "a feast," but if it was not a Passover it must have been a later feast, so in any case it indicates that at least a year had passed. These four Passovers mark off three years. A bit of Jesus' ministry came before the first of the four Passovers. After the fourth Passover came the forty days He stayed on earth after He rose from the dead. So we see Jesus' ministry lasted more than three years. In this lesson we look at an event that came after the middle of the third year. The haters of Jesus had had more than two and a half years to let their hatred grow, and it had grown terribly. Their power was centered in Jerusalem, and so Jesus spent most of His time far from there. John 7:1 s He "walked in Galilee: for he would walk in Jewry, because the Jews sou to kill him." "Jewry" here means Ju the area around Jerusalem. There leaders of the Jews were plotting to Jesus. He avoided their plots by sta in Galilee, for it was not yet time Him to give His life. But at var times He did go to Jerusalem and r those enemies face to face, and this son brings us to one of those tim **Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. "Some people are content to t of Jesus as a 'do-gooder'; they q Scripture to prove that 'he went al doing good' (see Acts 10:38). A mo writer throws some new light on idea:

"Jesus went about 'doing good,' a being good. He banished the wall tween the sacred and the secular, made all of life—work and play—a s ment. With love, He overstepped barriers between races, classes, faiths, feeling the common fraterni which every man was at home. He ed life with an exhaustless jubilance an enriching potency which caugh their contagion all who responded t presence. With simplicity, with plete trust in His Father, with a love for men, Jesus gave to the v a pattern of life that lacks the elem of decay. He calls us to follow Him to share His experience—to join in a stant search to know God and to d will. Under the power of Jesus' our ability to hear the voice of Go creases; our sensitiveness to His w enhanced; our cooperation with His pose grows. The clamor of the wo lessened, and the still, small voic God grows more audible, for Jesus t es our souls to hearken.

"As the portrayal in human terr the divine nature and redemptive pose that dominated Him, Jesus i Son of God. As the compassionate er of our human lot, He is the S man, our Friend. As the guide o minds in the discovery of eternal He is our Teacher. As the possess the goodness and the love to whic aspire, He is our Master. As the tagonist of life, abundant and et He is our Saviour."—Harold L. Bov in **Monday Morning.**

. . . And that is something more being merely a "do-gooder," as w derstand it!—**The Intermediate Qua (F.W.B.).**

C. A man who had been witnes

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Questions & Answers

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e in this world for good or bad by than there is by preaching; indeed, preacher preaches best when he s; there is no oratory in the word is equal to simple talk: it is the el of eloquence; and all your rheto- an's action and verbiage are so much ish. The most efficient way of ching is simply talking; the man nitting his heart to run over at his into other men's hearts. Now, this , as it talks with us, influences us, it does so in many ways.'"

r. Spurgeon is one of the all-time t expositors of the Word of God, so interpretation should find no diffi- in being received as authentic by of us.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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h." The precept of example is con- us.—*The Evangelical Messenger.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

small child given any encouragement l will do as parents recommend. A child will follow the footsteps of ts faster than a recommendation.

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ssionaries Abroad . .

nce becoming President, I have to know that the finest type of icans we have abroad today are issionaries of the Cross. I am hu- ed that I am not finding out until late day the worth of foreign mis- and the nobility of the mission- Their testimony in China, for in- e, during the war there, is beyond . Their courage is thrilling and fortitude heroic."—Franklin D. velt.

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Faith and Mercy

an, crossing a dreary moor, came a cottage which he visited. "Are ot afraid to live in this lonely " asked the visitor of the occu- "Oh, no," said he, "for faith, the door at night, and mercy opens he morning!"—Selected.

Sunday School Lesson

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many times refused, even in his dying bed, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour. His soul went out into eternity, lost simply for the lack of willingness to believe what he must have been convinced of in his heart. How many such persons have we known to do this?—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

D. A Chinese Christian was explaining to those around him that "Jesus is the invisible God, and God is the visible Jesus." This was a unique way of saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and "I and the Father are one." God is unseeable, unhearable, unknowable, and untouchable, except in Christ. —Selected.

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Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.—Seneca.

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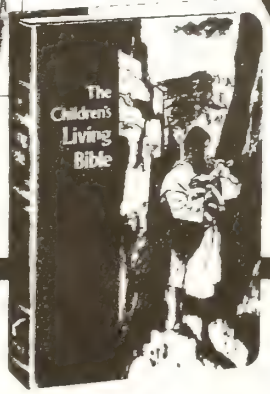

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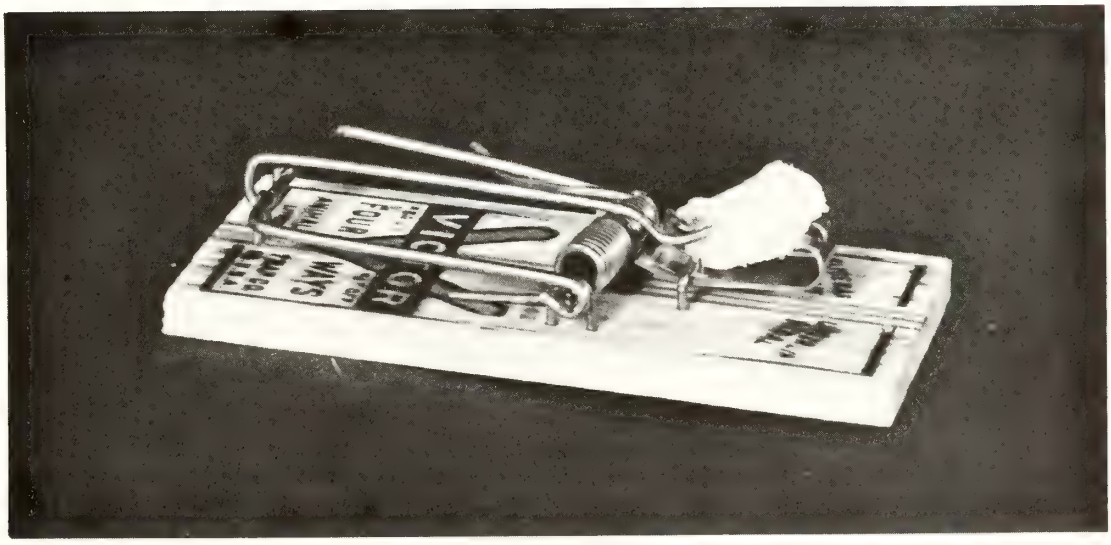

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THE TROUBLE WITH CHRISTIANS

The trouble with Christians is that they don't "perform" in accordance with their ability. They don't offer a true representation of the powers invested in them by their Maker, the One to whom they have pledged their allegiance. They all too often act like, think like, and "play" like those who claim no relationship to God's Son and who profess no knowledge of His teachings.

The trouble with Christians is that they very seldom build upon the Foundation with the zeal they expressed at conversion. They "do their brickwork," as it were, enthusiastically for awhile, but when some of their work is visible and has afforded them some commendation or commanded the notice of veteran followers of the Master Builder, they feel that a rest period is due them. Consequently, their "break" is too long spent; and when they resume their work, they frequently do it half-heartedly and are not too careful in regard to how straight they "lay their bricks" or how smoothly they "plaster their mortar."

The trouble with Christians is that some of them become what is termed "goldbricks" and shirk responsibilities given them upon becoming disciples and insist that they have done their part, that someone else should bear part of the load. Danger threatens when too many **would-be** Christians (and that is what they must be called) become goldbricks. Soon, very little or nothing at all is or can be done successfully within the church program.

The trouble with Christians is that they are oversensitive. Kid-gloved Christians are some of the most difficult with which to deal—those who wear their feelings on their shoulders, and who, at the slightest offense, express spiritual immaturity. They are the ones who crave compliments, but when these are unreceived they will balk like a stubborn mule (to put it plainly) and who, when they don't get quite so much attention as someone else, will cry their displeasure and make a difficult situation worse and tear down what it has taken years for someone else to build up. They make "much ado about nothing" or at least allow inconsequential happenings or "mishappenings" to get the better of them.

The trouble with Christians is that they wear the badge of Christianity proudly in church or when among others who profess mutual interest in their Leader, but when they find themselves on the street or in some area not quite so conducive to religious display or among people who are not in agreement with their beliefs, they remove the "badge" or hide it from view. This is very much like the "gentleman" who removes his wedding ring when business calls him out of town. . . .

The trouble with Christians is that they lack stick-to-itiveness. They just cannot hold on. Backing away or sitting down at the least bit of opposition, they present a sorry image for those who hold them in esteem and have singled them out to be examples of the finer way of life. Like the carpenter who is happy sawing, fitting, and nailing straight plank work but who becomes frustrated when the plans call for some intricate workmanship, Christians, too, become disenchanted and sometimes just quit entirely when the "job" becomes too hard or requires more than menial labor. If all building were done thusly, most of us would be living in box houses, and posterity would have no beautiful examples of architecture to enjoy. We try so hard to make our churches more beautiful and serviceable by remodeling, adding to, or rebuilding; but, when it comes to spirituality—well, it's just too hard or too costly. Which temple is more important, the one built by hands or the one of which the Apostle Paul spoke when he questioned in I Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that **ye** are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in ye"? It is sad indeed that too little emphasis is placed upon the **real** temple of God. . . .

The trouble with Christians is that they are weak and can't bear sorrow, distress, calamity, or any kind of misfortune without losing faith. "Why did God allow this to happen to me?" they ask, not considering for a moment that there may be a blessing in the offing. It has always been our opinion (despite the fact that we have not always proven to be the best of examples) that when something bad happens to one, something good is just around the corner. To put it another way: When God closes a door, He opens a window. Testing proves too hard for many, but when "tried by fire" one should become stronger. It seems, however, that the melting point is too low. . . .

Christians **are** a troublesome lot—not only for the church and other people, but

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by
MRS. ROYCE MATTHEMS

EVER in recent history has there been so much emphasis placed on as-ogy and superstitions. The over-ndance of authoritative literature be-consumed by people looking for di-ion and purpose testifies to the fact this interest is on a swift increase.

am an unbeliever. It isn't something has come on recently, but it dates k as far as my recollections.

admit, I do read the syndicated mn, "Your Horoscope," in our daily spaper—for curiosity more than any-g else. Once in a while my sign hits e; but before I can become a believe-I read under another sign and it hits e too.

o the best of my knowledge, I'm a family of unbelievers. In fact, y father ever even planted anything he moon, he did it quietly. I do re-ber a battered almanac lying around house—battered from constantly be-passed through the hands of seven dren who enjoyed the jokes and un-l articles.

he fact that my father is not a mil-aire today may have stemmed from not being governed by the moon, but ry much doubt it.

ne day I was walking stiff-jointed my back not quite straight when a pathetic friend asked my trouble. "I out pansy plants yesterday. Come to see my border," I invited enthu-rically.

You shouldn't have done it," she led. "The signs aren't right! They 't do a thing!"

y first impulse was to pull them up, the pain in my legs and back quickly d that inclination. I am glad be-e we've never had larger and pret-pansies. Their little monkey faces ld almost smile at you.

one wants to attach significance to k cats, that's all right with me—like of my friends, in an effort to avoid crossing the path of a black cat, he turned his car around in the middle of the block and headed in the direction from which he had come. At the first intersection, he connected with a car that was crossing his path, "totaling" his car and causing him painful injury. I say, "Let the black cat cross. Bad luck is not as bad as worse luck."

Some people don't kill a cricket in the house; that's bad luck. Yet, it seems to me, it's worse luck if he chooses to bring his family and set up housekeeping in your good carpet.

There are those who set great store by the zodiac. According to my knowledge (I admit I'm not very learned), time is divided into twelve categories. A year is divided equally into twelve portions, with one portion going into each of the twelve categories. At a person's birth he is thrown in along with that particular portion of the year in which he was born.

These categories of time are named for the twelve signs of the zodiac, these signs being derived from the stars.

People born into a category have the same problems on the same days, with the same reactions, the same emotions as everyone else in this category. Each of the other eleven categories have problems and reactions for those in their category. All this is controlled by the locations of the stars and the moon.

That seems to mean that when God created the world, He set it into motion, then turned it over to the stars and moon. Does it make any sense that He would go to the trouble to become man if He had already set into motion the forces that control the universe and all it contains for all time?

Aren't we limiting God's imagination and creativity? Even a preschooler has enough creativity to imagine at least thirteen classes of people.

Don't these thoughts strip God of His power to control and govern—and to bless?

It would be very discouraging to tell God of a need and have Him answer, "All right, Nancy, but wait until October 12 when the signs get right."

"But, Lord, October 12 was last month!"

"I know that. I'm talking about October of next year."

Sometimes when we need help from God we need it now. When the signs get right, the problem will have vanished or it will be too late anyway.

I am sure there are those of you who do believe and your first reaction (if the signs are right) is to want to educate me to the truth. Please don't.

I had rather be ignorant and have the egotistical feeling that I am something special to God—one of a kind—and He loves me constantly, not because a star is in a certain place; and that He died that I may have eternal life now and that He controls my life to the extent I will allow Him.

This is not to say that I have unique problems different from anyone else, but everyone born under my "sign" does not have the same problems and emotions at the same time as I and not necessarily in the same order.

At Jesus' death, God sent an earthquake that tore the veil in the temple from top to bottom, thus removing the only obstacle in the communication line between man personally and God; therefore, I can talk directly to Him.

Since He does not make me go through something else to communicate with Him, why should He have to go through the moon, the stars, crickets, and black cats to talk to me?

My God is a personal God. He can do anything at anytime. Will you pardon me just a moment so I can stop to praise the Lord for that? Would you say the signs are right? I say my cup runneth over!

Thank you, Lord. Thank you.

Mrs. Matthews is a citizen of Wilson, North Carolina, and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church there. She is the mother of two boys. By profession Mrs. Matthews is a bookkeeper. She is originally from Kenly, North Carolina, but has spent most of her adult life in Wilson. She also writes articles for the Wilson church paper, "Steeple People."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

LETTING HIM MAKE CHOICE

Years ago I lived in a town where I could never buy anything to fit me. I used to send away occasionally to a certain large store for what I needed, and they would send me printed order forms. At the bottom of the forms were some words such as these: "If we have not the article you order in stock, may we substitute?" Once I said, "Yes," and they wrote, "We are sorry we have not in stock the article you ordered, but we are substituting—" and they sent me something that was worth double the price I paid. They made it a rule, if they could not supply the article ordered, they would substitute with one of a much better quality. Ever after that I printed it out boldly so they would understand it—"Y-E-S." When we pray to God, we had better put on the order form that we are quite willing to let Him substitute, for every time He does He sends us something far better, "Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—*Gospel Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are willing to trust a mail-order house to decide on a substitute for us. Yet, we are disillusioned when God does not send us exactly what we ask Him to provide. This should not be so.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:23

PROOF OF PUDDING

Gustav Dore, the famous artist, lost his passport while traveling in Europe. He was at a certain boundary post between two countries and the officer in charge asked him for his passport. Dore fumbled about and finally announced, "I have lost my passport, but it is all right. I'm Dore, the artist. Please let me go in."

The officer replied, "Oh, no. We have plenty of people representing themselves as this or that great person! Here is a pencil and paper. Now, if you are Dore, the artist, prove it by drawing me a picture!"

Dore took the pencil and drew some pictures of scenes in the immediate area.

"Now, I am perfectly sure that you are Dore. No one else could draw like that!" said the officer as he allowed the great artist to enter the country.

So it is with professing followers of Christ. You say you are a Christian. But can you really produce evidence?—*Power.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

All Christians are not artists but every true Christian portrays an unmistakable picture of kindness, understanding, and love. In so doing we manifest a true representation of Christ.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:7

JUST "THINGS"

Someone asked John Wanamaker: "How do you get time to run a Sunday school with your four thousand scholars, in addition to the business of your stores, your work as Postmaster-General, and other obligations?" Instantly Mr. Wanamaker replied: "Why, the Sunday school is my business! All other things are just *things*. Forty-five years ago I decided that God's promise was sure: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these *things* shall be added unto you.'"—*King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are all so bent on accumulating material things, forgetting God's promise that He will furnish all things if we only seek Him and His kingdom.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:12

IT'S YOU!

How quick we are to censure and criticize others! How prone we are to detect the "mote" in our brother's eye, and overlook the "beam" in our own eye. A lady in Switzerland bought a small package of greatly aged cheese. Putting it into her handbag, she continued her shopping in different stores. She was greatly repelled at what she thought to be malodor of the different clerks encountered. Her thoughts ran something like this: "How can these ill-smelling clerks maintain their positions?" Imagine her embarrassment when, upon opening her handbag, she discovered that it was she, not others, who was responsible for the offensive odor!—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is so easy to notice everyone's faults, all their petty wrongdoing! When will we learn that if we spend our time trying to perfect ourselves and our ways we would not have time to criticize others?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Psalm 32:1, 2

HOW PAUL AND THE INFIDEL AGREED

An earnest Christian man and faithful reader of the Bible was assailed by an infidel. "I don't understand nor do I believe," said he, "that the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away my sin." "You and St. Paul quite agree on that subject," answered the Bible student. "How?" "Turn to the first chapter of 1 Corinthians and 1 the eighteenth verse: 'For the preachin the cross is to them that perish foolishn but unto us which are saved it is the po of God.'" The infidel hung his head began to study the Bible. He soon foun to be God's power unto salvation.—*Lutheran.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The blood of Jesus has washed away sins of all who truly believe in Him repent of their sins. The contentment true Christian is all the evidence we sh need.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

"KILLED" BY LOVE

There is a story of a deacon, who, g ed beyond endurance by the persis malice of an enemy, vowed he would him. It came to the ears of the ene who waited to see what the harmless man would do. Actually the deacon so every opportunity to do his enemy good was first an amusement to the enemy, when at last the deacon gave costly sacrificial service to save the man's from drowning, the death lock was bro Said the enemy, "You've done what said you would, you've killed me—or at l you've killed the man that I was. what can I do for you?"—*Young Peo Weekly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Love can overcome many obstacles. without love is unbearable. Loving neighbor as ourselves should be as nat as life and death. In fact, it gives n life.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—John 7:38

WHAT WE REVEAL TO OTHERS

I was aboard a large airliner somet ago which ran into an extremely se wind and rainstorm. Despite the size the plane and the tremendous power o four wasp motors, the ship was being t ed violently. A little nine-year-old fe was my seat companion. It was his experience in the air, and he was desper ly afraid. "Are you afraid?" I smiled replied, "No, this is real fun." An im diate change came over the little ch fear and tension left him. He, too, fun. This taught me a real lesson in ing. What he detected in my voice, w he discerned in my face, helped him that rough spot of life. How many pe during times of trial watch my face what it may reveal. I do not know. I do know—my face and my life must re to those who observe me or need me, faith in God.—*Christian Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What do people see when they look our lives? Do our lives reflect Jesus or

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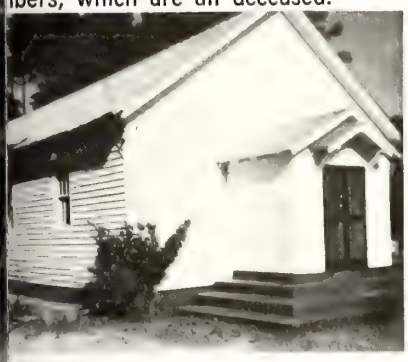
Dedication Services at Barnes Hill Church

unday, December 2, the Barnes Hill e Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nash-e, North Carolina, held a dedication vice for the progress made in the g-range building program which be- in 1972.

uring the service a brief historical rch of the church's history was given ollows: Barnes Hill church was found- n 1881 when Jim and Bettie Barnes ated the land on which the church to be built. Thus the church was ed Barnes Hill in honor of the donors. he first building was completed in 3 and was just one simple building. this time there were seven charter bers, which are all deceased.



The Church in 1923

1923 there were extensions added he building, thus enlarging the sanc- y. In 1934 and 1935 the church t from kerosene lamps to electric s. Also a cemetery was begun on church site. In 1953 the first Sun- school classrooms were built. Then 968 bathrooms were added and more rooms.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Morgan

June, 1971, God saw that Barnes church had a great need for a strong stian leader. The prayers of the ch were answered, and the Rev. les Morgan was sent to pastor the ch. At this time the church was on time, with services each first and third Sunday. In 1972, through God's blessings, the church began full-time services with services each Sunday morning and evening, and prayer services on Wednesday evenings.

Also in 1972, through God's grace, a major building program began. As of this date the classroom floors have been covered, the sanctuary painted inside, the outside of the church bricked, a new roof has been put on, and central heat and air-conditioning installed.

The Church As of Today

In the long-range building program plans are to add a choir loft, a baptistery, new pews, and to carpet the sanctuary.

Barnes Hill church has a membership of 127 and a Sunday school enrollment of 102.

The church reporter states: "We want to thank God for His many blessings over the years, for without Him we would not have any of these things. We also want to thank our wonderful pastor and his wife for their Christian leadership, love, and prayers they have bestowed upon us during the past two years."

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* located at the Free Will Baptist
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NEW GROWTH

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

So many times when we think about God and spiritual matters, automatically our thoughts turn to Sunday morning, organ music, and a still small voice that speaks to us as the minister preaches from the pulpit.

During the week we get busy with our housework, farming, or public job and tend to forget God, until one day we find ourselves entangled in a mess. Then we look up and pray in desperation, "Oh, God, I need you now. Only you can help me through this."

God **is** in the church on Sunday morning, and when we get into situations, He **can** help us even beyond our most vivid expectations; but God is much more than just someone to worship once each week, or a crutch to lean on in time of trouble. He is the very foundation on which we stand.

He is alive. He is a person. He is just as real as our closest friend or relative. He is in the field of corn. He is in the basket of clothes that need laundering. He is in the assembly line. He is in the papers on the desk.

God loves us. He gave us life—spiritual and physical. He intended for us to enjoy this life. To enjoy it at the fullest, we have to look at it more realistically, then we can leave the humdrum of day-to-day existence and enter a more meaningful life.

The Christian life is the tender green bud that sprouts from the dried up branch.

In NEW GROWTH, together we want to grow in the wisdom of God; to develop a new awareness of His presence, no matter in what we may be engaged. It is surprising how many unexpected places we can find Him if we only take the time to look.

Someone has said the best way to multiply your faith is to share it. If you wish to share your faith, Christian observations, and experiences, please write NEW GROWTH, c/o **The Free Will Baptist,** to the attention of the editor. We can grow in wisdom and learn to appreciate the marvelous wonders of His love and care as together we look around us everyday.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Dedication Services Held At Living Waters Church

Dedication services for the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church of Pikeville, North Carolina, were held Sunday, November 25, 1973, at 3 p.m., with the Rev. F. B. Cherry, president of the State Convention, delivering the dedicatory message. Mr. Cherry pointed out in his sermon that the church is a group of believers and not just the building. Using Matthew 28:16-20 as his text, he explained the mission of the church: to introduce the lost to Christ, to induct in the church, and to instruct them in God's Word.

The Revs. Rivenbark, Cherry, and Taylor

The prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, moderator of the Western Conference. The Rev. Bobby Taylor, supply pastor, led in the reading of the responsive Act of Dedication. Special music was rendered by "The Master's Three," a trio of the church. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served to the 150 persons in attendance.

Chartered in January, 1973, the church has 50 members but expects to expand as the Lord leads. The Rev. Wayne King, newly-elected pastor, will assume his duties this month.

Albemarle Youth Rally Mt. Tabor Church

The Albemarle Youth Rally of the Albemarle Conference will be held Saturday evening, December 7, at Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell, North Carolina. The rally will begin at 7:30 and all the youth of the area are urged to be in attendance. Visitors are also welcome.

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News of Central Conference Youth Convention

The Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, was host to the Central Conference Youth Convention which convened Saturday, November 17, 1973. Faith Langley, president of the convention, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; and after the opening hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the group was led in the praying of the Lord's Prayer. Devotions were rendered by the Marlboro church; a welcome was given by Teresa Moore (of Marlboro), and the Aspen Grove church responded. The offering was received, with Mr. Fred Chappelear praying God's blessing upon that which was given.

The major aim of the business session was to vote on three recommendations of the executive committee. All were passed by the convention. These recommendations are as follows:

1. Officers, beginning with the present ones, to be elected for two years;
2. Officers not to be older than 21 years of age; and
3. Marital status to have no effect on eligibility for office.

Chorus time was led by Mrs. Fred Chappelear, the group singing "If You Know the Lord," "Happiness Is the Lord," and "Countdown."

Sheryl Eason, secretary, awarded banners and recognized those in attendance. Approximately 93 young people and 18 sponsors representing 18 churches of the fellowship attended this session. In the competition for the banners, both Marlboro's AFCs and YFAs had 100% attendance; but as Marlboro was the host church, these youth groups were excluded from the contest. Community Fr Will Baptist Church's YFA group wi 100% in attendance was awarded t YFA banner. This is worthy of partic lar notice because of the distance t Community members had to travel in der to attend the convention. The Co munity church is located at Weldc North Carolina, near the Virginia lir The AFC banner was won by the Gu Swamp church near Greenville.

Suggestions were announced as to t convention project; and when these we voted on, the Free Will Baptist Childrer Home was chosen by popular vote.

The president asked that when t youth groups for some reason were u able to attend the various conventio that they represent by letter. She al urged those present to go out and r cruit those churches previously acti but who, for some reason, had becor inactive in the work. She also urg that other churches be contacted a asked to join the convention, stating th any new groups would be welcomed.

The convention appropriated $200 t ward their new project, the Childrer Home, and plans were announced for t meeting in May to be held at the Hom This meeting is expected to be a "fu filled day of fellowship, very informal jeans and slacks being the accepted a tire." Definite plans for the May mee ing at the Home will be announced du ing the spring meeting, which will b held in March at the Gum Swamp churc

The program theme (presented by t Marlboro members) was "Thanksgiving and several poems were read, all att buting proper thanks to God for His bles ings. The Youth Choir sang two speci selections: "I Believe" and "The Illusi Dream." Lynne Chappelear offered beautiful rendition of "He Touched Me and Susan Parker sang in her effecti manner, "Master Designer." After t closing hymn, "I Surrender All," M David May pronounced the benediction

The Central Conference Youth Conve tion wishes to thank the Marlboro churc for the warm hospitality given and de cious refreshments which were served the conclusion of the meeting.

This information was submitted b Dawn Branch, Central Conference you reporter.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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Did You Take Time?

by Mrs. Joyce Brock
Kinston, North Carolina

NE smile, one friendly greeting could have brought joy into a burdened rt, but were you too absorbed in your selfish thoughts to realize someone ded you?

id you take time to visit an elderly son who was lonely and not able to up, or did you think, "I don't have e, maybe tomorrow"? Then as you d the evening paper you realized it too late. The elderly person had d.

id you take time to stop by the hosl, or did you say, "I hardly know her, just send her a card sometime; I realon't have the time, anyway"?

id you take time to encourage some today, or did your unconcerned atti e cause someone to lose courage?

id you take time to rejoice with one had accepted Christ, or were you too er to start some malicious gossip?

id you take time to say I'm sorry, or you let one pass on with wounded ings?

id you take time to say little things , "Thank you, I love you, I missed , you're needed"? Oh, the many litthings one could say and do to bring into the life of someone and give one son and hope to keep trying! Did take time?

top and think, "Why am I so busy? t for selfish reasons? Am I trying gain more in order to stay ahead or be be equal with my neighbors?"

Vith the world situation as it is to , are wealth and material things reallso important? Take time for some other than self. Somebody needs r love. If you would get busy help others and trying more to do God's there would be less time spent tryto keep up with Mr. and Mrs. Soite.

s it really worth trying to keep up n someone socially and financially— ng to have a nicer house, car, clothes, going more places just to impress ers? Is all this hardly worthwhile? the time you are so busy getting ad, someone very close by could be hing out to you for a smile, a friendly hello, a visit, card, phone call, or a word of encouragement. Are you so busy that you are letting someone slip out into eternity never knowing what it was like to have someone to care?

There is one who cares: Jesus. He is never too busy to take time to listen. With the love of Jesus in your heart you will be able to find time to care for others. Just trust in Him, give your life to Him, and someday you will live in a mansion more beautiful than man could ever describe. Heaven is a place where there will be no more heartaches, troubles, and sorrows.

So when Mr. and Mrs. Socialite pass you by, just look up to Jesus and remember that He loves you, He needs you, and He cares.

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Catalogs containing home and church supplies—virtually everything in religious merchandise—are now available at the Press and all of its branch bookstores upon request. Get yours today and see what is offered: literature, gift suggestions, music, and all types of interesting and useful items which are appropriate for people of all ages and for all occasions associated with church functions and other activities as well.

TRAITS CHRISTIANS STRIVE FOR

by NANCY MATTHEWS
Wilson, North Carolina

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LOVE
MEEKNESS
OBEDIENCE
PATIENCE
PERSEVERANCE
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REJOICING
RELIANCE
RESPECTFUL
STEADFAST
TEMPERANCE
ZEAL

Once a person is born again it is a continual process of growing more Christlike. The list of words on the right are some of the traits Christians strive for. In the puzzle find these words. They may be either forward, backward, horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. The answers will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist."

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

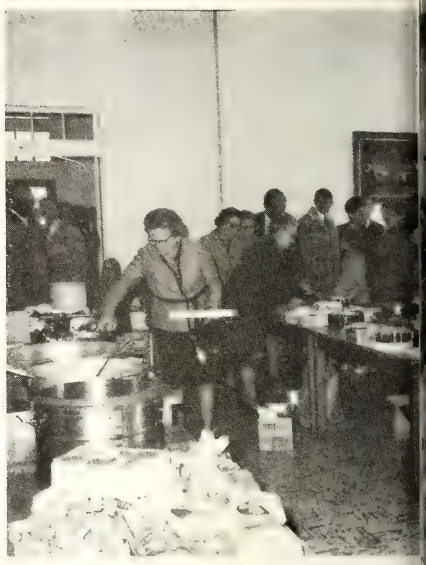
THANKSGIVING SERVICES 1973

Saturday, November 17, 1973, is a day which will long be remembered and cherished by those of us who attended the Thanksgiving services at the Children's Home. The chapel was nearly full, with about 400 people in attendance. Services began at 10:30 a.m. with a warm welcome, followed by songs of praise from four special singing groups from the Home. Those in attendance had nothing but praise for the children and their singing. After the singing a special love offering was received. The offering, plus what has been mailed in since the service, has totaled over $15,000. After the offering, the Rev. E. C. Morris delivered the morning message and gave a firsthand historical review of the Children's Home. The message was informative and highly inspirational, as the following poem will illustrate. This poem was written during the services by Mrs. Hazel Casey of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Thanksgiving from the Soul

The chapel was so lovely to behold
As the Holy Spirit did enfold
Each of us as the youngsters sang
Thanks for America through praises that rang,
Which flooded our hearts and souls—
One could feel that God was in control.
Their beautiful voices filled the air,
And somehow we were all aware
That He loves us all and He does care.
As the offering plates went by me,
So full and overflowing, I could see.
I knew without a doubt that our children would be blessed
For people loved Him and would help arrest
Every problem that might arise,
And help our children until we meet Him in the skies.
But the part which really touched my soul
When the children sang, "Three Rusty Nails," which did control
And helped to crucify my Lord and King
On the Cross that day, as He did to me bring
Repentance for my sins that day,
That I might be forgiven in a great way.
Thank you Lord for the children's songs,
They cheered me up as I seem to stand alone
At the crossroads with decisions to make,
And wondered which road I must take.
As the speaker told of Paul and the thorn he bore,
We knew we too could overcome problems and soar.
When he told of Paul and his death for Christ's name,
We could only drop our heads in shame.
He assured us that better things were in store;
That we could expect many, many more
If we keep in touch with the Son of God
And follow the path that He has trod.
As we name our blessings we will lose count;
For thanking Him, we will receive a great amount.
The answer to all things is to look above
And thank Him for His wonderful love.
Thanksgiving really means "thanks-living";
The more you give, the happier you will live.
Jesus, Jesus, the sweetest name I know,
You keep me singing everywhere I go.

After the services, lunch was served in the dining hall. Shown in the photograph below are several people placing their food on the tables.



During the afternoon the visitors toured the campus and the farm, or just sat around talking with the children. We were blessed with nice weather throughout the day which helped to make the day most enjoyable. In the afternoon

HOPEWELL CHURCH AT WORK

During the period of November 10-13, several members of the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, came to the Children's Home and set out to beautify the Albemarle II Cottage. They came with their paint, paint brushes, hammers, and other tools. They painted the walls of the boys' dormitory and the entrance hallway. Also, they placed new curtains on the windows, new bedspreads upon the beds, and beside floor mats on the floors.

We are very thankful that these wonderful people came and gave freely of their means, time, and talents to help us. The eleven boys that live in the cottage are very happy about the beautiful appearance of their dormitory.

. Morris was talked into posing for a otograph.

ll in all it was a lovely day. Not only our people bring cash offerings, but y also brought in loads of clothing food. A later article will be publish- in **The Free Will Baptist** listing all the rches and persons who made Thanks- ng contributions.

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TIMBER SOLD

ecently a Timber Committee, appoint- y the Children's Home Board of Trus- , accepted a bid from the Georgia fic Company for the timber at the e. The committee was composed of Rev. A. Graham Lane, Mr. Robert By- , and Mr. Sam Weeks. The high bid tendered by Georgia Pacific and unted to $144,570.

e are very thankful for this generous unt and hope, with God's help, that ill be used wisely. The monies were ed in the following areas: (1) $50,000 sited with Church Finance Associa- in a General Endowment account; (2) 000 was placed in the local bank in mergency reserve operating fund; (3) 906.21 was used to pay off all mort- notes owed by the Home; and (4) 63.79 was placed into the general s to defray the expenses incurred in ale and for land improvement. Notice none of the money will be used for ral operating expenses which was a tion cited prior to the board's ap- al for the sale.

e Home has at this time about 180 in the clearing and about 220 acres e woods. We plan to clear about res of the woodland, which will in- e our farm size and cattle pasture. cleared land is badly needed to mmodate our fast-growing herd of tt.

YOUTH GROUPS VISIT HOME

On Saturday, November 17, we had several church youth groups to visit the Children's Home. Each of them had worked hard and came with their offerings and gifts for our children.

The AFCs from Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina, brought offerings, blankets, and other items. They are shown in the picture with their pastor, the Rev. Leonard Woodall, Mrs. Woodall, and other adult leaders.

The AFCs from Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, brought an offering which amounted to $78. This money had been raised by them from bake and soft drink bottle sales. Shown in the picture is Mrs. Lelia Gray, their leader, presenting the check to Mr. Weeks. Other adult leaders in the picture are Mrs. Verona Phillips and Mrs. Joyce Lane.

The youth from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Williamston, North Carolina, brought an offering, blankets, and various gifts for the Home. They were accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Curtis Jones, his wife, and several adult leaders.

We at the Home are very thankful to each of these young people for being so thoughtful and generous. They all worked hard and shared willingly, for which the children and staff of the Home are indeed grateful.

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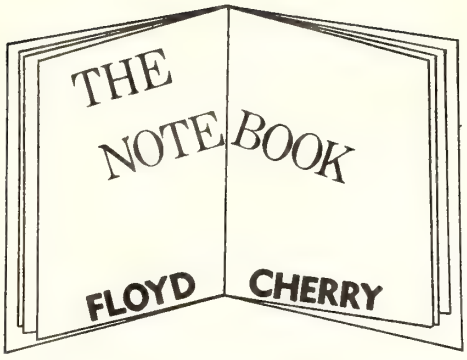

Everyone of us, perhaps, has heard the story of the wealthy lady who was out riding one day with a young child and his nurse in the back seat of the car. The child became fretful and the mother heard the nurse say, "No, you can't have it."

The mother instructed the nurse, "Give him anything he wants."

All was quiet for a few minutes, then the little fellow began to scream.

"What in the world is the matter now?" the mother asked from the front seat.

"He got it," was the nurse's calm reply.

A wasp in the car had been sitting quietly on the window until the three-year-old was allowed to grab him.

This is an interesting story that amuses us; yet it is more than amusing, it is also instructive. If the child had not been allowed to have what he wanted, he would not have gotten hurt. This is true so often. Parents, in the name of love, give the child whatever he wants, and then wonder what the trouble is when he begins to scream.

Many young people here in Eastern North Carolina are beginning to scream from the use of drugs. When parents are forced to admit that their child is involved, they begin to wring their hands and ask, "What in the world is the matter now? Why would he do a thing like that when I gave him everything he wanted?" Did it ever occur to you that getting everything he wanted may be the thing that is really the matter?

We love our children just as you love yours, and we wanted the best for them when they were growing up. It hurts to look around and see other children enjoying luxuries that your child does not have. We are aware of this; but, the older we get the more certain we become that it is not best for the child to have all the things he wants.

We heard an old, experienced schoolteacher say once that there are two things wrong with children: one is the mother and the other is the father. We agree with this teacher. Parents should give their children things, of course. We should love them and provide for them. However, we feel that the two things that young people have too much of day is money and idle time; and, the c thing that they do not have enough of discipline.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years will be greatly appreciated.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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uestion: Please explain, "For of this are they which creep into houses, lead captive silly women laden with , led away with divers lusts, Ever ning, and never able to come to the wledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:). Why is it that these certain peo- whom we know seem never to be to grasp the fundamentals in the ptures that lead them into a saving wledge of Christ?

nswer: It is often in such cases as portrayed in 2 Timothy 3 that the ects refuse to "let go and let God"; is, let Him take control of their . The Bible represents Christ as ng to a luke-warm church, "Behold, I d at the door, and knock: if any man my voice, and open the door, I will e in to him, and will sup with him, he with me" (Revelation 3:20). (Read es 15 and 16 of this chapter for a dation Verse 20.)

ose who would be Christians must, first seeking Christ, His kingdom, His righteousness, denounce all false rines with the teachers of those doc- s. I knew some people a few years that had tended to give credit to all ious teachers and doctrines. One g them, a blood relative of mine, d on to their witty expressions, ng use of them on street corners or de chats which sometimes grew into dly debates. These several friends this relative are now dead. So far know they died without a saving ledge of Christ. They never let go hat they called "the good in all re- s." So according to the Bible they never saved.

sus Christ must be "Lord of all" in xperience of a person or "He is not at all." Can we commend Satan artly quoting a passage in Psalm 91. is what he did when Jesus was ted for 40 days. "And he brought o Jerusalem, and set him on a pin- of the temple, and said unto him, u be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Luke 4: 9-11). Jesus' answer in the next two verses should be a warning to those being led astray by the propagators of some of the cults of our day. Jesus answered the devil not by explaining correctly the verses he misapplied, but by quoting to him Scriptures that made false Satan's application to a Scripture valid in its correct application, but not as used by Satan here. "And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season" (Luke 4:12, 13).

It is not enough merely to quote Scriptures in a religious message or pamphlet portraying the beliefs of a religious group. A Scripture is incorrectly interpreted or applied if it conflicts with any scriptural teaching found in the Bible on that subject, and that is what Satan's application of the Scripture he cited here did.

This question reminds me of an illustration Dr. H. A. Ironside used when he was pastor of Moody Memorial Church and expounded this Scripture in a Sunday morning message, which goes something like this: "Last week when active in a week's busy schedule I was studying and praying in the church office for this message, when one of those long-bearded, long-haired, unkempt men from the house of David came in, even though uninvited. He greeted me by saying that he was a truth seeker and presumed that I was also a truth seeker." At which time Dr. Ironside, as probably no one else was capable of doing, protested vigorously, pointing this uninvited guest to these words in 2 Timothy 3:1-9, reading them aloud to this uninvited guest. He concluded by offering him Christ as his Saviour, at which time this guest stamped out of the office shaking the dust from his feet. The Bible says of these, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). No one who is entangled in a false cult may ever come into a saving knowledge of Christ until the cult is denounced and the demon who holds him prisoner to the false teaching are cast out. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38); "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:25, 26).

In the book **Bible Questions Answered** by John I. Paton, the following comment appears on Page 69:

"God guarantees the knowledge of His truth to any who are willing to do it, but not to those merely wanting to know it (John 7:17). The persons in view in 2 Timothy are a large group found in any generation who are led to believe lies by the teaching of religious quacks. Human nature is inherently selfish, and these persons go after whatever brings them pleasure, regardless of what it is. They are captives to their own evil appetites and easy prey to false religious teachers who furnish their followers with a religious cloak for doing the evil things they do.

"Such persons are ever learning, yet the real truth of God escapes them. The reason is not hard to find. They seek the truth with the wrong motives in mind, and they go to the wrong teachers to find that truth. These persons do not seek the truth of God with all their hearts. In fact, the end result of their lives would point to their having sought for knowledge that would help them avoid the real truth."

Jesus warns us in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 and 25 to be alert concerning false teachers and to know how to read the signs of the times. (Read those chapters.) The Apostle Paul warned his readers to study the Scriptures so as to rightly divide the word of truth. (See 2 Timothy 2:14-19.) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts

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STORIES

for our youth

KING

by Linda Craft

IT was early Sunday morning; Sandra was already dressed and ready to go to Sunday school. It seemed like such a long time to wait before her brother and sister were ready that she decided to go to see King, her gray pony.

She hurried to the barn to give him a pat and a small bite of sugar.

There he stood! King whinnied to her and greedily took the sugar.

"I love you King," she whispered to the pony. "I wish I could stay here with you instead of going to that dumb old Sunday school class."

Sandra looked away for a moment. Even though she wanted to stay with the pony, she was sorry she had called her Sunday school class dumb.

"Sandra! Sandra, are you out there with that pony? Come on, it's time to go!" Sandra's mother called.

Sandra reluctantly said good-bye to her friend and ran to the house.

She jumped into the car beside her brother and sister.

The car became alive with voices and laughter as the family started to church.

On the ride to church that morning, Sandra didn't think of Sunday school, nor did she think of the fine dinner her mother had prepared. She only thought of King. How much fun it would be to be racing King across the meadow!

When they arrived at church, everyone began hurrying on to the large brick building.

Peter her brother, and Wendy her sister, raced ahead of Sandra to their classes. Sandra watched them greet the other children and then rush on to more friends.

When she entered her classroom she quietly took her seat. Harold Fisher and Ray McKeel were busy telling their teacher all about the fishing trip their dads had promised to take them on.

"Boys!" Sandra sighed as she listened to them.

The classroom filled up quickly. After the opening prayer, the teacher began teaching the class the lesson.

" 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me' (Exodus 20:3) is our Bible story this morning," Mrs. Carlson began.

Good grief, Sandra thought. She pretended she was listening but she thought only of King.

"No one should be more important than God," Mrs. Carlson said, looking straight at Sandra.

Sandra glanced to the floor quickly.

" 'No gods before me' doesn't mean the golden calves like the Israelites built after leaving Egypt. 'No gods before me' means **anything** that means more to you than God. For instance, Is a baseball game more important than going to church? Is that TV show more important than a Sunday school class?" asked Mrs. Carlson.

The teacher went on, but Sandra kept thinking. Did she consider King more important than God?

"Are there any questions?" the teacher asked.

Sandra raised her hand. "Mrs. Carlson, does that mean we shouldn't have things that are fun? Doesn't God want us to play baseball and watch TV?" asked Sandra.

"Oh no, Sandra," Mrs. Carlson said gently. "God gave all the things on earth for His children to enjoy. He wants us to be happy and receive pleasure from these things—like your pony, for example. King is a very pretty pony and I know he gives you lots of pleasure, but God didn't create King to be of more importance to you than Su day school, church, or God. You shou enjoy King, love King, have fun wi King; but remember, God should alwa be number one in your heart. Is yo pony more important than God, Sandra

Sandra looked down at the floor, th up to Mrs. Carlson. Then she smiled a said, "He was, Mrs. Carlson. My po **was** more important, but not anymo God will be "King" in my life now. G is our King, isn't he?"

"Yes, Sandra, God is the King kings."

PROMISES

COME on down to the drugstore, Mar and have a cola. It's my treat called Edith, as the girls were leavir the schoolroom.

"Thank you, Edith, but I've got to home right away. I promised my litt brother Davie I'd hurry home to pl with him. He's so lonesome now th school has begun again, and I'm away day."

"Oh, let him wait," said Edith car lessly, "and come on!"

"But I can't!" Mary exclaimed. promised him."

"What does a promise matter to little boy like that? Don't be so fuss He doesn't know what time school le out."

"But look, Edith, when I make promise, I want to keep it. What d ference does it make to whom t promise is made? We had a verse Sunday school last Sunday that I ha memorized: 'Better is it that thou shou est not vow, than that thou shoulde vow and not pay' (Ecclesiastes 5: I'm the one who would suffer if I bro my promise. Thanks for inviting m but so long!"

Edith stared thoughtfully after Ma I do believe she's right, she thought. never thought of it that way before. I broken promises to my little sisters ma times, but I'll try not to after this **Selected.**

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Blowing One's Top!

Keep your temper! Nobody else wa it! When under fire, how easy it is give offending ones a piece of our min which results in our losing our o peace of mind.—W. B. K.

MISSIONS

MEXICO MISSION NEWS

by J. E. Timmons

is good to see the leading of God's Spirit made manifest in the preach- of the gospel down Mexico way. Men, en, and young people are attending reaching of the Word of God, and are answering the gospel call by ng their way to an old-fashioned al- This has been our story in Mexican ons for some ten years as we have in your stead here on the mission

day we rejoice in what God has ed in that we are by God's grace ying the state of Coahuila with Will Baptist mission churches. These hes are agencies for Christ among ple that is in need of everlasting hrough Jesus Christ, our Lord.

t recently I spent some time in one areas of the city of Sabinas, Coa- In this area we have a man and ife who are supported by you to the gospel to the people who live s area. They are Brother and Mrs. n Aguerro Hernandez and they live southwest area of Sabinas. This s made up of Catholic people which the Mexican Indian element. These are not only strong Catholics, but e followers of **El Nino Fedencio,** a sed healer of many years ago. Al- h Fedencio has been dead for many these people still pray to him and shrines to him. This is the type of Brother Filemon is working . He and his wife go from house to house visiting, and sometimes when permitted, they read the Bible to them, offer prayers, and give them tracts and New Testaments. They are having a hard time getting any of them to attend the services they have in their home. While I was there recently and preached for Brother Filemon, some 35 crowded into the small room for the first time, and this was out of curiosity to hear an American speak to them in Spanish.

You will want to remember in a special way to pray for this mission field and the Hernandezes. I think you can rejoice in that you are ministering to such a needy field through the Hernandezes.

May God prosper this mission cause. God bless all of you.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Norman Malone, a member of the Eastern Conference, announces that he is available for full-time pastorate. In the meantime, he states that he is available for revival services and supply work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing P. O. Box 483, Bayboro, North Carolina 28515; telephone 249-9761.

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Lincoln's Concern

One day when the Civil War was raging its worst, a minister said to Lincoln, "I surely hope the Lord is on our side." To which Lincoln replied, "I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's Side."—**Baptist Standard.**

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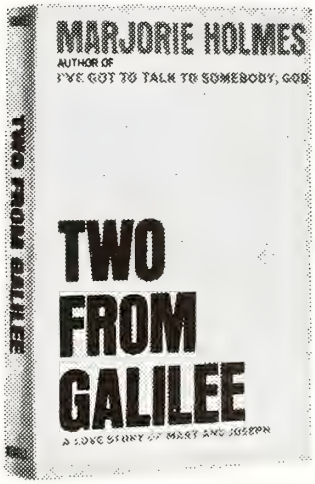

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BELIEF OR UNBELIEF

Lesson Text: John 12:37-50

Memory Verse: John 3:36

I. INTRODUCTION

The question proposed in our lesson title is a very pertinent one, and every man is entitled to know its answer. It is a question from which Jesus never shrank, and thus we have a wealth of information showing the difference between belief and unbelief.

Most of us are well aware of the fact that our beliefs on any subject determine our attitude toward that subject, and that our attitudes determine our disposition, our response, and our activity. Since our responses and our activities are nothing more than manifestations of our character and our nature, what we think about the claims of Christ becomes of the utmost importance to us; for it will not only determine our life in time, but also our destiny in eternity.

Whether we are aware of it or not, it is true, nevertheless, that all of us have Christ on our hands and must determine what we will do with Him and how we will respond to His love for us and His invitation to us. As Pontius Pilate asked when he discovered that he had Jesus on his hands, each of us must ask, "What then shall I do with this Jesus, that is called the Christ?" Our response can be to believe on Him and receive eternal life, or to remain in unbelief and thus under condemnation.

The events of today's lesson took place in Jerusalem six days before the last Passover and on that day when He made His entry into Jerusalem upon the foal of an ass.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show that it does make a great deal of difference whether or not we believe in Christ and accept Him as Saviour.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Our lesson today shows the end of Christ's public ministry and the beginning of that last week with His disciples. So it seems fitting that He would speak about the results of unbelief.

B. Here is a question that you should give very careful consideration: Why do people reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour? You will probably decide that men reject Him today for the same reason that the Jews rejected Him.

C. The Word of God is an invitation to take Christ as our Saviour, but it is more than that—it is a command.

D. Jesus did not come to this earth to judge men, but to save them. He died that we might be saved. But one day He is coming back and then He will be the Judge.

E. Since the Jews rejected Jesus as a nation, they stand as individuals in the same position that Gentiles stand—lost sinners who can be saved only by Jesus Christ.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "They must be crazy!" Ed Warren was pacing the floor, too agitated to rest, though the hour was late. Ed and his wife Frances had recently become Christians. Entranced with their new life, they were eager to share it with others. This evening they had visited Ed's brother Curt and had talked for hours. Enthusiastically they had shown how clearly the Bible shows Jesus to be God's Son. Gladly they had told how happy their faith had made them. Curt and his wife had listened politely, but they had been utterly unmoved. Ed couldn't understand that. "Why can't they see it?" he asked Frances. "They must be crazy!"

Meanwhile, back at the Curt Warren home, Curt was shaking his head as he spoke of Ed and Frances. "They must be crazy," he said sadly.

Why is it that some accept the gospel and some do not? Ed and Curt grew up together. They had the same background and nearly the same education. They heard the same gospel. Yet one is a Christian and the other is not. Why?

Of course each of us feels that his own way of thinking is highly intelligent. believer says good sense compels hi believe. When the evidence is consi ed honestly, it is perfectly clear that sus is God's divine Son.

But the unbeliever looks at the s evidence and rejects Christ. He that is the only reasonable thing to "I would like to believe," he may "but I just can't." To him it seems possible to believe that a man is God.

It is not intelligence that makes difference. There are highly intellig men who believe in Jesus, and there highly intelligent men who do not. S larly, it is not a matter of education culture or wealth. Why do some ac the gospel and others reject it? lesson brings some thoughts on question.—**Standard Lesson Comment**

B. Congregations want to see Ch Worshipers do not come to church hear the latest news about politics, cial disorders, or to hear papers rea some racial issues. As important these may be, congregations come hear the gospel. If they came for les would be better that they stayed home. Let us pray for a revival preaching of the old-time, faithful, nest gospel truths. We had better d before it is too late.—**The Advanced Q terly (F.W.B.).**

C. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, tells story: "It was a bitter, cold nigh New York City. A little man in a f raincoat and a tattered hat was wal around in Grand Central Station. was really wealthy, but he came t station two or three times a week t if he could find anyone who needed help. He dressed this way so tha could get close to them. That nig soldier was sitting on a bench, dej and unhappy. The man went up and to him, 'What is your trouble?' An soldier replied, 'What is that to 'Well,' said the man, 'I just thou might help you.' 'Nobody can help answered the soldier. But the little replied, 'Well, tell me your troubles, way.' The soldier said, 'I have a te pass and I am on my way home. mother and father and my little br and sister are expecting me. Som stole my ticket and my wallet. I even have enough money to get ba camp. And to tell you the truth, homesick.' The little man took hi to the window and bought a roun ticket for him. He pressed some

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for themselves and for the God to m they profess to be so dedicated. ney are so flexible that they fit any d, it causes one to wonder as to the dity of their claim when they insist Christ is all in all to them.

e trouble with Christians is that e aren't many **real** ones around. y bear the Name, but few own the e. . . .

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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reflect an ugly picture of greed and hness?

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they heap to themselves teachers, g itching ears; And they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall urned unto fables. But watch thou l things, endure afflictions, do the of an evangelist, make full proof of ministry" (2 Timothy 4:2-5); "But men and seducers shall wax worse worse, deceiving, and being deceiv- (2 Timothy 3:13); "Whosoever trans- eth, and abideth not in the doctrine rist, hath not God. He that abideth e doctrine of Christ, he hath both Father and the Son. If there come unto you, and bring not this doc- , receive him not into your house, er bid him God speed" (2 John 9,

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es it make you wonder if you ever anyone think of Jesus?—**The Inter- te Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

BOOKS TO BURN

by Rev. G. W. Blackburn,
Washburn Baptist Church
Washburn, North Dakota

The burning of books on Satanism and the occult is understandably causing some comment and not everyone is going to agree as to its value. We may even question the motives of those with whom we take exception. If the incident in Bismarck of a few weeks ago was a "publicity stunt," as indicated in a recent Washburn Leader guest editorial, it just may be that it is the kind of publicity that we need more of.

Of greatest concern to me, in that editorial, was the reference to those who "participated in the activity" as "mental midgets." It is surprising that little reference is being made to the fact that this book-burning experience has some definite scriptural basis. Acts, Chapter 19, tells of the experience of the Apostle Paul in a visit to the city of Ephesus. Verse 11 says that "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul," and in the subsequent verses is described how those controlled by the power of Satan resisted any who tried to deal with them apart from the power of God. No human is able in his own power to overcome the power of the evil one. This is why in Verse 19 we read that "many of them also which used curious arts (black magic—**Living Bible**) brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver ($10,000—**Living Bible**)!" They believed that it was important to take a stand against ungodliness. They certainly did not believe that by so doing they were going to eradicate sin in the world, but by so doing they were declaring their own repudiation of that which could have been a controlling influence in their own lives. Taking a stand against sin must be a first step in getting forgiveness for it and victory over it.

The reason that the Christians in Ephesus had all of these books—50,000 pieces of silver in that day must have been a huge investment—was because they had only recently come out of paganism. This had been a vital part of their life and now they were seeking deliverance from Satan and all of his power. If in similar situations today, these books and other devices of sin, and there are plenty which ought to be consigned to the fire, are being brought by believers in Christ, one wonders how they happened to have them in the first place. Certainly no one with a love for Christ and a desire to know and experience fellowship with the Lord would want to have this kind of thing in his home and life. If those who take a stand against the tools of the devil and publicly renounce them, are "mental midgets," then the Apostle Paul was one of their number and we need a great many more like him and those in Ephesus today. We may not agree in every way with all who take a public stand against the works of the devil, but we do agree with a stand that would encourage those with such devises to get rid of them. Better to burn them now than to burn with them in judgment.

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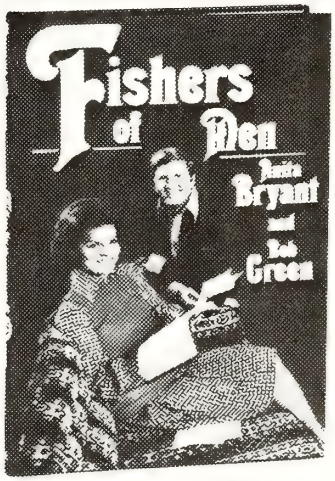

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THE "X" FACTOR

One of the chief branches of mathematics is algebra, and in order for one to master mathematics, he must have a sound understanding of algebra. It is used by engineers, chemists, physicists, and even by farmers in their work.

In algebra, one works with numbers which are unknown or perhaps variables (symbols that can be replaced by one or more numerical values). These "unknowns" are usually represented by letters such as X and Y, X being perhaps the most commonly used—especially in simple problems. For our purposes, we will choose to use the letter X.

Equations (or mathematical sentences) say that two things are equal. For example, $4 + X = 10$. To solve the problem, one must determine what X stands for in the equation by replacing it with different numbers. In this case, the only correct number is 6, for $4 + \mathbf{6} = 10$. This is the **simplest** form of algebra; for this branch of mathematics can become so involved that a problem may very well take hours of work and may require the use of many sheets of paper for one to arrive at the proper solution.

One may ask, "Why does algebra or any other mathematical discussion deserve consideration in a religious magazine? How in the world can it possibly relate to Christianity or spiritual matters?"

One answer would be that the whole of life is filled with "unknowns" which must be solved. The whole of life is composed of variables. Life is lived "algebraically" everyday, whether one wants to admit it or not; for problems are always prevalent and must be accepted, despite the fact that sometimes no attempt is made to solve them. To be his happiest, one must "get into life" and "work it out" the best way he can.

Are we suggesting that life be lived by a formula? Well, consider, if you will, this: There are variables (which we've already discussed—and which may assume any one of a set of values), and there are absolutes (constants, fixed values, numbers or "situations" assumed not to change). Every individual is faced with these two aspects in living, and he must solve his problems (with or without help, as the case may be) or else remain perplexed. Certainly there are some who just "throw down their pencils" after trying awhile, and who decide that there is just no solution or that they lack the "genius" to find it. Hogwash!

There is no problem too great to solve! A strong statement? Granted! but, we have a good teacher—a teacher with a master's degree. . . . If one listens to his teacher and learns his lessons well and then applies his learning to the problems of life, all will be well—or much, much better at least. One can't fool around and expect to get anywhere, whether it be solving a problem or going on a trip. He must have a fixed goal in mind and must set out to achieve that goal. Dangling a pencil over a piece of paper on which is written an algebraic equation and expecting the pencil to determine the "root" is nonsensical (except to those who subscribe to psychic phenomena). The **person** dangling the pencil must apply his mental and physical powers in order to arrive at the solution. How often, though, do we as human beings "dangle," as it were, and never actually get down to real living or the real solving of problems?

One cannot dangle and expect to live a useful life. One cannot be Christian without knowing Christ and living Christlike, having received Him as Saviour. Life + X = Eternal Happiness. If one has not determined what X is in this case, his lot is a sad one indeed. In this, the simplest of life's equations, X stands for Christ. The difficulty is that the X in this equation is all too often replaced by something else; and when the Teacher checks the result, the pupil has failed. . . .

The X factor should **always** be known in regard to spiritual matters. In fact, if one is truly conscientious concerning spiritual matters, he has no doubt that Christ must always be in life's equation if a proper solution is to be found. If Christ does not take the place of the X factor, all is lost. The fact is that **Christ** should never be unknown by **anybody.**

By the way, friends, what are you going to celebrate this year: **Xmas** or **Christ**mas? A problem? Could be—for some. . . .

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SKY FLIGHT TO HEAVEN

by
LINDA CRAFT

Mark Edwards stepped into the small airport he could hear the nine operator's voice announcing t times of scheduled airlines.

took but a moment to glance about busy waiting area.

young soldier was kissing a red-eyed theart affectionately good-bye. A dmother was surrounded by her y, busily squeezing each member al times. A young businessman d angrily out to the arriving and rting flights while his young wife led with him for a sign of reassur- or love. Others waved to friends smiled as they pointed out passen- who were coming down ramps.

ir," he heard a young voice behind

ir, do you know Christ?" a young merely twelve asked.

ark looked at him wanting to leave, emembering the son he had at home, stened to the boy a moment.

ir, do you know Christ?" the lad ted. "Would you please take my l tract. It tells all about Jesus."

ark took the small yellow-colored r and stuffed it into his jacket et. The blond-haired boy was no t sincere in his beliefs, he thought.

Will you read it, sir?" the boy ques- d without apology.

eah, son, I'll read it," Mark replied.

e boy beamed and hurried off to another man.

ark turned quickly to the side door walked briskly across the field to mall cub plane.

e air was cool and the light fog of morning was beginning to lift to a sky. Mark looked about. The sun e brightly at periods then slipped nd the dark storm clouds.

Where are you flying to today?" Ches- Compton questioned Mark as they on the airfield.

"I'm planning to fly to Raleigh, North Carolina, if it doesn't rain," answered Mark.

"I don't know, Mark, it looks like bad weather across the mountains."

"It doesn't matter. I have a business appointment that I have to keep."

"Well, take it easy," his friend sighed as he waved good-bye.

Mark climbed into the cockpit and fastened his seat belt around him.

The newness of flight was as exciting as it was 20 years ago when he was flying airforce fighters over North Korean air space.

Suddenly the flight controller gave him the go ahead to guide his silver bird to the heavens.

Mark watched the earth fall before him as his humming songbird soared to new heights.

After a few hours of flight time he watched the storm clouds gather before him.

"Rough weather ahead, Sally," he spoke quietly to his aircraft.

He usually enjoyed the scenic view over the Great Smoky Mountains but somehow, today, he sensed a foreboding danger ahead of him.

Slowly the rain began to fall about him. The rain was soon hammering the small craft repeatedly until he was in a shower of rain and hail. It was hard flying and he wished for relief.

A crack of thunder pierced across the angry sky. The visibility was worse now as Mark anxiously peered into the air ahead of him.

There it was! A side of a mountain had instantly appeared before him!

"God!" he screamed as the small plane flipped over twice and slid into a ravine.

Suddenly silence. There were no sounds, only the rain and wind among the trees.

Hours later the sun at last won the battle of the storm. Leaves on the trees glistened with moisture. Birds began to sing and the woods were filled with chattering noises. The earth had refreshed herself and was now ready to begin the day.

A small brown rabbit scurried across the bright metal that was once a plane. A squirrel was angrily chattering to the silver invader beneath his tree.

Suddenly a groan was heard and all the woods' animals hurried to find shelter from the awakening beast inside the plane.

Slowly Mark Edwards gazed about him, trying to place where he was, then remembering. Why wasn't he dead? he wondered.

His body ached with pain as he, at last, regained his full consciousness.

Survival! He had to find civilization as soon as possible.

The cockpit door was jammed during the crash. He savagely pounded the windshield with his small fire extinguisher until it broke, shattering the glass around him.

Mark carefully climbed out of the crippled craft to the safety of the earth below him.

Examining his plane briefly, he knew it was a miracle he was still alive.

His small first-aid pack offered little assistance to his bruised body. His provisions for an emergency such as this had been eaten by his kids on the way to the state fair last summer.

He was confused and didn't know which path to travel. The dense woodland offered no way of escape. He began slowly through the underbrush making his way east.

Panic overcame him as the darkening sky of night shrouded the earth.

He was hungry, cold, and lonely. He wished for the first time that he smoked so he would at least have had matches for a fire.

Wearily he fell asleep, exhausted from the day's events.

"Tomorrow, . . ." he whispered to the black sky. "Tomorrow, . . ."

The morning broke across the sky in brilliant golden light.

He searched the sky for a rescue plane; he strained his ears for the roar of distant engines. There were none.

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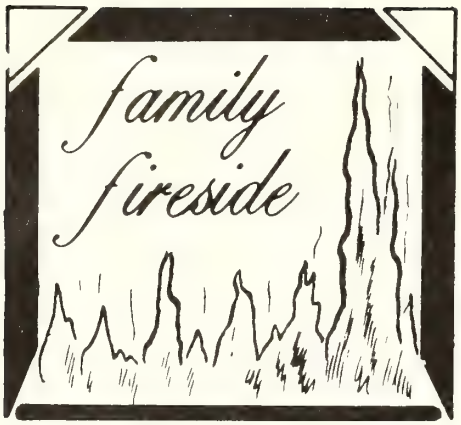

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:8

LOOKING THROUGH THE PALING

Some years ago in Dayton, Ohio, a small girl learned to love the Saviour and became an earnest Christian. She loved her father very dearly, but her father was not a Christian, and was not concerned much about the church nor its work.

Each evening as the father would come home from his work, the little daughter would meet him at the gate. The gate was high, and the palings were close together. In order that the child might see through the gate to tell when her father was coming, the father tore off one of the palings from the gate. Each night when the father came home from work his little Christian daughter was waiting for him, eagerly looking through the paling for his coming.

Finally, the little girl became sick. As she grew worse, the father was heartbroken and did not know what to do. He loved his child more than he did his own life. Just before she died, his little daughter, looking up at her father, said,

"When I get to heaven I will ask God to pull a paling from off heaven's gate so I can look through to see you come."

Her last words were, "Papa, I will be looking for you." This greatly touched the father's heart, and he became an earnest Christian.—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know that we may have eternal life is a comfort that we can ill afford to miss. Do we enjoy our earthly sins enough to forego eternal life with our heavenly Father?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Revelation 22:19

WHY HE CALLED "HERE"

A fierce battle had been fought and the hospital tents were crowded. Surgeons and doctors were hurrying to help and succor. Suddenly from a cot, where lay a youth who had not uttered a sound, came a clear call that rang out in the darkness, "Here." The surgeon ran, thinking he must be in great distress. "What do you want?" the surgeon asked. "Nothing," the young man said, "they are calling the roll in heaven and I have just answered to my name." There must be a book of life and there must be a book of death. We will be blessed indeed to be able to answer "Here" to our call to the names inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be mentioned favorably in any publication we must put forth an effort. The same holds true for God's Book of Life. Pray that our efforts will be such that we receive recognition in God's publication!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Titus 2:7, 8

IF HE HAD KEPT THE DIME

A young man employed by our Sunday school board told the following searching story. He was invited at the last minute to preach at a church in Nashville. On sudden impulse he used as his text, "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15). The next morning he stepped on the bus and handed the driver a dollar bill. The driver handed him back his change. He stood in the rear of the bus and counted the change. There was a dime too much. His first thought was, "The bus company will never miss this dime." Then quickly came the realization that he could not keep money that did not belong to him. He made his way to the front and said to the driver, "You gave me too much change." Imagine his surprise when the driver replied, "Yes a dime too much. I gave it to you purposefully. You see, I heard your sermon yesterday, and I watched in my mirror as you counted your change. Had you kept the dime I would never again had any confidence in preaching." What a tragedy if he had done the wrong thing! Remember our influence—our shadow-selves—may fall where we can never be.—*Sunday School Builder.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We, as Christians, are always being observed. Our actions are noted in our daily walk through life. May we walk in the paths God would chose for us.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—Acts 1:8

WHEN CHRIST IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE

A father, reading his Sunday paper and wishing not to be disturbed by his little girl, cut up a map of the world, gave it to her, and told her to put it together. After awhile she returned with it and every piece was in its place. The father was very much surprised and said: "Why, how did you do it, darling? You don't know anything about geography." The little one replied, "There was a picture of Jesus on the other side, and I knew when I had Jesus in the right place, the whole world would be all right." —*Eight Bells, Haven of Rest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would that we might allow Jesus the right place in our lives. Perhaps then we would be in a better position to have take His proper place in the world.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:21

AFTER HE WAS CHEATED

One day in my boyhood my father a neighbor for a ton of coal. We we away from home when he delivered it ter inspecting the coal bin, I said: "F Mr. S. put only a half ton of coal i bin." Father told me to say no more the matter. Some weeks later Mr. S. his house and all his belongings in a Father sheltered him and his family our roof; I resented very much havi sleep in the barn loft while the dish neighbor rested on my bed. In the ing I heard him talking to Father i shed below. "You have been kind to and awhile back I cheated you out half a ton of coal," he sobbed out. "I you to forgive me." He and my f knelt and prayed, and the man gave self to Christ that morning in the b True experience of the Rev. G. Baumg Edinburgh, Texas.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Cheating each other and God in matters and actions as well as large o beginning to be a way of life for so of us. Pray that it will not become way; and, if it already has, may we amends before it is too late!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—John 1:4, 5

WHERE LIGHTS ARE NEEDED

In a South coast town a business girl having a hard time among her friend cause she was a Christian. She was te ed to give up, but a preacher whom consulted asked, "Where do we put lig She was puzzled by the question, so he tinued, "We put the lights in a dark pl In a moment she saw his meaning, realized that God had put her ther those difficult surroundings that she shine there for her Lord. She determ to be more courageous, and a few later came to the preacher with a grou other girls, all radiant with joy. "Oh," said, "the thirteenth person from our ness house has decided for Christ toni —*Christian Union Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our world today offers so many te tions; it is not difficult to find a dark in which to place a light. The light of salvation is in great demand. Are you ing to help distribute it?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:22

THE DIFFERENCE

An old Scotch lady who is a si Christian told me the following: "I two daughters who take turns coming clean my wee house. Jean comes, and le

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Dear Eddie

by Mrs. Fleedie C. Reynolds
Dudley, North Carolina

VE you ever lived with someone for thirteen years and never really n them? Have you ever thought of younger brother or sister as just a e brat" who just got into your hair e time? Have you done these two s and then discovered that you really learned to love that some- It may be too late!

ave done all of these things and for reason, I feel that God has led me ite this story. I write this in hopes if anyone has done these same s, that they will stop and think and mething about it before it is too

brother's name is Eddie. He is 19 old and one of the nicest young know. He doesn't drink or smoke lot of the young people of today. s seen the damage that these two s can do.

ot married when Eddie had just d thirteen. I still thought of him st a "little brat." I moved away home and almost forgot about Ed- fter all, there was such an age dif- e and we didn't have anything in on. He was just my brother, noth- ore.

n after I accepted Christ as my ur, I began to think about Eddie. as young and he could do so much and work so hard for God if he saved. So I began to pray for Ed- soul salvation. Three years passed e my prayers were answered. My nd asked Eddie to come to our re- one night during the summer. As vitation of the service grew near, I began to pray harder and harder. I prayed, cried, and shook until I felt like I had prayed all of my strength out of me. Still Eddie did not come to the altar. He was the first one out of the church when it was over. We finally found him in the car crying. My husband, who is a minister, began to talk with Eddie. Then all of a sudden, Eddie said that he wanted to go back into the church to accept Christ as his Saviour! That was the first time I had ever seen Eddie cry and it was the first time he had ever held me in his arms and told me that he loved me. It was one of the happiest nights of my life. It was a first time for me to cry too and it made me feel so good. I had heard of brother and sister love before, but I didn't think it would ever happen to me.

Several months later, Eddie decided to join the Navy, so I invited him to spend a week with us before he left. To my surprise, he said yes, and I know now that God had it planned that way.

While he was spending the week with us, I came down with the flu and was sick for three days. During that time, Eddie looked after my children, cleaned my house, washed the clothes, and did the dishes, plus hanging the clothes on the line. The day he did the washing, he hung the clothes out to dry on the line. There was a sheet here and an undershirt there, and so on, all hung the wrong way. But I wouldn't have said anything or laughed for anything in the world because he did it out of love. I'll never forget that week as long as I live.

One day we took my two girls swimming down at the waterfall. I still didn't feel very well, but I went along because I knew the sunshine would do me good. Eddie was just great with the girls. I could see he loved them very much. On the way back up the path, Eddie held my hand and told me he loved me and called me "Sis." I'll never forget that day as long as I live. That day is gone now, but it will always be fresh in my memory.

Now Eddie is in the Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois. He is in the Naval Hospital there where he had an operation and contracted double pneumonia. He went through all of that with none of his family or loved ones with him; but he was not alone, because God was with him and brought him through it all.

I know I won't see much of Eddie now, but I thank God that I had the chance to come to know and love Eddie like a sister is supposed to love a brother. I write to Eddie, but it's not the same. I wasted years—years that I could have become closer to him, learned to love him, and help him when he might have needed me.

I want to make up for those years that I wasted and I pray that God will give me the chance. I also pray that God will always watch over Eddie and keep His protective arms around him always.

Now I will write to him. . . .

Dear Eddie,

I miss you and I love you, brother. Please hurry home. Forgive me for all the years I wasted. We will pray for you. I know God answers prayer.

Love,
"Sis"

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In Memory of Mr. Willie Armstrong

The poem below was written in memory of my grandfather, Mr. Willie Armstrong, who passed away a year ago, December 14, 1972. He was a member of the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina.

One year is gone
And we miss you still;
But I guess, Grandfather,
We always will.

The shine on your face
As you spoke of God above,
The soft prayer you prayed
For the ones whom you loved,

The way you said "Glory"
As no one else can,
While asking sweet Jesus
To take hold of your hand . . .

You are still with us Grandfather,
In heart and in mind;
We'll meet you in heaven
When it comes our time.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Spivey

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"Can't Lick God!"

"The day after the great earthquake and fire at San Francisco a newsboy was showing a dazed man the way through the rubble, and as they walked, the lad philosophized—"It took men a long time to put all this stuff up, but God tumbled it over in a minute. Say, mister, 'tain't no use for a feller to think he can lick God."—**The Lord Reigneth.**

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Harrell's Chapel to Host Fourth Union Meeting

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina, on Sunday, December 30. The union theme will be, "A New Start," with Scripture taken from Luke 15:21-24. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:10—Hymn, "I Am Resolved"
—Devotions, Mr. Donald Webb
—Welcome, Mrs. Carolyn Bright
—Response, Mrs. Jasper Beaman
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Report of Missions
—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
11:30—Special Music, Tracey Hamm
—Sermon, the Rev. Bobby Jones
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mr. Albert Proctor
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Singing Groups
2:15—Adjournment

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Annual Christmas Pageant At Free Union Church

On December 16 and 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m., each evening, the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, will present its annual Christmas pageant. There are approximately sixty people participating in this year's pageant entitled, "What Will You Do with Jesus?"

For a number of years people from most of Eastern North Carolina have attended these programs. The Monday night performance is especially given for people who have programs of their own to attend on Sunday night.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of the church, along with the church membership, invites the public to attend one of these performances. Pastors are requested to extend an invitation to their congregations to attend.

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Stancil's Chapel Auxiliary Visits Rest Home

The Woman's Auxiliary of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, met at the church Friday night, November 30, to make sunshine baskets for the sixty-two aged men and women of the Colonial Rest Home in Smithfield, North Carolina.

The ladies of the auxiliary and their husbands, along with their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Godwin, went to the home Saturday afternoon, December 1. After they sang several Christmas carols, Mr. Godwin brought a message from God's Word which blessed the hearts of everyone present. Then the patients of the home each received a sunshine basket which contained fruit and candy.

It was a real blessing to see these aged men and women enjoy the baskets.

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NOTE OF THANKS

"I would like to take this means of thanking the many ladies of the various woman's auxiliaries for the cards and gifts I received on my birthday. Many thanks for your remembering me on this occasion. Please continue to remember me in your prayers."

Your friend in Christ,
L. S. Joyner

Cantata to Be Given At Winterville Church

A Christmas cantata, "There'll Alwa Be a Christmas," by Frank L. Cross a John M. Rasley will be given at the W terville Free Will Baptist Church, Wint ville, North Carolina, on Sunday, Dece ber 16, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. A combi tion of the adult and teen-age choirs, rected by Miss Leah McGlohon and companied by Mrs. Bruce Gray, will p form this ageless Christmas story.

While Christmas can mean many thin to many people, this cantata will app to all who rejoice in their faith th "there'll always be a Christmas . . . un the Lord shall come again!"

The public is invited to attend w the hope that this message will bri renewed hope, joy, and peace during t season of the year.

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HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

In these reMARKS are hidden names of 15 books of the Bible. It's real lulu. Kept me looking so hard t the facts that I missed the revelation. was in a jam especially since the nam were not capitalized. The truth w come to numbers of our readers; others it will be a real job. For all will be a most fascinating search. Y there will be some easy to spot, a others hard to judge. So we admit usually results in loud lamentations. O lady says she brews coffee while s works on it. One book is capitalized help you start.

The above puzzle was sent in by Rev. James V. Joyner. The answer w appear in the next issue of "The Fr Will Baptist."

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ew Growth

MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

ur opinion sometimes is that young dren are ignorant about God and His er. We think they retain very little ght them in their wiggly Sunday ol classes.

ut I can remember quite vividly that d my own concepts about God at e an early age. The reason I remem- is an incident that happened be- e of my strong belief.

t our house to say "lie" was a sin to come right out and say, "You told ," was unthinkable. None of us had found the consequences of that ement, because we didn't have the e to give it a test. Never. Until . . .

was about five years old. I, along several others, was playing roads r the house, using an assortment of rded castor oil and flavoring bot- and a brick or two for cars.

e subject arose about what God e and what was man-made. We all ed that men built the house, God e the trees, God made the dirt and stars, and men built the barn.

hen one of the friends said that men the fence around the pasture and —now that was too much. Anyone four years old knew a man couldn't built that fence; it was too long.

hat early age it was my opinion that God could have accomplished that n He made the world.

anyone had ever told a lie, that was masterpiece. And I told him so.

ith the help of Maude and Betsy— mules—Daddy was cultivating the . On the other side of the field, ner, my older sisters, and an aunt e weeding. They had just weeded to the end of the row when my friend them.

was slinking along behind, hoping presence would make him change his . But it didn't, and there I was ht too close to the situation.

hen he told her, Mother didn't wait ee why I said it. She just let me it there in the field. Right in front y favorite aunt.

believed what I believed about God emphatically—that He created every- g in a one-shot deal and there was e more left for Him to do.

y concepts weren't perfect, but that the beginning of a growing process. God had planted the seed of wisdom in my heart and still today He is busy with His cultivation procedures.

And even now, no matter how outrageous a tale sounds, I wouldn't dare say, "That's a lie." The things you learn the hard way are the things you learn well.

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This book by Mrs. Beaman, as well as her first one, BROKEN ACRES, may be purchased from any of our Bible and Bookstores in Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson.

MISSIONS

BULLETIN FROM HOME MISSIONS

by Taylor Hill, Secretary-Treasurer

Our Home Missions Department cannot meet its present needs with the amount of funds that are coming in. Our current need calls for approximately $700 per week and our income is averaging approximately $340 per week. As you can see, this is less than half the amount needed to carry on the work of this department. We are operating at present on borrowed money.

We are told that there are hoards of money that is laid up by our State Convention, our conferences, churches, and auxiliaries that is not being used for anything. If this is true with any of our readers, then I urge you to call a meeting this week and answer our call for **help.**

As secretary-treasurer of our Home Missions Department, I shall not continue to beg for money because I do not believe it is the Lord's will. The Home Missions program is new to a lot of you and I am just trying to help you see the great need.

We all know what our Lord has to say about burying our talents. We still have a lot of churches that have not contributed anything to this program, and others that have given only a very little. Please keep in mind that all Home Missions administrative work is done voluntarily and without pay.

Please send all contributions for the Home Missions program to me at 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305. You may reach me by phone by calling 485-3980.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE "DARED TO BE DIFFERENT"

Shown above is Dr. Hilda F. Owens, dean of students, as she is talking with Attorney General Robert Morgan after he delivered the Founders' Day address at Mount Olive College.

North Carolina Attorney General Robert Morgan said at Founders' Day exercises, November 29, that Mount Olive College has succeeded because it has been guided by a distinctive mission "and dared to be different."

Speaking at the twenty-second Founders' Day at Mount Olive College, he declared: "In the very competitive field of higher education, Mount Olive College has succeeded because it has resisted the temptation to become a carbon copy of publicly supported institutions."

Many private schools, he noted, have folded in recent years.

While Morgan has been identified in his role of leadership in public education—he served as chairman of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees—he spoke out for the need for private institutions.

"I must confess that I am conservative enough to believe that it is in your interest and mine—that it is in the interest of individual freedom and independent thought—that the state never be allowed through a monolithic educational system to capture the whole mind of the American people," he declared.

"I firmly believe that this country can't afford not to have strong, private competition for its state schools. We must have both systems. They need each other. The mutual stimulation and criticism by which they have grown in the past is necessary to keep both healthy."

Commenting specifically on Mount Olive, he told its students they were fortunate in that the school was small enough that they could not get lost in a crowd.

"Your student body is small enough to make it possible for advisors and faculty and staff members to have close relationships with students as individuals," he said.

Following the Founders' Day address, a number of citizens joined College President Dr. W. Burkette Raper for a luncheon in the school cafeteria.

The Founders' Day program was held in the auditorium of the original building of Mount Olive College—an old building abandoned by the public schools.

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A Prayer for Mount Olive College

Prayed by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, College Chaplain
Founders' Day Service
November 29, 1973

Almighty Father, whose love and grace abounds beyond our finite understanding, we come in this hour with thanksgiving and praise for goodness and blessing upon our lives and upon this College. It is with gratitude in our hearts, O Lord, that we remember our past from whence we have come. We remember those whose vision and dedication have made possible the founding of this college, and those who, through the years, have given themselves and what they have, to perpetuate that great light of learning.

For all those who have had a part in the founding and growth of Mount Olive College, we give you thanks.

In these moments, our Father, we ask your continuing guidance upon all o that we may be true to the trust give us.

For our president, our trustees, students, our faculty, all who are a of Mount Olive College, we lift our p er for guidance in the pursuit of le ing, and the establishment of truth frees us from fear, ignorance, and ty ny.

Let us always remember that you the light of the world, and the begini of all truth and wisdom.

Raise up in our midst prophets apostles who will hold high the lam hope and help us to understand our f and your purpose that we may through critical study to sure convict in the name of Jesus Christ, our L Amen.

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MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAS REASON FOR PRIDE

by Eugene Price, Editor
Goldsboro News Argus

A modern campus, assets of $3.3 lion, and a monumental decision—th the setting and the challenge today Mount Olive College commemorates twenty-second year of its chartering.

The school has come a long way.

When the Free Will Baptists of N Carolina elected to establish an inst tion of higher education they had $ in their "Christian Education Fund."

They parlayed that, good credit, an abandoned public school building an institution that won full accredita in record time.

Today, 3,000 students later, the i tution has assets totaling $3.3 mil and is giving serious study to exp ing into a four-year college.

That decision is expected to come spring.

"We are not taking a sham appro Either we are going to become a fi class, four-year school or we aren't ing to take that step," declared Dr. Burkette Raper, president.

A feasibility study already has sh that expansion to four years is poss and in many respects desirable.

Today the institution competes w community colleges for students at freshman and sophomore levels. Stu indicate the community colleges c serve as feeder schools for a four-y program at Mount Olive.

Dr. Raper feels there will be a c

uing and growing need for the kind of cation provided at Mount Olive.

"We place emphasis on learning and sonal and moral responsibility. We eal to those students and families not erested in open dormitories and drink- and the drug traffic," he said.

Under a student aid and scholarship gram, the college is able to insure erving and qualified students of an cation no matter what their financial blems might be.

he college has operated in the black the past three years. Today it has ets of $3.3 million and a net worth of e than $2 million—assets in excess of ilities.

hose who feel that expansion into a -year institution is an audacious ught must pause and reflect on the origins of Mount Olive College.

ith a determination backed up by a ul $6.17, that was an audacious de- on made by the Free Will Baptists 22 s ago.

hey are in a far better position today think big than they were even in l to entertain the notion of a two- college.

ut no matter what course Mount e College chooses to take, it must nd in substantial measure on indi- als and business firms for support.

hat support has been available in the from those who share with Dr. r and the college trustees the con- on that what the school offers is unique and important to our people our area.

s more and more people look at what nt Olive College is and has been— can be—we are confident its support be strengthened and continuing.

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EW TRUSTEES NNOUNCED

ate Senator Thomas Strickland of e County, North Carolina, and Wil- McLawhorn of Ayden, North Caro- have been named to the Board of ees of Mount Olive College. Their s will be for six years.

Strickland has served in both houses e North Carolina General Assembly served on the Mount Olive College Foundation Board.

Lawhorn is a member of the land- committee for the new 110-acre us and is a leading member of ny Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt y, North Carolina.

hey were selected for service on the Board of Trustees because of their interest in the college and because they are Christian gentlemen," said Dr. Burkette Raper, college president.

TRAITS CHRISTIANS STRIVE FOR

(Answers to Last Week's Puzzle)

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Above are the answers to last week's puzzle. The traits of a Christian are traced on the puzzle. How many were you able to find?

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief announces that he is available for evangelistic work among the Free Will Baptist denomination. He would like to begin filling a schedule for revivals as he is in the process of seeking work in the field of evangelism. All dates are open with him, and only as the churches correspond with him will he have the work to do as unto God. All correspondence should be addressed to him at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida 32446, or by calling 904-482-4659.

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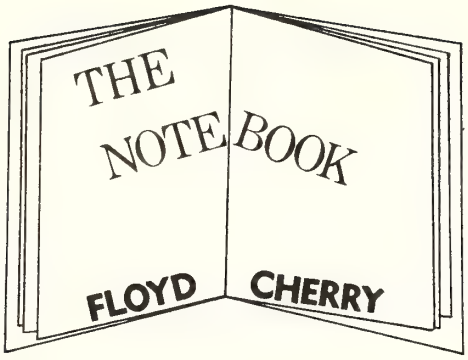
Gathering Storm!

A brilliant young attorney had just been admitted to the bar. He was suddenly taken ill. The day was gloriously bright and sunshiny. Father called to inquire about his health, and just as he entered the sick man's room, the young attorney said: "How dark it is, the sky is so black. There must be a terrific storm coming." And with those words he passed out into the darkness—alone.

You, who are still outside, "come in! Come in out of the storm!"—**Christian Index.**



Because we have a Bible Institute at our church, we are constantly asked, "Why are you interested in Bible Institute training? Aren't there good Christian colleges and seminaries where young people may attend?" These questions are important and they deserve a careful answer.

First, it should be pointed out that it is not the intention of our Bible Institute to compete with any college or seminary. In fact, in our bulletin we have this statement: "Young people under twenty-five years of age will not be accepted as students unless they can present reasons acceptable to the board of the institute why they cannot attend college." But everyone of us knows that there are many laymen and preachers who for many reasons cannot leave home, take their families, and go to college. Are we going to deny these people an opportunity to prepare themselves to be more effective leaders as laymen and pastors simply because they cannot attend college?

Some, of course, will answer that they could go to college if they really wanted to. This we are sure is true with some. But this is not true of all. I know a young man thirty-one years of age who is married and has two children. The oldest child is in poor health because of allergies, and the wife is in poor health because of arthritis. Yet this fine, dedicated young man says that he is called of the Lord to preach. Are you prepared to tell him that he doesn't know what he is talking about?

Our conferences are saying that we are not to ordain a person to the gospel ministry that does not have two years of college or its equivalent. We feel that this is a good thing, but if our church is not going to continue to have an increasing shortage of pastors and evangelists, we must make arrangements for those who are capable to get the training and fill the gap.

Our Bible Institute is trying to do in the area of Bible what the technical institutes over the state are doing in vocational training. These technical institutes cannot do this in the area of Bible because of the separation of church and state. If one church wants to operate a Bible Institute to help laymen and preachers, without any help from the denomination, why should they be criticized and told that they are not cooperating with the denomination? Given a little time, our institute will prove its value to the denomination.

SKY FLIGHT TO HEAVEN

(continued from page three)

There was only the sound of the wind as it whirled against the tall pines.

At midmorning he found a berry patch. No meal had ever tasted sweeter to his lips.

He sank to his knees when he had filled himself.

Mark was lonely. He had never felt more alone in his life. He thought back to the day before. It seemed a century away in time.

Then he remembered the gospel tract the boy gave him and he pulled the crumbled paper out of his pocket, carefully. He read each line slowly.

"Believe on the Lord and ye shall be saved," he read out loud.

What had his life been really—a nice home, a good business, a fine family? All things pass away; only eternity is forever, he thought.

A new awareness of life, a regret of past eras of time, a pain of a unsure future without hope of life—what was in store for him? The future seemed black. Then on his knees in the Carolina wilderness he bowed down and prayed.

God is everywhere, isn't He? Mark thought. I'm not alone. Slowly he began making his way through the lighted forest, pondering the words and message he had just read.

Night once again covered the earth with its blackness. Still there were no stars to guide him nor any engines screaming across the sky for him.

He slept, tired and weary from endless wanderings through the woods.

The second day he started out with his hopes faded and his dreams gone. He wondered if there was an escape from the forest. Again his thoughts returned to God.

Late that afternoon he found a cloud-ed mountain stream. The water was and icy and Mark drank until he c drink no more.

Tired beyond belief, he fell to the p covered ground beneath him. "Oh, are you really here?" he prayed. "Pl help me, Lord." He wept like everyth The loneliness, the hunger, the se for freedom, all these were more tha could stand. When the last sob pa his lips, he once again prayed to "Dear Lord, thank you for bringing to this place. I know it is thy will I am here. Don't forsake me, God. Jesus, I surrender all; yes, I surre all."

Softly the wind carried faint voice men and women singing across mountain. Mark began running fa and faster through the underbrush. Th not fifty yards ahead of him stoo shabby, white country chapel.

He walked slowly and gratefully to entrance of the Negro church. "Al Jesus, I surrender, all to Him freely g . . ." the congregation sang. Mark c fully stepped into the doorway.

The wilderness behind him, the C before him, Mark carefully walked last steps to God.

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IN MEMORIAM

Two years ago this past Decembe one of our deacons of Marlboro Will Baptist Church near Farmville, N Carolina, passed away. This little p is one that brings back many s memories of our beloved friend deacon, Mr. Rom Beaman.

He was a man who had a smile
And a sweet hello for all.
He was known as everyone's friend,
And many broken hearts he tried mend.

He loved his church with all his hea
And sought to do its work;
His pew is filled by another soul
Who reaches for that self-same goal.

His memories are still with us
As you can so plainly see;
But we all know he is in a better pla
Now his Master he can see face to

Respectfully submitted,
A member of Marlboro Ch

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WORK AND PRAYER

General Booth advised, "Work a everything depended upon work, pray as if everything depended prayer."

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

uestion: Please explain, "For of this are they which creep into houses, lead captive silly women laden with led away with divers lusts, Ever ning, and never able to come to the vledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:). Why is it that these certain peo- whom we know seem never to be to grasp the fundamentals in the tures that lead them into a saving vledge of Christ?

(Continued from Last Issue)

cannot see how any persons that are tians and are well versed in the l of God might be led astray by glib- ued, false teachers such as are found e cults of this day, and even some e days of the Early Church. How- there is good evidence that such ened in the apostles' day and that is now taking place.

. L. T. Talbot tells the following in his "Exposition of the Book of ation," Pages 105, 106:

arious religious cults and sects ly claim to be the 144,000. I recall cident in my early ministry in this ection. A young man and his wife, n I had the privilege of leading to ord, gave a faithful testimony in our . Shortly afterwards they moved nother city. Soon after their de- re, I had occasion to travel to go. I received a letter from them, g if I would pay them a visit en . They wanted to see me, looking me as their father in the Lord. I reached their city, they met me e station; and, among other things, oung woman said:

Oh, Mr. Talbot, we have invited a g woman, who is a leader of a cer- movement here, to supper; and we you to talk to her. We have al- joined this movement.'

e told me something about it, and ognized at once that the cult they oined was Seventh Day Adventism. res were being given in their city. young couple had listened, and of course they were interested. Then they had identified themselves with the organization. They said to me:

" 'Now, this young woman will not agree with you; but when you are at the table, we want you to promise that you will not say anything to hurt her feelings.'

" 'Why, I would not hurt anybody's feelings for the world,' I said.

"At dinner we had something which appeals to me at any time—a piece of good old roast beef, cooked as only the English can cook it. My hostess passed me my plate. The young woman passed her plate for vegetables.

" 'Aren't you going to have any of this meat?' I asked her.

" 'Oh, no!' she answered quickly.

" 'Don't you like it?'

" 'Yes, but I must not eat it.'

" 'Have you any scruples against eating it?' I inquired.

" 'Yes,' was her reply, 'I am one of the 144,000. You know that one of these days the antichrist is going to appear, and I expect to be in that witnessing company. Therefore, I must prepare myself.'

"Then she went on to describe the condition the world would be in during the reign of the antichrist. But then she said,

" 'I must fit myself for that great ministry which I and the others who belong to this company are going to render in that day.'

"She told me about all of the trials she was going to go through; and in spite of the seriousness of the subject, I could not repress a smile as I thought that, if I were going to go through what she said she was, I would stand in need of a piece of the roast beef we were having at that dinner!

"I tell you this incident to illustrate the erroneous claims that are being made not only by the organization referred to, but by other sects as well. The Mormons, followers of 'Pastor' Russell, certain holiness sects, and others assert that they are the 144,000 sealed ones of the seventh chapter of Revelation."

This leads me to plead with Christians everywhere to note that there is no short-cut study course in which one may gain Bible knowledge. The Bible itself is God's love message to each Christian and the only authentic invitation to the lost to repent and be saved by the blood, thus accepting Christ as their personal Saviour and being empowered to withstand the wiles of the devil as reflected in demon-controlled false teachers. The Word has quickening power. (See Hebrews 4: 12; Romans 1:16.) I assure you that the Word is sufficient without any false helps such as Helen G. White's book, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy's "Key to the Scriptures," Armstrong's literature and television and radio messages, the Book of Mormon, etc. Don't let any of these glib-tongued dramatists leave any of their literature with you, whether free or otherwise. If you should be strong enough in the grace of Christ to withstand such evil, subtile teaching some of your friends, children, grandchildren, etc. may not; so withdraw yourself before someone is hurt through it.

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The Usual Expression

When a certain president of the London Baptist Association began his year of office he was sent to have his photograph taken. The photographer said to him, "Excuse me, sir, but who are you?" He said, "I am a minister." "Oh," said the photographer, "then it will be a solemn expression, please." He asked why. "Well," said the photographer, "it's usual, isn't it?" And that is what the world thinks of some of us. They do not think we are marching to glory. We do not look like it.—A. Lindsay Clegg at a Keswick Convention.

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WITCHES CRY NO TEARS

by
JANE WARD

IT is all right, isn't it?" Joey asked, making a point to sound casual to hide the tremor he felt inside. He clutched his sailboat closer.

"Sure," Danny boasted. "How does Mrs. Wilson know there is a teachers' meeting today? She thinks we're in school. She won't suspect a thing."

"She's a witch, isn't she? And witches know what you're thinking," piped Brian.

"Shhh!" Phil hissed. "She may hear you!"

They were passing the low crumbling wall that enclosed her yard. The dense undergrowth almost hid the huge house which was a dull weather gray. It did not take much imagination for them to see bats watching from under the many gables.

As much from the eerie feeling the house gave them as their fright of the owner, they stole quietly by, almost at a run, until they neared the pond where they would be safely hid behind a hedge.

The pond was their secret place of happiness. They had slipped here on Saturdays to sail their toy boats. Most of the time Mrs. Wilson chased them away. "Get away!" she would shrill. "Get away from my pond."

They would run before she got close.

They had been planning the trip for days. They relaxed as the four boats sailed calmly in the water, guided by white strings the boys held.

Suddenly, for no reason, Joey began to feel uneasy. "I shouldn't have come," he thought. "What would Daddy do if he knew I had disobeyed? What would the witch do if she found us? Wonder what the Lord is thinking of me?" He wished he hadn't come, but if he left now his friends would call him "chicken."

He became tense and jerked his string, dipping the boat in the water.

A creak in the hedges behind him sent chills down his back! He turned around slowly.

There she was. Her back was hunched; long black hair was stringing around her wrinkled face. She produced a broom from the folds of her black dress.

"I caught you, didn't I?" she asked with a wicked grin.

There was silence.

"Didn't I?" she screamed, jumping forward, her broom flying wildly.

"Yes, Ma'am," answered Danny in a whisper. The other boys remained frozen, too scared to speak.

Brian looked at the others with an "I told you so" expression. So witches do know what you are thinking!

"All of you come with me," she rasped. "If you try to run, I'll put a curse on you!"

She turned and headed toward the house. The boys were afraid not to follow.

She led them to the house and through the darkened rooms into a huge kitchen. Whirling around suddenly, she spat out one word, "Sit!"

They sat obediently around a big wooden table. As their eyes became adjusted to the darkness, they began to look around them. Everything was neatly in place. Looking up into the dimness they tried to find cobwebs.

Joey stole a look at Danny. His expression was one of amusement. Joey began to relax.

Just then a sound of bubbling liquid on the stove caught their attention. They began to feel creepy as they watched th witch stir and mumble sounds over th brew.

Their eyes, wide in wonder, becam chained to her.

She began filling little bowls with th vile smelling liquid.

When she set a bowl before Danny, a his boastfulness and amusement lef him.

He backed away from it and stammer ed, "Please, Mrs. Witch—I mean, Mrs Wilson, if you'll let us go, we won't eve come near your pond again. We prom ise"

Her shrill laugh pierced through t their backbones.

All four began to cry at once. It wa over. Would she eat them?

They didn't see the lone tear that fel down the witch's face. She began re moving the wig and black dress. Un derneath was a faded pink house dress

Between sobs, Joey peeped with frigh to see what would happen next.

There she stood. Her gray hair wa silver in the sun that squeezed throug the blinds. And she was crying.

She looked so helpless, Joey forgot hi fright and went to her.

"Don't cry, Mrs. Wilson. We'll leav you alone," he said.

She dropped to her knees and grab bed him in a tight grip, sobbing on hi shoulder.

"You look just like him," she said.

The other boys realized the chang and stood up. They backed away fron the wig and dress lying crumpled on th floor.

"Let's beat it!" Danny said.

"No!" Joey said, and the sound of hi voice stopped them before they coul get to the door.

Soon Mrs. Wilson's sobs were quiete and they again sat around the table.

"I saw in the paper there was n school today. I knew you'd be here. S I prepared for you," she began calmly "I can't stand seeing you play aroun the pond. You see," her breath caught then she forced herself to go on, "m son was your age when he played in that pond. But he's overseas now. I miss him terribly."

They gathered close. On either side there was an arm around her.

"I meant to scare the wits out of you so you wouldn't come back. But when you were crying, I looked at you and remembered my son. I coundn't go on," Mrs. Wilson continued.

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This load of fish was donated to the me by members of the Oriental, North rolina, Free Will Baptist Church. We e grateful to that wonderful, generous urch body for being so willing to share eir good fortune with us. Our thanks to all who had a hand in giving this ckload of fish.

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Notice to All

You are invited to attend the Christ- is program at the Children's Home on day, December 21. The program will mmence at 6 p.m. in the Memorial apel and will be presented by our chil- en.

After the program, a Christmas party ll be held in the dining hall at 7 p.m. freshments will be served during the rty and the presents will be passed out the children.

'Showers of Blessings'

"Showers of Blessings" is exactly what the Home received from Owen's Chapel church near Macclesfield, North Carolina, during November. Their total contribution to us came to $884.71, but the most significant thing was that it came from so many different sources. For instance: (1) the small children of the church raised $101.63 by using the Thanksgiving turkey folders; (2) the league gave a $75 contribution; (3) the Sunday school gave $100; (4) the church gave $508.08; and, (5) community friends and church members gave food worth $100.

The food and some of the cash offerings were collected by the brethren shown in the picture above. They also brought the goods and presented them to the Home.

We sincerely thank Owen's Chapel and all the other churches who have worked so hard and faithful to help these who are less fortunate. God is blessing our Home each day and He is doing it through **you**, His people.

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IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

World deaths are 40,000,000 yearly, 109,589 daily, 4,566 hourly, 76 per minute. Two thirds have never heard the gospel. "Is it nothing to you?"—**Selected.**

Youth Visit Home

On Sunday, December 2, a Sunday school class from St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church at Kenly, North Carolina, visited the Children's Home. While they were here they presented their Thanksgiving offering to Mr. Sam Weeks, the superintendent.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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everything shining, but she makes me feel I'm an awful burden to her. But when Mary comes no matter how dull the day, or how low in spirit I'm feeling, she makes everything so cheery, and makes me feel she loves to be with me. They are both Christian women, ye ken, but aye there's a great difference. Mary has what this world sadly needs, the Christian with the loving heart."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be Christians we must have love in our hearts. This world is in dire need of Christian love, charity, and understanding. We contribute to many causes—why not the cause of Christianity?

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An Indian brave prayed, "Great Spirit, help me not to judge or criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."

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The Word Dwelt Among Us

Lesson Text: John 1:1-5, 14-18

Memory Verse: John 1:14

I. INTRODUCTION

It is readily noticeable that John omitted the details of Jesus' birth which are given so clearly in Matthew and Luke. For this reason we tend to overlook some important facts that John gives which are relative to the coming of Christ the first time. The truth is, none of the other Gospel writers place certain emphases on the incarnation as John does. He clearly tells us that Christ came in the flesh and dwelt among us. It is also true that John's emphases, especially those found in the first fourteen verses, have been more frequently used to show that Christ was God dwelling among men.

We have often wondered how it must have felt to the apostles and disciples to know that this One was more than a mere man and that in their presence was indeed God incarnated in the flesh. The truth is that we today may very well have a better consciousness of that incarnated miracle than did they. They were so close to Jesus that some even found it difficult to believe that this Man was God. As we look back on the scene with two thousand years of study to help us, our faith in His deity may even be stronger than theirs was at the time.

Be that as it may, He did come; He was God; and He died and arose again to prove it. We have come to another Christmas season and that glad day is only two days from now. As we turn to this lesson, let us seek again the Christmas spirit as is becoming to us.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. John sets out in the very first verse to accomplish his purpose for writing—"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." He tells us that as the Word, Christ had a preexistence; that is, He has existed from all eternity with God the Father. This can be said about no other Person that has ever lived on this earth.

B. If we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmastime, are we doing it in a manner that will be pleasing to Him? Isn't the proper way to celebrate one's birth to do the things that will make that one happy?

C. The law was given by God through Moses for a purpose. That purpose was to make men conscious of their sins. It accomplished exactly what it was supposed to accomplish. So then Jesus Christ brought grace to the world in order that men might be saved.

D. Christianity is a Person, the Person of Jesus Christ. It is not a doctrine; it is not a ritual; it is not a system of ethics; it is a Person, Jesus Christ.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "It was bedtime on Christmas Eve as his mother tucked little Bobby into bed. Having been kissed good night, Bobby turned over to sleep in dreamy anticipation of the joys of next day. It seemed almost at once he was awake and the sun was shining brightly. Sitting up in bed, he was startled that his mother had not called him. Quickly he put on his robe and dashed into the living room to see what gifts awaited him. Lo, as he entered the room there were no tree, no decorations, and no gifts. Puzzled, he looked about the house, thinking for a moment his father might be playing some joke on him. He found no gifts and no sign of his parents. Back in the living room, he sat in a big chair to think a bit. Only then he noticed a blank place on the wall where once had been a beautiful painting of Christ looking over Jerusalem. In its place was a small sign reading: 'If I had not come.' Even more puzzled, Bobby decided to dress quickly and run over to the church, where Christmas morning services were being held. On the way he passed a neighborhood groceryman sweeping in front of his store. Surprised that the store was open, he went by, saying qui ly, 'Good morning and Merry Christm Mr. Brown.' The groceryman turned a muttered. 'Now what does he mean Merry Christmas?' Shortly Bobby rived at the site of the church, only see a large vacant lot with another si reading: 'If I had not come.' Hardly he paused to think than his mother w shaking him and saying, 'Wake up, B by, it's Christmas and you are oversle ing.' Waking slowly, Bobby looked his mother and said, 'I just had an aw dream. In it I saw what it would like if Christ had not come to t world.' "—**Illustrating the Lesson.**

B. What is Christmas? It is simply time of rejoicing because God sent Son into the world to be our Redeem A large number of Christians have s tled on December 25 as a special day rejoicing, but any other day of the y would do as well. No one knows wh Jesus was born.

Some devout Christians prefer not observe Christmas at all. They say th was no such celebration in New Tes ment times. They say Christmas is ma ly for the benefit of merchants, many whom do not even believe in Christ. Th say the Christmas season is a time stress and worry and irritation rat than happiness.

There is truth in these charges, su ly. But Christmas is still with us, for has captured the hearts of multitudes. spite of all the abuses, it remains pr ably the best loved and most widely served of all annual festivals.

Even if we consider Christmas worthy of notice, we must agree t there is no day in the year when it bad to be reminded that "God so lov the world, that he gave his only beg ten Son, that whosoever believeth in h should not perish, but have everlasti life." This lesson turns our thoughts God's Son and His coming.

The whole Bible tells of Jesus. said of the Old Testament Scriptur "They are they which testify of m (John 5:39). When we think of His co ing, our minds turn first to the beauti and beloved records of Matthew a Luke. We recall that a decree of Cae sent Joseph and Mary from Nazareth Bethlehem, that Mary laid her son in manger away from the overcrowded i that angels made the fields brilliant a sent good shepherds to see the newb baby, that wise men followed a s through uncounted miles to worship King of the Jews. About a year ago

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"That's all right," Brian spoke up. Ve deserved it."

"Sure we did," Phil added.

"This yard used to be the showplace the neighborhood. But now it's grown er. After my son left, I quit seeing yone. Now I realize the world did not with my son, and I was cruel to you." e hung her head sadly.

"We can't take your son's place, but n we be your friends?" Brian asked.

"I would love that. You have done me what a son could. I was just as gled inside as the vines outside in yard. But you have helped untangle ," answered Mrs. Wilson.

"We're glad," Joey spoke for all of m.

"Why don't I make a pot of tea? But t, let's pour this vile smelling brew vn the drain," Mrs. Wilson said. A rkle had come into her eyes.

When Joey arrived home, it was late.

"Where have you been so long?" his ther asked.

"We are helping Mrs. Wilson clean her d."

"What happened to the witch you said d there?"

"She's no witch. She's a very nice son. And Mom," he said, "I told . Wilson she could go with us to rch Sunday. I hope it's all right, t it?"

"Why sure, honey." She paused and ed at his happy face. "You've had rfect holiday, haven't you?" she ask-

"Yes, Ma'am."

e thought of the beginning of the day shivered as he added, "Well, al- t."

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unday School Lesson

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ed at Matthew's record, and the year re we looked at Luke's. The facts brought us are in our minds today, this time our study centers around irst chapter of John. This was writ- to people well acquainted with the nts written earlier by Matthew and . It adds some profound revelations t the Saviour who was born in Beth- n.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

During the long Trojan War of ty years, it was reported that Ulysses was almost forgotten by his family, and when he returned, he was not recognized until he met the test of drawing the stout bowstring and sent an arrow hurtling forth, a feat no one but he could do. Christ came and bent the stubborn law to His will and fulfilled its every demand, thus making possible salvation to all who believe. He was the only one who could bend this bow and He did it on Calvary.—**C. F. Bowen.**

What a Pretty Soul!

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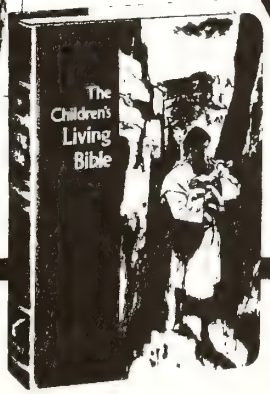

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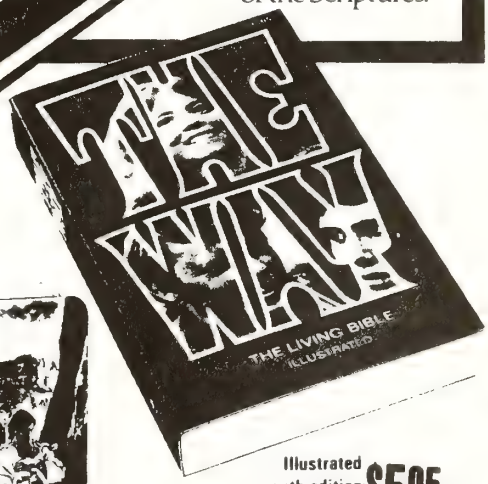

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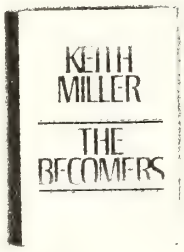

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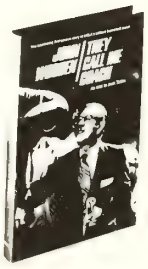

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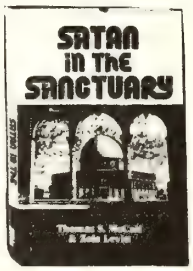

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WHO ARE THE NEEDY? YOU MAY VERY WELL BE IN THAT NUMBER AND NOT EVEN REALIZE IT. . . .

EDITORIAL...

Front Cover by Ed Car
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WHO ARE THE NEEDY?

Definition: "Needy" means to be in want. We have come to believe that the needy are the poverty-stricken, those who are unable to maintain their economic necessities and who require assistance from other sources; and, indeed, our opinion is an acceptable one—but "the needy" goes much further than this. . . .

During the Christmas season is when we usually take the time to consider the needy (if we consider them at all), but this writer cannot help but question whether we do as much as we **can** or **should** for those less fortunate. From the beginning of recorded history there have been people categorized as poverty-stricken, unable to secure by so-called "respectable" means (according to society big shots) a decent living, and who therefore have to accept handouts, castoffs, or other "charitable" assistance. We have the needy with us today—in numbers! In fact, some people are needy and don't even realize it. Ponder that for awhile.

Of course our thoughts settle upon the cold, the hungry, the tired, the sick, and little children, who at Christmastime will not be afforded the pleasure of having an abundance of toys and goodies. For some such little one, a small toy would be enough to bring delight to his soul; but on Christmas morning he may very well not find a tree, even—let alone a toy under it. As he shivers in the cold of the shack he calls his home, a tear stains his red face; and we who have such "big" hearts shake our heads and utter these words orally or to ourselves: "Oh, isn't it a pity?" A pity it is; but what did we do about it when we had the opportunity? A pity, yes; but why didn't we make it our business to alter the situation before it became unalterable? A gift given after Christmas to a poor child may be considered a magnanimous deed, but wouldn't it be better if he could receive it on time?

Certainly toys aren't everything. Certainly there is more to life than material things in general. Easy for us to say—especially when we who possess so much of this world's goods are the ones who are saying it. . . . It's regrettable that we can't see beyond our own "goodness." It's sad that we have become so accustomed to fortune that some catastrophe must befall us before we realize just how blessed we really are. . . .

On streets, in cities and towns alike, Salvation Army kettles stand, symbolizing those who care; and we pass and hear the recorded carols or pause for a moment to listen as a brass ensemble sound out their rendition of "Silent Night" or some other traditional Christmas song. We glance at the bonneted lady or an uniformed gentleman who is ringing a bell, and very quickly we ease our conscience by dropping in a quarter, or if we feel particularly generous, a dollar (especially if someone we know is directly behind us). We like to show how **much** we really care. . . .

Foremost in our minds all the while is the gift that we're going to select for precious Aunt Mary (who really needs no material remembrance), and how we're going to impress her with our generosity, endearing ourselves just a little more to her and finding a special favor in her eyes. After all, she has **much**; and she's on in years; and we might just be benefited at her passing. . . .

We go about our merry way, hustling and bustling, bumping into and excusing friends or people we don't know, smiling broadly and singing happy songs under our breaths, really oblivious to the ragged man we nearly ran over, the hollow-eyed child with the moth-eaten sweater, the stooped mother with one baby in her arms and three older, but malnourished children trailing along looking at the toys and candy in the shop windows, wondering just how it must be for the rich. . . .

We hear a voice somewhere talking to a group about "Operation Santa Claus," a plan to help the materially deprived, those who at Christmastime receive little, if anything—even love—and we "big" people ignore the plea, remembering that something was said about it last year but thinking that the plan wasn't worthy of our attention or response. After all, we think, we can do but so much; and since we are so very busy with our own shopping and gift giving, we leave the responsibility of charity to someone else—someone else who has left the same responsibility to **us.**

Somewhere in a rest home a little old woman or a sick old man will hardly know when Christmas comes, except by the date on the calendar. The children who placed them there will perhaps find the time to drop in for a brief visit and to give a small gift. Others will be less fortunate than that: Their children, if they

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A Gift for You

by
FRED R. JOHNSON

ITTLE MARY spied the first gift on the tree. A first-grader in school, e dropped to her hands and knees be- e the package and spelled, "M-A-R-Y." e jumped to her feet with excited glee d shouted, "It's for me!" But it was eyes that really mirrored the light of joy, for they were as bright and rkling as the gaily-wrapped gift, and rly as large. Mary wanted to wiggle jiggle the package, but knew she uldn't, so she didn't. Other gifts re added until that first one was al- st covered.

Finally, the family filed to their fav- te chairs to share their gifts. After ging "Silent Night" and "Away in a nger," Dad read the Christmas story they prayed. While opening the ts, Mary's eyes searched out that first t on the tree. Although it was the t lifted from the tree, she opened it t. There lay the perfect gift for which she had dreamed—a real baby doll! It could cry, sleep, walk, and talk. Mary could comb and curl her hair.

But there is another side to the sharing of gifts. She was a classmate of the writer. An attack of polio left her crippled and confined to a wheelchair. The class drew names for a gift exchange. When they were distributed, this crippled girl was the only person without a gift. The eyes again told the tale, for they reflected deep shadows of disappointment. A little tear, all unbidden, stole across her furrowed face that was burrowed in a handkerchief to hide the hurt. We took up a collection and bought her a gift, but it must have been poor twine to bind a broken heart.

The wise men may be credited with starting the practice of giving. Their gifts testify they were men of prominence and position. Divinely led by the star, they found a baby boy—the King of the Jews. Since it was a custom of their country that one should never approach a person of honor without a gift, they brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to Him. Gold, a sign of His kingship and a proper gift for Him who is King of kings; frankincense, a symbol of His prayers ascending like the smoke of burning incense; and myrrh, a shadow of the suffering He must endure.

From that time, exchanging gifts at Christmas has become common. Some give because of love, like the young man who mortgages his allowance for three months to buy a gracious gift for his lady love. Some give because it makes them happy and brings happiness to those who accept their gifts. Others give as a token of appreciation, while many are caught up with the sentiment of the season and buy more than they should.

Although the wise men started the practice and it is now a colossal commercial enterprise, it was God who really gave the first Christmas gift.

The gift of the Christ child was a gift of His love, for "God so loved . . . that he gave. . . ." Surely, every gift should be shared from this noble motive.

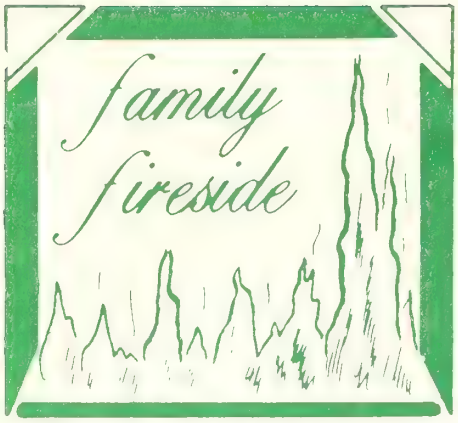
Again, God's gift was small—just a wee, tiny baby. However, size does little to indicate value. There is a stone mill near that uses a diamond-studded sawblade to slice huge slabs of stone. Would you prefer a stone slab to the diamonds in the blade? a bucket of water to an ounce of gold? If size is important to a choice, one might select the larger item. But if intrinsic worth is a proper test of value, the smaller items would make better gifts.

Furthermore, God gave only one gift for Christmas. The whole Advent narrative centers in this one event. It was God's wisdom, not His poverty, that prompted Him to give a single gift. However, His one gift provides many benefits to me, for "Christ Jesus . . . is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Since God, with all the wealth of His treasures, gave one gift, we need not be embarrassed if one is all that we can afford.

The angelic message to the shepherds told how God's Gift was wrapped—"in swaddling clothes"—garments of the poorer people of Palestine. The outside wrapping may either disguise or enhance the gift. Some of God's great gifts have been wrapped quite poorly—sickly Saul of Tarsus, ill-formed if not deformed, whom God transformed into the Apostle Paul; "Uncle Bud" Robinson, an illiterate epileptic, whom God saved, healed, and used as a great soul winner; or "Abe" Lincoln, ugly and ungainly, yet God's man in a crucial conflict. On the other hand, some gifts to the world have had brilliant wrappings—Herod the Great and Napoleon, gifted men with giant capacity for greatness, but one of whom became a monster, the other a warmonger. An organ salesman, describing the difference between two separate instruments, said, "They may look alike on the outside, but the main difference is what is inside."

Once more, God's gift is practical. To the hungry, He is Bread; to the thirsty, He is Drink. A great Physician for those sick in soul and body. He gives rest for the weary, peace for the troubled, and joy for the distressed. He is just the gift I needed; just the gift you need.

In a few days many families, probably yours, will gather about the tree for their annual exchange of presents. To the children, it has been a long time to wait. Before distributing those gifts, take a few moments longer to thank God for His unspeakable Gift. If you have not yet accepted Christ as your Saviour, why don't you accept God's Gift now? This will make yours the finest Christmas you have ever known!—**The Free Methodist.**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—John 1:4

CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

An artist once drew a picture of a winter twilight—the trees heavily laden with snow, and a dreary, dark house, lonely and desolate in the midst of the storm. It was a sad picture. Then, with a quick stroke of yellow crayon, he put a light in one window. The effect was magical. The entire scene was transformed into a vision of comfort and cheer. The birth of Christ was just such a light in the dark world.—*Sunday School Chronicle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we allow Christ to come into our hearts He can light up our existence. Through Him our lives are able to have a meaning and depth nothing else can accomplish.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Mark 13:32

LATCH STRING OUT

My latch is on the string tonight
The hearth fire is aglow
I seem to hear swift passing feet—
The Christ Child in the snow.
My heart is open wide tonight
For stranger, kith or kin.
I would not close a single door
Where Christ may enter in.
—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Times are not as we would have them. We keep all doors closed and bolted. Too many have the same reception for Christ. Unless we permit Him admittance we may find ourselves safe from everything except hell.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:10

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

"On Christmas morning my little daughter was downstairs opening her packages before anyone else was out of bed. To my surprise, I heard her singing the 'Happy Birthday' song. 'Happy Birthday on Christmas morning?' I thought that she, aware of festivity in the air, was confused as to the occasion. But as she sang on, I realized that it was I who had been confused. 'Happy Birthday, dear Jesus,' the little voice caroled, 'Happy Birthday to You.' "—*Reader's Digest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Little children are at times very astute teachers. We are prone to forget that Christmas is Christ's birthday and have gone so far as to eliminate Christ from Christmas entirely.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—John 10:10

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you cannot keep it alone.—Henry Van Dyke.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We may not be willing to admit that love is the strongest thing in the world but we have only to look around us and take a close look at our emotions to realize just how powerful love really is in our lives.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:10

THE LOVELIEST THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

"For this cause I bow my knees . . ." (Ephesians 3:14). A group of noblemen were gathered together in London, when the King of Great Britain entered. They all knew him, personally, yet they all honored him as their king. So when he entered they stood solemnly to their feet. "Take your seats, gentlemen," said the king, "I count you my personal friends." And then jokingly he added, "I am not the Lord, you know." Then up spoke one of the noblemen, a true Christian at heart, "No, sir, if you were our Lord, we would not stand to our feet. We would fall on our knees."

The loveliest thing about the Christn story is not the simple faith of the lo shepherds who were keeping their flo by night; not the singing of the an hosts; but the fact, rather, that when Wise Men found the baby Jesus, they on their knees before Him and worshi Him.—*Baptist Young People's Union Qu terly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If Christ were actually to walk amc us today would we show Him the resp we shower on earthly kings and presiden We are all so interested in our perso comfort, it is doubtful that we would inclined to fall on our knees.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:12

HOW DO YOU LOOK?

A poor little street girl was taken ill c Christmas and carried to the hospi While there she heard the story of Je coming into the world to save us. One c she whispered to the nurse: "I'm havin real good time here. S'pose I'll have to away from here just as soon as I get w but I'll take the good time along—some it anyhow. Do you know about Jesus ing born?" "Yes," replied the nurse. know. Sh-sh-sh! Don't talk any mor "You do? I thought you looked as if y didn't, and I was going to tell you." "W how did I look?" asked the nurse, forg ting her own order in her curiosity. "C just like most folks—kind o' glum. I sho think you'd never look glum if you kn about Jesus being born."—*Sunday at Hon*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The birth of Jesus is one of the great events celebrated in Christendom. How it possible for Christians not to show t happiness and joy that should be in th hearts during this Christmas season?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:18

BETTER THAN GOLD

"I shall give that to the missionarie said Billy; and he put his fat hand on little gold dollar, as he counted the co tents of his money-box.

"Why?" Susie asked.

" 'Cause it's gold. Don't you know t Wise Men brought Jesus gifts of gold? T missionaries work for Jesus."

Stillness for a little bit, then Susie sa "The gold all belongs to Him anyho Don't you think it would be better to right to Him and give Him just what I asks for?"

"What's that?" Billy asked.

Susie repeated softly, " 'My son, give M thine heart.' "—*The King's Highway.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is true that everything is God's cre tion and belongs to Him. In making pe ple more like Himself He allows them have minds of their own. Too often th

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent

Christmas Gifts

On Sunday, December 2, 1973, the allenger's Sunday School Class of the ady Grove Free Will Baptist Church at nn, North Carolina, came to visit the ildren's Home. Not only did they it, but they came with their cars fill- with Christmas toys and presents the children. This is certainly the e spirit of Christmas and we're very nkful to this fine group for remem- ring us.

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Christmas Parties

Several churches and church groups holding Christmas parties for the ldren this year. Of course, this ngs much happiness to our children, cause it shows them that somebody es and that they care especially for m.

Pine Level Group

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist urch chose to give a party to the boys Albemarle II Cottage. This party was oyed by all and was given on Decem- r 2. The church provided refreshments and brought gifts to the twelve boys who live there.

Party at Albemarle II Cottage

On Friday, December 7, the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Spring Hope, North Carolina, came and gave a Christmas party to the girls in the Deans Cottage. They provided refreshments, brought presents, and played games with the girls. Everyone had a good time including the photographer, Sam Weeks.

Party at Dean's Cottage

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Christmas Message

We at the Children's Home wish to extend Christmas greetings to each member of our Free Will Baptist family and to our other friends. The year 1973 has been a happy, joyful year for us at the Home. It has been, because **you** have made it possible by yielding to God's work. We humbly and sincerely thank you for being so willing to share with us.

As Christmas Day draws nearer, we are reminded of the real meaning of Christmas. It is a time when the spirit of giving should prevail in our hearts, especially in us Christians. Why should it? Simply because we should be reminded of the greatest gift of all to mankind, which is God's gift to each of us, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let us join with the Apostle Paul in saying, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Yes, Christmas is a time for giving, for it is a time to recall "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men."

During this Christmas season, if you feel that God has blessed you, and if you are willing to share His blessings with us, then we will be grateful and will graciously accept it. Mail your gifts to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

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Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief announces that he is available for evangelistic work among the Free Will Baptist denomination. He would like to begin filling a schedule for revivals as he is in the process of seeking work in the field of evangelism. All dates are open with him, and only as the churches correspond with him will he have the work to do as unto God. All correspondence should be addressed to him at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida 32446, or by calling 904-482-4659.

How Many Can You Find?

Below are the answers to last week's puzzle, "How Many Can You Find?" This puzzle was sent in by the Rev. James V. Joyner, and the 15 books of the Bible are as follows, in the order which they appeared: MARK, LUKE, KINGS, ACTS, REVELATION, JAMES, RUTH, NUMBERS, JOB, AMOS, ESTHER, JUDGES, TITUS, LAMENTATIONS, and HEBREWS.

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If you hitch your wagon to a star, be sure it is the Star of Bethlehem.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First Western Conference Union At Everett's Chapel Church

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, Saturday, December 29. The moderator, the Rev. Dewey Boling, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. There will only be a morning session and the program is as follows:

10:00—Morning Devotional, the Rev. Ray Wells
10:15—Welcome Address, the Rev. Billy Yawn, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Luby Tyner
10:20—Business Session
10:45—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:15—Miscellaneous Business
11:30—Report of Committees
11:45—Morning Worship:
Singing and Special Music
Offering for Children's Home
Message, the Rev. Ralph Aycock; Alternate, the Rev. Lloyd Hargis
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

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Sound View to Host Carteret County Union

The Carteret County Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will convene at Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Gales Creek, North Carolina, Saturday, December 29. There will only be a morning session as follows:

9:30—Devotions, Host Church
—Special Music
—Testimony Time (Young Converts)
—Prayer
9:55—Meeting Called to Order
—Moderator's Remarks
—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Recognition of Delegates
—Appointment of Committees
10:15—Congregational Hymn and Offering
10:20—Roll Call of Churches
10:35—Special Music
—Reading of Minutes
10:55—Business Session
11:00—Report of Committees
—Special Denominational Reports
11:20—Congregational Hymn
—Message, the Rev. William Stroud
12:00—Adjournment

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Youth Fellowship to Sponsor Talent Contest

The Eastern District Youth Fellowship is to sponsor a talent contest to be held at Daley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Seven Springs, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 26, 1974, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The winners of this contest will be featured guests at the General Youth Conference in June.

To enter this contest all individuals and groups must register with Mrs. Melody R. Wall, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572, before January 10, 1974. The registration fee for each individual or group is $1.

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Albemarle Union, League, and Sunday School Convention

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will convene with the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Creswell, North Carolina, Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30. The program for each is as follows:

Union Meeting
Morning Session, December 29

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert Rollins
10:10—Welcome, the Rev. William Littleton
—Response, the Rev. Robert May
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
11:05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Press Foundation, [illegible] Literature
Report of Cragmont Assembly, [illegible] Literature
11:20—Reading Minutes of Last Uni[illegible] for Information
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
11:30—Minutes Read and Approved
11:35—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Mesage, the Rev. William Litt[illegible] ton
Benediction
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch (No A[illegible] ternoon Session)

League Convention
Evening Session, December 29

7:30—Devotions, Miss Denise Oliver
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Lo[illegible] Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committ[illegible]
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host League
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Pictu[illegible]
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment

Serving as pianist will be Mrs. Luc[illegible] Jones.

Sunday School Convention
Morning Session, December 30

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Isaac Furlough
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Bobby Phelps, Ho[illegible] Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvi[illegible] Foreman
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Fe[illegible] tress Simmons
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Minister[illegible]
—Roll Call of Churches and Del[illegible] gates
—Bringing Reports and Receivin[illegible] Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Rea[illegible] for Information
Treasurer's Report

New Business
Report of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Sunday School
Message, the Rev. John Owens
Benediction
30—Adjournment and Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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stern Second Union and nday School Convention

The Second Union Meeting and Sunday hool Convention of the Western Conence will meet with Barnes Hill Free ll Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, rth Carolina, Saturday evening, Denber 29. The theme will be "Come a Man," with Scripture taken from n 4:29. The program is as follows:

Union Meeting

:30—Hymn
—Welcome, Barnes Hill Church
—Response, Rock Springs Church
—Devotions, Barnes Hill Church
—Moderator's Remarks
—Appointment of Committees
—Reading of Minutes
—Treasurer's Report
—Roll Call of Churches and Ministers
—Denominational Reports
—Offering for Children's Home
—Hymn
—Business Session
—Special Music, Barnes Hill Church
—Message, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan
—Hymn
—Benediction
:00—Adjournment and Recess

Sunday School Convention

:30—Song Service, Local Church
—Devotions, Mr. Don Moore
—Welcome, Mr. Sylvester Poland
—Response, Free Union Church
—Report of Home Missions
—Offering for Home Missions
—Business Session
—Message, the Rev. Charles Morgan
—Report of Committees
—Awarding of Banner and Trophy
—Adjournment

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acedonia Church to Host th Eastern S. S. Convention

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School Conntion will meet with the Macedonia ee Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North rolina, Sunday, December 30. The st pastor is the Rev. Walter Sutton.

The convention theme will be "Water for the Thirsty." The program which will only be a morning session is as follows:

10:00—Opening, Charles Mason, President
—Prayer
—Hymn, "To the Work"
—Welcome, Alton Ray Gaskins, Host Superintendent
—Response, Harvey Whitford
10:10—Recognition of Pastors, Delegates, and Sunday School Officers
10:15—Sunday School Convention Offering
10:20—Program, Host Sunday School
10:30—Sunday School Lesson, James Gaskins
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention, Miss Velma Morris
Treasurer's Report, Vaughn Hill
Report of Denominational Enterprises
Presentation of Awards
11:20—Children's Program, Host Sunday School
11:30—Sermon, the Rev. Walter Sutton
12:00—Adjournment

NEW GROWTH

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

Each individual has his own idea of the greatest gift. To some it may be wrapped with bright colored paper and a pretty bow. To others it is what's on the inside of the package that counts. To some it comes as a joyful surprise. To others it is a long awaited special something their heart has desired.

To a baby it is a Christmas tree with sparkling lights and dangles. To a little girl it is a cuddly doll that she can love and mother. To a little boy it's a wagon, a ball, or a truck with a horn.

To a teen-age girl it's a certain boy. To a teen-age boy it's a souped-up car.

To a young married couple it is each other, then later on, their child.

So you see, each has his own greatest gift.

But there is one Gift even greater than all these together. It isn't wrapped in a pretty package. It is not a desire today that you get tired of tomorrow. Sometimes you don't recognize a gift immediately.

Two thousand years ago, the king of Judea called for a census. For the centurions who were in charge, it had been a hectic day. Tempers had flared. The very idea of taking them away from their leisurely games and thrusting them with the despised Jews was contemptible. They made no secret of their feelings as they would shove a man unmercifully or make obscene remarks about his wife. The day was punctuated with their curses and oaths.

But now they were finished with the tally. The wine and women were brought out and they began a celebration that lasted into the night.

The chief centurion was disturbed in his hilarity by a Jewish messenger boy.

"Get away from me, you Jew," he spat out the word like spoiled food. "Can't you see I don't want to be disturbed?"

"But sir, you don't understand. You have to add another name to the census. A baby boy was born about midnight."

"Couldn't she wait a few minutes to give birth?" he grumbled loudly. "They will do anything to antagonize."

Unwillingly he left the party and on the great scroll, he added the name, Jesus, and changed the tally by one.

In a little obscure stable back of a crowded inn, God had quietly given the greatest Gift mankind would ever receive.

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Christmas and New Year's Holidays

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and the Ayden Bible and Bookstore will be closed December 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holidays. The Smithfield, North Carolina, Bible and Bookstore and the Wilson, North Carolina, Bible and Bookstore will also be closed on these dates. The New Bern, North Carolina, Bible and Bookstore will be closed on December 25 and 26. Please take notice of these closing dates.

The Press Foundation and the Ayden Bible and Bookstore, along with all its branch stores, will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 1974.

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Little Janie was being taught that it was the proper thing to do to write a "thank-you" letter to those persons who sent her gifts at Christmas. She seemed to do pretty well until it came to Aunt Martha's gift. Finally she finished her note which read: "Thank you for your Christmas present. I always wanted a pin-cushion, although not very much."

Christmas

by
MARGARET N. FREEMAN

IN THE ALMOST dusk December twilight, Christmas Eve descended. The busy downtown section, alive with hustling crowds, was lighted as brightly as Grand Central Station. Great, moist snowflakes fluttered lazily down and melted into the mingled odors of frost, holly, faint perfume, food, mistletoe, and evergreen. Last-minute shoppers laden with packages jostled one another.

John Farriday, looking down from his upstairs office window, sighed and ran a weary hand through his crisp, gray hair. Christmas Eve! That magic hour —family time! His mouth twisted. A pang of utter desolation shook him. All that was over and done with for him since Lydia had died.

Gay, vital Lydia! How she had prepared for Christmas with childlike abandon and joy. She had bubbled with energy and life until that dread tumor reared its ugly reality into their lives and snuffed out Lydia's life with the finality of a sudden draft consuming a candle flame.

How Lydia had loved Christmas! John's thoughts drifted to those happy Christmases they had shared. One of the high spots was their yearly drive to the Children's Home at the edge of town. They tramped through the snow laden with packages. He could see the eager children now—little golden-haired Angela; black-eyed Jackie; mischievous Tom; baby Sue; freckled Andy; teen-aged Judy—they had grown to know and love them all.

"Somehow, John," she used to say, "at Christmastime it's as though we have the family we always wanted."

He never went but once a year, but Lydia went often enough that she knew the kids. She chose every gift with care. John had only to remember their delight to know she had chosen right. There had been a baby doll to delight little Angela. Jackie had clutched his paint set with pleasure. Tom grinned delightedly over the baseball glove. Baby Sue crowed with happiness over the rag doll. Andy hugged Lydia when he was told she had arranged for him to take piano lessons. And teen-age Judy had been ecstatic over her dresser set.

Lydia had chosen the gifts carefully and lovingly, and when he chided her tenderly that she might be overdoing, she laughed: "It rests me just to know 'inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these' we have done this for our Lord, John." How those kids had loved her! They had sent a spray of flowers to the funeral and had attended the services, too.

Why, how they must miss her, he thought especially now at Christmastime when there will be no visit or gifts from us.

He looked at his watch. It would be two hours before the stores closed. There was still time! Something of the old excitement flooded him as he grabbed his hat. It seemed he could almost feel Lydia walking close beside him, her hand in his in the old-time way, as he walked the crowded streets, the Christ of Christmas himself surrounding him with peace.

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TOMMY BLAKE had sold his last paper. He shivered a little as he started homeward. Turning his face steadfastly away from the laden toy window, he dashed by. Ah, what was the harm in looking? That was as close as he'd get to any toys this Christmas.

He went back and pressed his nose against the windowpane. Baseballs, catchers' mitts, balls. Neat! He thought bitterly: I'll be lucky if I get a warmer jacket! Oh, if Pop would only quit drinking. He choked up. How different things had been before. Other Christmases Pop would've given him both the catcher's mitt and the jacket. Now he spent practically everything for drink and Mom and he had to do without.

"We have to be patient and pray," his mom told him. "God can help Dad overcome this habit, and someday I a sure He will answer our prayers."

Tommy clenched his fists when thought of his dear, blue-eyed, swe Mom; but how tired and worried she ways looked. How he would like to gi her a wonderful Christmas, but by t time his paper money bought the Christmas dinner, there would be ve little left over for gifts. Suddenly To my almost hated his dad for what he w doing to them.

But Jesus had loved everyone, ev those who were unkind. The ringi Christmas bells and the carols floati through the air from the top of t church tower reminded him: "Joy to t world, the Lord is come. Let earth r ceive her King!"

Tommy drew a longing, sobbin breath. If I pray real hard—"Oh Go make Pop good again!" Suddenly h felt cleansed of all hate; only love an pity filled his heart.

He felt as though the Christ Child hin self had smiled upon him, a loving smil full of promise.

Cheered, he walked into the store an carefully extracted fifty cents from hi small pool of savings. He pointed ou a jaunty bow tie to the waiting clerk "For my Pop!" he said proudly, think ing, he can wear it when he starts goin to church again with Mom and me!

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LUCINDA inserted the key in the lock The door swung open to her quiet, coz apartment. She hung up her coat, upo which damp little flakes of snow nestle like melted jewels. She sank into th chair by the window and closed her eye against the blinking neon lights. Half remembered memories tugged at he thoughts as refrains drifted into th room from some distant tower. Th Christmas carols were being played-

Miniatures

nany of them she and Lottie had sung o many times as a duet in the Christnas Sunday school programs back home.

Lottie! She didn't want to think of her ust now. She wanted rest, tranquil eace and calm, and she had never had hat feeling with Lottie. The day at the ffice had been crammed with pre-Christnas work. On top of it all had been e letter she received today, the special elivery letter, from Lottie.

She picked up a book she had been anting to read, but word meanings uded her as her thoughts wandered. ttie, Lottie, Lottie! Lottie had always een first with her parents, Lucinda conded without rancor. She held no udge against the favored younger, lden-haired sister—the child of her rents' mature years. Elfin, quicksilvery, arming Lottie. Lucinda in comparison d been tall, slender, dark, and serioused. She had adored the child, too, had not minded too much the way her rents referred to the child saying plaingly, "Lottie is only a baby after all. inda, aren't you being a little selfl?" She willingly gave in to her little ter.

And then they had grown up. Lottie, ays mature for her years, seemed in ny ways as old at eighteen as Lucinda twenty-eight. Boys had swarmed r the place. Lucinda had never met she thought interesting until she Jack.

ack! Although the old hurt was gone, re was still a certain pain in thinkof him. The gentleness, the sweet sonableness, the courtesy — these racteristics had been endearing. stmastime always brought the nory she pushed back so resolutely er days of the year, for she had plan to be a Christmas bride, Jack's e.

he hadn't reckoned on Lottie's posive nature, but in fairness Lucinda had to concede: Didn't I always have to give everything up if Lottie wanted it? And when Lottie saw how much Lucinda loved Jack, she wanted him. Lucinda in her shyness, inexperience, and honesty had no weapons to fight the charming but tight web with which Lottie encircled and charmed him. She retreated in hurt silence, and when Jack came to her, ashamed and humble, saying that he loved Lottie, she accepted his apology with a proud little smile.

Jack's eyes opened soon after his marriage. Many times Lucinda saw outrage at Lottie's frequent temper flashes quietly mirrored in his eyes. She noticed the patience he practiced with Fran, their child, when Lottie neglected her. She pretended not to notice the longing look he turned in her direction when Lottie left the room. It took a long time to forgive Lottie, but after much praying and searching of God's Word, she was able. But she had to get away.

She went to the city, took a secretarial course, and made a name for herself in the firm that employed her. Jack had been dead now for five years. He had died suddenly, and Lottie had moved in with her parents. She had cared for them when they became old and feeble. Lucinda noticed a new gentleness and maturity in her after Jack died. For that she was grateful. But the letter today was too much!

Hadn't she given Lottie enough? This apartment had become her haven. She had her own friends, her own interests, her own church life. She opened her purse and pulled out the letter. Written in Lottie's characteristic hasty scrawl, it contained the bare facts:

Dear Sis:

Hate to ask it, but it's an emergency. Funds have run out. I want to come to the city and look for a job. Would you have room for Fran and me? Fran is awfully good, quiet, and conscientious. You will be surprised to see how much like you she is. Let me know. We can come at an instant's notice. We haven't much luggage. Love, Lottie.

Lucinda reached for her worn Bible, her comfort in moments of stress. She read hungrily. Her lips moved, forming the words: " 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.' " Ah, yes, Lord, her heart whispered at last; this is thy will, is it not? Perhaps, at last I can win Lottie to thee, and surely Fran—Jack's daughter.

Mail was too slow. She dialed Western Union. "I want to send a wire," she said clearly. "This is it: Dear Lottie and Fran, love to you both. Please come for Christmas. Lucinda."

She jumped to her feet. There was so much to do. She'd make Christmas cookies and decorate a tree. There would be Christmas presents and Christmas peace. "Thank you, Lord, for these blessings," she whispered humbly. Ah, yes! Christmas was a time for loving, for forgiving, for sharing.—**Church of God Evangel.**

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

by Mrs. Jane Groves
Wilmington, North Carolina

C is for the Christ Child born on Christmas Day,
H is for the herald angels who proclaimed His birth that day.
R is for Redeemer which is just what Jesus is,
I is for infinity, for Christ will always live.
S is for salvation; He died for you and me,
T is for tenderness as He woos us to His breast.
M is for the Master who deserves our very best,
A is for admonish, for He wants us all as His,
S is for simplicity, for salvation surely is.

The above poem is an adaptation of the song, **C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S**, by Jenny Lou Carson, as adapted by Mrs. Groves of the First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Wilmington. She wishes for everyone God's richest blessings during this Christmas season.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

IN MEMORY

ROM W. MALLARD
1897 - 1973

Rom Warden Mallard, well-known Free Will Baptist layman of Trenton, North Carolina, ended more than a half century of services to his church, community, and country at his death on October 26, 1973.

Funeral services and burial were conducted at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Jones County (where he held membership for fifty-nine years) by his pastor, the Rev. Carol B. Hansley, assisted by the Revs. S. A. Smith and E. E. Edwards, all ministers of the North Carolina Eastern Conference.

Mr. Mallard's services to the Free Will Baptist church included treasurer of the North Carolina State Convention for twenty-six years, clerk and treasurer of the Fifth Eastern Union Meeting for forty-three years, treasurer of Friendship church for forty years, where he was also a long-time Sunday school teacher. "Brother Rom," as he was best known by his Christian friends, was also active in attendance at Free Will Baptist activities throughout North Carolina and he supported all phases of Free Will Baptist church work. He was especially interested in Mount Olive College where his son-in-law, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, is president.

His community and fraternal activities were also broad. He was an active Mason for more than fifty years, and member of the Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, and DeMolay. As a farmer, he was active in Farm Bureau work at all levels—county, state, and national.

He was a veteran of World War I.

His wife, Mrs. Annie Banks Mallard, is well known by Free Will Baptists throughout North Carolina for her work in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Eastern District.

Because of his special interest in Mount Olive College, his family and friends are establishing "The Rom W. Mallard Memorial Fund" at the College as a lasting tribute to his life and Christian services. Gifts to the fund may be made in any amount by friends who would like to remember him in this manner.

College Chorus on Television

Under the direction of Mrs. Irene Patton, the Mount Olive College Chorus will present a special Christmas program on Channel 7, WITN-TV, Washington, North Carolina, on Christmas Day, at 11 p.m. All friends of the college are encouraged to view this program and share with the college in the joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord.

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No 'Baptist' December 26

In accordance with our policy of printing only 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" each year, there will be no issue on December 26. The next issue printed will be dated January 2, 1974.

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Those good people will exhibit the most of the spirit of our blessed Master who practice Christmas-giving and cheerful, unselfish, and zealous Christmas living through all the circling year.—T. L. Cuyler.

Appreciation to Mount Olive College Personnel

Seven members of the faculty and staff of Mount Olive College were recognized at the 1973 Founders' Day program for six or more years of service. President W. Burkette Raper, left, is shown presenting special certificates to:

Mrs. Annie B. Albertson, library staff since 1967; Mrs. Miranda Connor, health services since 1967; Mrs. Edith Van English department since 1967; Mr Lucy Mooring, English department sin 1966; Mrs. Ina Frederick, food servic since 1967; and Gene B. Mercer, math matics department since 1967. N present when the picture was take Willis A. Brown, science departme since 1967.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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Question: Is it wrong for a Christian o have life insurance? What, if anyhing, does the Bible teach on this subect?

Answer: There is nothing definite that know of taught in the Bible regarding fe insurance. There is, however, to be ound some teachings regarding one's eing thrifty enough so as to make ecessary provisions for himself and ved ones as reason and common sense ctate. "Go to the ant, though slugard; consider her ways, and be wise: hich having no guide, overseer, or ler, Provideth her meat in the sumer, and gathereth her food in the harst" (Proverbs 6:6-8). Here God is usg the ant to teach the readers of His ord the same responsibility of expendg energy to make provisions in due ason for bleak days that naturally me to all. Were the ant not to prode and store away in the summer for s physical needs in the winter he ould go hungry and most likely sucmb to the evil conditions he anticites in the winter.

If the careless and unconcerned man ere not to acquaint himself with the cts of life and make such provisions unproductive times such as of necesy he must experience, then he would her work a hardship on others or want the necessities of life in such times need. God directed Joseph to lead araoh to store up food in the seven ars of plenty and thereby provide for people's need in the seven years of hine and dire need.

Then the New Testament teaches that Cristians should lay by them on six ds of the week financial values that to be offered on the first day of the ek. "But if any provide not for his n, and specially for those of his own hse, he hath denied the faith, and is rse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). Ts teaches that a Christian man should ke proper provisions for his wife and cldren. Some use insurance policies for this purpose. There have been many widows and orphans that had their dire needs cared for from insurance policies kept up by the man of the house while he lived, who otherwise would have suffered greatly and probably would have been a burden to society if the husband and father had neglected his duty in this area.

Feeling keenly this God-appointed responsibility of a husband and a father Jacob refuses to remain a part of his father-in-law's household and insists on making it on his own, he says, ". . . And now when shall I provide for mine own house also?" (Genesis 30:30). As suggested in 1 Timothy 5:8, quoted above, God expects every father and husband to provide for his own family or household which may seem to run counter to our government's present policies. The Bible carries this subject further when it says: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. . . . And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed" (2 Thessalonians 3:10, 14).

Insurance as it is known today did not exist when any of the Bible was being written, but I think the Bible is quite clear on the subject of making provisions and by whom these are to be made. Such provisions should be made by the husband, but in our changing conditions and attitudes in society we should take cognizance of the fact that it is essential that all members of the family respect its head and cooperate with him otherwise he may be unable to so provide.

On Page 357 in George H. Sandison's book, **1000 Difficult Questions Answered,** he gives the following answer to a similar question:

"There is nothing in Scripture bearing on the subject of life insurance, but there are various passages on thrift and on making provision for old age. If you turn to 1 Timothy 5:8 you will find a very definite statement on the subject. Evidently Paul did not believe that any man claiming to be a Christian was justified in leaving his dependent ones to be a burden on the community, either during his life or afterward. There are birds and other animals that give improvident man a lesson by the way they lay up a store of food against the winter season. Jesus in Matthew 6:31-34 was not rebuking thrift, but worldlymindedness and vanity. He was referring to those who pursued the things of this life as the supreme object. He wanted his followers to 'take no thought (anxious care or worry) for the morrow.' He had no word of condemnation for attention to business, but business gains, wealth, possessions, etc., are all of secondary importance, and worry about them springs from the heart's distrust of God, and does no good, but rather evil."

So far as I know we should, as we are able to do so, provide for our families, leaving that needed to sustain them if we should suddenly be called home to be with Christ. Jesus himself said that we neither know the day nor the hour when He, the Son of man, may come the second time; and surely our knowledge of that event is no more removed from us than that concerning our being taken from the scene of action in death. Everyone who reads this should be reminded that one's stay on this earth is both limited and uncertain, and that the Bible teaches us to be ready at all times not knowing fully the terror of the Lord. He spoke parables to remind us that in a day when He is least expected He will come again, and that we need not be surprised at any one's being called away from this life's actions at any time.

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Christmas living is the best kind of Christmas giving.—Van Dyke.

PUZZLED ABOUT WHAT TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS?

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"DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS"

by HELEN CALWAY

THE mailman brought a package to the parsonage, but he wouldn't give it to Billy. "I have to give it to your father. He has to sign for it," he declared firmly.

Billy found his dad in the church, repairing the pulpit. "It's important, Dad," Billy urged. "A package has arrived, and you have to sign for it. The mailman is waiting."

After his father had signed for the package, Billy wouldn't let him alone until he opened it. Dad fumbled with the brown paper and string and finally slipped off the last of the outer wrappings. There, sitting on the table, was a medium-sized package wrapped in red paper, topped by a huge red bow with green pines in the center. On the package was a card boldly marked: DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS. Shaking the package gently, Dad remarked, "I can't even guess what it is."

Dad put the unopened package on the living-room table. "I've got to go back and finish the repairs on the pulpit. There's a lot of work to be done if we're to get the church decorated for Christmas. Some of the men are coming to help tonight."

"But what about the package, Dad?" Billy asked anxiously. "Aren't we going to open it?"

"No, we're not, Billy. I'll admit I'm curious, but the sender must have a good reason for his request. And right now I've got a lot of other things to think about. The plumbing in the church needs fixing, and the carpeting is badly worn in spots. Every time it rains, the water collects in the room behind the choir. As hard as we work to prevent it, it still seeps out into the church and soaks the carpet. You've seen how soiled it is."

Billy's mother took the package from the table and put it on the mantle over the fireplace. "I've got to finish my baking. Tonight when the men come to help your father, I want to have some refreshments for them. Their wives will also be here to help decorate the Sunday school rooms for the children," she said.

Billy glanced over at the fireplace where his mother had put the package. It sure would be nice to know what's in that, he thought. I wonder whether there's anything in it for me? Then he followed his father into the church.

Billy shook his head and smiled as he watched his dad trying to brace and bolt down the pulpit. The pulpit had a habit of wiggling. Dad would rest his hand on the pulpit while preaching on Sunday morning, and the pulpit would begin to tip. Last Sunday he'd dropped his Bible and all his notes on the floor when the bookrest slipped out of place. Everything had gone flying. Dad had stopped his sermon for a few moments, had picked up his Bible and a few of the papers that were closest to him, and then he had continued speaking just as if nothing had happened.

Poor Dad, thought Billy. Dad was always trying to fix things, but he wasn't very good at it. It was too bad the church custodian was sick. Billy had a polishing cloth in his hand and was rubbing the backs and seats of the pews. He said silently, With the job I'm doing, these pews won't have to be polished again until long after Christmas!

Mom came in and called Billy and his father for lunch. As they entered the house, they were greeted by a delightful smell. "Wow!" exclaimed Billy. "Something really smells good in here!"

Mom brought out two coffeecak chock-full of candied fruits and chopp nuts. A cricle of bright red candi cherries topped each. Mom then covered a platter of thin Swedish coo ies formed in the shapes of stars a Christmas trees. "I'll bake about s dozen of these," she said happily. " course, I'll put some colored icing a sprinkles of sugar on them. I've be thinking," she said, glancing at Dad, " serving the cookies to the women a the cakes to the men. What do y think?"

"Sounds great!" said Dad, smiling Billy, who nodded his agreement.

With all the bustle and the exciteme that evening, Billy had scarcely any ti to think of the pretty package sitting the mantle.

After they had finished decorating t church, it looked beautiful. There w an unmistakable scent of fresh pine the air. Christmas is wonderful, thoug Billy as he looked at all the men. Eve one of them had a smile on his face he surveyed the work they had done gether. The Lord really draws peop together when they work for His hon and glory, thought Billy.

The next day was the day befo Christmas, and Billy set about doing t chores Mom had asked him to do. D always held open house at the parso age on Christmas Eve, beginning about seven o'clock. He invited all t church members, and everyone in t neighborhood for that matter, to drop for some refreshments and carol sin ing. Everything had to be spick-an span, for there was usually a lar crowd. Mom was taking care of t food, and Billy could smell great thin already cooking in the kitchen.

That evening, even before sev o'clock, people started dropping Smiles of happiness were on their fac and right away Dad sat down at t piano and began to play. The sound Christmas hymns and carols brought more people from the neighborhood; a Billy enjoyed helping greet the visito pouring them hot coffee, and directi them to the Swedish cookies, the pl pudding, and the variety of salads a breads that Mom had prepared especia for Christmas Eve.

Toward the middle of the evening, o of the men suggested that they all ha a short prayer together thanking G for the gift of His Son. He also p posed that first they open the m

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rious package he had heard so much out from Billy.

Dad had forgotten about it. "What sterious package?" he asked.

"This one," the man said, taking the ckage from the mantle. "It says, 'Do t open until Christmas,' but it doesn't y whom it's for. While we're here, d since it is almost Christmas anyay, don't you think you could open ?"

"All right," agreed Dad at the urging his friends. Billy stood close. Dad ened the package carefully so as not damage the beautiful bow. There s a mound of tissue paper in the box. his looks like a joke," said Dad, laugh. "There's nothing here but tissue per!"

He rummaged through the box carely, searching until he found a thin velope. "Well, now, there is someng," he declared, looking up at all the ople. "It's probably a Christmas rd," he suggested. After slitting the of the envelope with a letter opener, took out two thin pieces of paper. d's mouth opened wide. He looked mbstruck. "It's a certified check," he d slowly, "for—," and he hesitated, ring at the slip of paper. "It's for e thousand dollars!"

"Who sent it?" asked Billy, thoroughsurprised.

Dad silently read the note which had me with the check. No one spoke. ally Dad looked up at the eager group. had tears in his eyes, and everyone ld see that he was deeply moved. d took a deep breath to keep his voice m breaking. "Perhaps I'd better read s note aloud," he said.

Enclosed is a check for five thouand dollars for Christ's birthday celeration. Christmas is a time to remember Christ, and I am remembering Him with this gift. May this money e used in your church for Christ's onor and glory.

You may not even remember me, ut several months ago I passed hrough your town and visited your hurch. I was there for only one Sunay, but I received genuine love and hristian concern from your church's eople and from you, Pastor. I also oticed the physical needs which your uilding has, and so in the interest of ontinuing the love for Jesus Christ hat exists in your church, I enclose his check for Christ's birthday. God less you all.

Sincerely, Mr. Sinbah Kahoo, a visor to your country.

This man surely has a true Christian spirit within him," said Dad. "Let us offer a grateful prayer of thanks."

Everyone joined in the prayer, and Billy, too, had tears in his eyes. I was selfishly hoping for a gift, but I'm glad it was Christ the man remembered, thought Billy. And wherever you are, Mr. Sinbah Kahoo, he wished silently, may you have the most joyous Christmas ever!—Selected.

MISSIONS

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is a time of rejoicing, merrymaking, and the sharing of our love for each other. This is the very basis of the account of the birth of our Lord as found recorded in the Gospels. One cannot read these accounts without feeling an expression of real love from our heavenly Father.

Christians join together in expressing this love and sharing by giving presents to each other: either through a Christmas card or some more expensive gift. These are but mere expressions of our inward feeling, each to the other. We realize that on some occasions these have been done by habit or because we feel pressured to do so; but such as it may be, an amount of joy is still there.

Many of our people join together during this season in merrymaking and some enjoy the fellowship of others in parties. Sunday school classes join together for a meal out and sharing of presents. These all are well in a time of joy and the very making of Christmas.

I would like to remind each person who reads this that we should certainly not remove ourself from the above activities; but also, keep in mind that the real heart of Christmas is the sharing of Christ.

If taking our family out to an evening engagement or buying an expensive gift for the person we love are placed above sharing Christ with those who have never heard, then this is too expensive for us to pay.

Let us make some suggestions for you at this Christmas season:

Search out your community for those that cannot know the real meaning of Christmas because they have not yet let Christ become their Saviour. Share the real meaning of Christmas with them through a personal witness of what Christ means to you. We have shown our concern for their physical needs, now let's show some concern for their spiritual needs.

Look beyond your home and community with this love. Is it right for us to receive the blessings of God and use it for ourselves? Can we have the true spirit of Christmas by spending $5 for a meal at a party, when the per capita giving last year to the cause of Christ for sending the gospel to the regions beyond was just a little over $3? Will you this year, as you enjoy the delicious Christmas dinner, see the little Mexican or Filipino child sitting in the corner of an adobe or nepa house not knowing that Christ died for them? As your children open their Christmas gifts at Christmastime, will you also think of the thousands of starry eyes and warm hearts of the children throughout the world that will not receive a doll baby, an orange, or other gifts at Christmas? Many of these do not ask that they have such gifts and neither did the command say to provide these, but He did say in Matthew 28:19, 20 for us to "go," "teach," and "baptize."

In the last State Convention, December was designated as "Foreign Missions Month." This would be a good time to share with those who do not have the gospel by sending or giving a gift through your church to the support of missions. These gifts should be sent to: North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Submitted by,
Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

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The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young.—Phillips Brooks.

Water for the Thirsty

Lesson Text: John 4:7-15

Memory Verse: John 4:14

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today concerns itself with the events that took place when a certain woman of Samaria met Jesus at Jacob's well and was engaged by Him in conversation that led her into a new life.

It is to be remembered that the Samaritans, being a mixed breed of people, part Jew and part Gentile, were held in utter contempt by most of the orthodox Jews of the day.

This passage will reveal to us that Jesus had none of this narrow-minded bigotry about Him, but gladly rendered service to any who would receive it. He looked upon all persons as children of God, and recognized that the need of the Samaritans, as well as the need of the Jews, was to find new life in God. He never missed an opportunity to extend this invitation to new life in Himself to anyone who would listen to what He had to say.

The background for today's lesson is the land of Samaria, that portion of the Promised Land which had remained in the possession of the ten tribes at the time of the rebellion. The events of today's lesson took place at a well that had been dug many years before by Jacob and still bore his name.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince us that Jesus is capable and willing to meet the needs of all persons, regardless of nationality, social standing, or religious heritage.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).**

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Gospel of John is the Gospel of the personal interview. John records more of the personal interviews of Jesus than any other Gospel writer. For example, in John 3 we have recorded an interview that Jesus had with an important sinner, Nicodemus; in John 4 we have recorded the interview with an immoral sinner, the woman at the well; and in John 5, we have an interview with an impotent sinner, the man by the pool.

B. Our lesson today deals with a woman that Jesus led to accept Him as Saviour. Jesus Christ did more to lift women from the level of ordinary slaves than any person who has ever lived. Women ought to love Him!

C. Jesus cut across the lines of racial prejudice and custom to lead the woman to be saved in this lesson. We should not allow custom and prejudice to keep us from winning others to Christ.

D. As the Water of Life, Jesus Christ is universal. There has never been a person who did not need water. It is a necessity for every person. So Christ is the universal Necessity. There is no person who does not need Him.

E. Have you ever led a soul to Christ? Why not follow the steps Jesus followed with this woman and see if you cannot lead someone to Him this week?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jesus gives the living water, salvation. But He does not give it to everyone. How can we be among those who receive it?

1. **We believe in Jesus.** We believe He is the Christ, God's Son, and our Saviour. We do not say, "I don't think you can save me; but if you can, prove it!" We trust Him.

2. **We prefer what He offers.** Like the merchantman who sold all he had to buy one superb pearl, we value salvation above all other values, and especially above the pleasures of sin. This is repentance.

3. **We make our belief known and are baptized into Christ.** Thus we bury the selfish and sinful self, and rise to walk in newness of life, as we read in the sixth chapter of Romans.

4. **We walk faithfully with Jesus.** Paul says, "How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:2). Peter urges, "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and knowledge temperance; and to temp ance patience; and to patience godline and to godliness brotherly kindness; a to brotherly kindness charity . . . for ye do these things, ye shall never fa for so an entrance shall be minister unto you abundantly into the everla ing kingdom of our Lord and Savio Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-11).—**Standa Lesson Commentary.**

B. An inner-city mission, worki among vagrants and slum-dwellers, h adopted this slogan: "Seeking the lo the last, and the least." Surely t woman of Samaria would be classifi among the lost, the last, and the lea Only Jesus would have considered her good prospect for Christianity, let alo the evangelist that she became.—**The A vanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

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FOR JANUARY 6

Bread for the Hungry

Lesson Text: John 6:35-51

Memory Verse: John 6:33

I. INTRODUCTION

The truths of Jesus in our lesson te today were, as some believe, the resu of a debate He had with a group of u believing Jews known as Zealots. T debate was over who Jesus was and what His work consisted. Jesus h noted their desire for some kind of sa isfaction in life and knew they wou not find it in the perishable things this world, for He had said to the "Labour not for the meat which peris eth, but for that meat which endure unto everlasting life, which the Son man shall give you: for him hath G the Father sealed" (John 6:27). Th led to still further discussion which turn brought Jesus to say the vit things in our lesson today.

Jesus is the Bread of Life, just as w saw, in last Sunday's lesson, that He the Water of Life. We need both bre and water to survive. We can live lon er without the former than we can wit out the latter. Just as Jesus has abun ance of spiritual food for our souls, t devil has abundance of perishable fo for our bodies and minds. If we li only for these latter things, we w perish in the end, but if we feast da on Him—the Bread—we shall always satisfied. The contrast between t bread that Jesus gives and the diet the world is found in His words to

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ve any, will be so disinterested that even a card will be sent. It's sad, 't it? Yet, this is reality and cannot, good conscience, be ignored.

Christmas began with Christ, and the rds sound and resound: "Inasmuch as have done it unto one of the least of ese my brethren, ye have done it unto e." It haunts us, and it should break r hard hearts to the realization that, ntrary to His exhortation, we are part the flocking crowd that makes **getting** re important than **giving.** We make farce of the real meaning of Christ-s, and when we give our pennies and nes and try to exploit this giving as nerosity, it's merely a sad facade. . . .

Who are the needy? Of course they the less fortunate, those who have le or nothing. Further, if our point made clear at all, one will see some-ng else. "To whom much is given, ch is required." **We** are the needy—who have so much already that we n't even realize our real need: the ed of having **less** of self and **more** of rist, we who are self-consumed with r own interests, we who have so **much** a lot but so **little** of the real value of e. You know, **we** are the ones who less fortunate. Had you ever thought that?

Who are the needy? How it rings in r ears. . . .

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ay. The world feeds only that which ases for the moment, whether ma-ial things or evil things such as drugs, ohol, and the evil pleasures of this e. As Christians we must let those und us know that better things are ilable for them simply for the ask-g.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).**

HINTS THAT HELP

A. Bread is a necessary food. Just so, Lord Jesus Christ is necessary for ry person. There is no way to avoid n in our diet if we want to have rnal life.

B. To be of value, bread has to be en. A loaf of bread would be of lit-value unless one eats it. So one must e Christ as his Saviour to get ever-ting life.

C. We take Christ once to be saved; but through communion with Him we take Him often for our daily strength.

D. Read the seven great "I am's of Jesus" in this lesson and meditate on each one of them for awhile. It will bless your heart.

E. Have you personally taken the Bread of Life into your life?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).**

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Over thirty years ago, Aldous Huxley, in his book **Brave New World,** envisioned a highly regimented and genetically controlled society in which all of its members, especially those of the working class, were kept continually satisfied and happy by a daily allotment of pills. The pills had been scientifically developed to produce a euphoria with no unpleasant physical side effects. No one cared that they were emotionally dependent upon these pills.

Huxley's vision has proved to be chillingly prophetic in several ways. However, drug dependence is not new, although the pill form is. Mankind has a long history of using mind-altering drugs, from drinking alcohol to smoking opium and hashish, as an escape from reality.

Those who know Christ have found that He satisfies the innermost longings of the soul. Who needs "uppers" when the Holy Spirit fills us with joy unspeakable? Who needs "downers" when nothing produces peace and rest like having a Saviour upon whom we can cast our every care? Let none be deceived by the devil to seek any of this in a pill, a drink, or a forbidden experience. Such is spiritual poison that can prove fatal. —**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. "Dwight L. Moody did not have much. He wasn't a college graduate, he never went to a seminary, he was never ordained, his speech was filled with many grammatical errors. But one day he heard a man say, 'The world is yet to see what God can do with one man who is fully surrendered to Him.' And Moody bowed his head and said, 'By God's grace, I will be that man.' So he took the little that he had and placed it in the hands of Almighty God. And God used him to shake America and Europe for Christ and to bring the churches back to a great evangelistic ministry."—**Simple Sermons from the Gospel of Matthew,** W. Herschel Ford.

C. When the first missionaries went to Japan, a young Japanese who wanted to learn English was given the Gospel of John to translate into his native tongue. In a short time he became very agitated. At last he burst out with the question, "Who is this Man about whom I have been reading, this Jesus? You call Him a man, but He must be God."—**Arnold's Commentary.**

A Birthday Gift for Jesus

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill
(Dedicated to all the children at the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.)

Our little hands are busy,
Our hearts are full of joy;
Making things for Christmas—
For each little girl and boy.

There's one gift, please don't forget,
For He never forgets you and me:
A birthday gift for Jesus
Under the Christmas tree.

A birthday gift for Jesus
Under the Christmas tree;
I know will make Him happy
Because it's from you and me.

So wrap it very special
And put from you and me:
A birthday gift for Jesus
Under the Christmas tree.

(Mrs. Barnhill is a former housemother at the Children's Home who now resides at 202 Maplewood Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina.)

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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forget to whom they belong and to whom their allegiance should be directed.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations,* Eerdmans Press.)

Editor's Note: Due to our policy of printing only 50 issues each year, there will be no magazine for next week and thus no Family Fireside. Please use other inspirational readings to continue your family devotions.

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The Christmas spirit that goes out with the dried-up Christmas tree is just as worthless.—Fred Beck.

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Whatever else be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas still a shining thing.—Grace Noll Crowell.

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Our Saviour can give
Be a real part of this
Christmas season;

May all the joys
You desire and
All the dreams you cherish
Be brought to fulfillment. . . .

May your thoughts be
Inclined toward Him
Whose mercy never faileth
And whose love is manifest,

Not only at Christmastime,
But always. . . .

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